

Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

16 March 2011

1 Purpose of Report

This report provides details of applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2010/11. The Partnership is asked to consider the proposals under the terms of the scheme.

2 Main Report

The Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund aims to encourage small scale activity that benefits local communities, supports the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership and the aims contained within the Community Plan.

2.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership's budget amounts to £23,810 in 2010/11

2.2 Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £5,000 but higher amounts can be awarded in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Neighbourhood Manager and Partnership.

2.3 Ferry Art Club

The organisation's main aim is to promote an interest in art at any level in Queensferry and the surrounding area. The Club wishes to provide demonstrations and workshop experience for members and prospective members by hiring artist-tutors and a life model for 3/4 sessions in the Group's meeting place, and in addition, workshop sessions in an artists' studio that will enhance members experience and abilities.

Previous CGF activity	None
Grant requested	£1,000
Grant proposed	£750

Related Condition: The Art Club should make every effort to establish links with local organisations such as Queensferry & St Augustine's High Schools and the Disability Forum so that pupils/members have the opportunity to benefit from these demonstrations and workshops.

2.4 Forth Estuary Forum

The Forth Estuary Forum is a partnership organisation whose membership includes business, statutory agencies, local authorities and voluntary groups. The Forum's purpose is to 'promote the wise and sustainable use of the Forth'. The project relates to the Edinburgh Coastal Biodiversity Trail and funding is requested to install a series of interpretation panels [eight] at key locations along the Edinburgh coastline from South Queensferry to Portobello. The panels will focus on marine and coastal bio-diversity and will tell of the present and historical maritime relationship with the Forth. Interpretation panels within the Almond NP area are proposed for Port Edgar Marina; South Queensferry viewing platform and South Queensferry High Street. The Forum has secured a funding package from various organisations including Scottish Natural Heritage and the National Grid.

Previous CGF activity	£5,000 - 2008/09
Grant requested	£5,000
Grant proposed	£3,000

2.5 Common Ground Arts – Update - Mosaic Project in South Queensferry

The original proposed location was at the library garden, however, this been brought into question, because the site was not considered prominent enough and for a number of technical reasons. The applicant states they have spent a long time consulting and investigating alternative sites. As far as they can tell, there is no existing wall in Queensferry that is big and clear enough to take the mosaic. They have identified several possibilities which would require the building of a wall. The favoured sites are at the area known as The Binks, (West of SQF harbour) and McIvor's Brae (the planted slope immediately east of the High Street (East Terrace) In addition, they are seeking assistance in relation to building the wall for the mosaic. The applicant has been advised to make a revised CGF application based on any new proposals for the Partnership's consideration.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is requested to consider whether there are any alternative locations which may be suitable.

3 Financial Implications

The Community Grants Fund for the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership amounts to £23,810. There have been fourteen grants approved to date totalling £18,573 and two grants are recommended for approval in this Report, totalling £ 3,750 leaving an unallocated balance of £1,487 for financial year 2010-11.

These amounts are shown in Appendix 1 which also provides a current list of applications.

4 Environmental Impact

There are no significant environmental impacts arising from this report.

5 Recommendations

Advice from the Partnership is sought regarding the recommendations to:

- a) Award a grant to the Ferry Art Club as detailed in paragraph 2.3;
- b) Award a grant to Forth Estuary Forum as detailed in paragraph 2.4;



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Appendices	1. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership – List of Approved Applications.
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Wards affected	Almond
Background Papers	Project applications in Services for Communities files.

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

ALMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2009/10 APPLICATIONS

<u>Name of applicant group</u>	<u>Purpose of grant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Assessment stage</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	APPENDIX ONE
APPLICATION RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD On 14 April 2010					
82 Inverleith SeaScouts	Contribution towards the costs of hosting a community SeaScout event.	£3,473	Complete and fully assessed	£1,133 approved through Standing Order 63 – Delegated Authority.	
Queensferry and District Community Council	Production and distribution of Annual Report 2010	£250	Complete and fully assessed	£250 approved through Standing Order 63 – Delegated Authority.	
Note: This grant was re-scheduled as a Community Engagement Grant					
APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD On 2 June 2010					
Almond Area Disability Forum	Assisting the staging of a local conference on disability and a social recreation programme related to this subject.	£5,000	Complete and fully assessed	£1,500 recommended on 2 June 2010	
North West Edinburgh Eco Club	Contribution towards the staging of an Environment Day [15 July] on the Cramond Foreshore	£1,800	Complete and fully assessed.	£1,400 recommended on 2 June 2010	
Dalmeny Church	Contribution towards the printing and publication of a new historical/information guide book	£400	Complete and fully assessed	£400 recommended on 2 June 2010	
Almond Mains Initiative	Assistance with the hire costs of accessible transport to extend programme of summer outings.	£937	Complete and fully assessed	£937 recommended on 2 June 2010	

Davidson's Mains Children's Gala	Assistance towards the annual children's gala.	£5,000	Complete and fully assessed	£1,000 recommended on 2 June 2010
Friends of Davidson's Mains Park Association	Assistance towards staging the event.	£3,189	Complete and fully assessed	£2,039 recommended on 2 June 2010

**APPLICATIONS
RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD
on 20 October 2010**

Kirkliston Community Council Horticultural and Craft Show	Assistance towards purchasing presentation material for the Horticultural and craft Show	£651	Complete and fully assessed	£651 approved through Standing Order 63 – Delegated Authority
West Craigie Local Food Project	Assistance towards the purchasing of composting equipment and associated training	£3,040	Complete and fully assessed	£2,500 recommended on 20 October 2010

Queensferry and District Community Council	Assistance towards redecoration costs and other items relating to the Community Council's offices.	£300	Complete and fully assessed	APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD on 20 October 2010 £300 recommended on 20 October 2010
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**APPLICATIONS
RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD
on 19 January 2011**

Queensferry at Christmas	Assistance towards Xmas lights and electrical connections	£2,000	Complete and fully assessed	£2,000 recommended on 19 January 2011
Rosebery Playgroup	Assistance towards the purchase and installation of new flooring and equipment	£2,750	Complete and fully assessed	£2,750 recommended on 19 January 2011
Almond Mains Initiative	Funds to purchase and install a pc and associated systems.	£995	Complete and fully assessed	£995 recommended on 19 January 2011

Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living	Funding to organise information events aimed	£842	Complete and fully assessed	£842 recommended on 19 January 2011
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**APPLICATIONS
RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD
on 16 March 2011**

Ferry Art Club	Funding towards art demonstrations and workshops	£750	Complete and fully assessed	£750 recommended on 16 March 2011
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Forth Estuary Forum	Funding towards interpretation boards on Forth coastline.	£3,000	Complete and fully assessed	£3,000 recommended on 16 March 2011
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OPENING BALANCE	£23, 810
ALLOCATED TO DATE	£18,573
AVAILABLE BALANCE	£5,237
RECOMMENDED ON 16.02.11	£3,750
REMAINING BALANCE	£ 1,487

