

Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

20 October 2010

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 Kirkliston Community Council – Horticultural and Craft Show

The Community Council submission requested grant in the sum of £3,149 for the purchase of 8 display stands for photographs and pictures, to be used at the annual show scheduled for 4 Sept 10. Other expenditure costs in the sum of £875 were also requested

Proposed grant: £651.00

Previous CGF activity None

Grant Requested £3,149

A partial award in the sum of £651.00 was approved under Standing Order 63

2.4 West Craigie Local Food Project

The applicant requests grant to assist in establishment of a quality composting system using the 'hot box' technique. Grant will be used to buy equipment; fund two sessions for key farm and project staff on the effective use of the 'hot box' system; and employ a "master composter" for 150 hours to oversee the development/ teach other staff and run sessions for interested individuals from the local community - 48 places available. The intention is that the 'hot box' project will provide a focus for engaging with local people by offering them workshops on how the system works and helps them get involve in other aspects of the project, and will encourage composting in the West. The Food Project is a social enterprise organisation that uses any operating surplus to employ staff and supply resources in meeting the objects of the organisation. Its main aims and activities are to develop a sustainable gardening project supplying high quality vegetables to local outlets; to offer support and training to offenders on community services orders; to provide a range of health education, healthy eating and support opportunities to users of the project.

Previous CGF activity None

Grant Requested £3,940.

Grant proposed £2,500

2.5 Queensferry and District Community Council

QDCC has had the use of two rooms in the basement of the council offices on the High Street South Queensferry for over twenty years. The Council has fitted a new central heating system in the building and as a result the toilet and corridor walls are in need of redecoration. The council has responsibility for buildings maintenance in terms of making good the plasterwork, but the current state of interior decoration does not meet the Council's criteria for urgent repair. The applicant requests grant for paint; floor covering, blinds and miscellaneous ironmongery. The painting and decoration will be undertaken by members of the Community Council, who wish to upgrade the interior and offer a better public space for meetings and business.

The Community Council are offering a significant contribution in kind including labour, significantly reducing the overall cost of the work. It is therefore recommended that in this instance the grant is approved.

It is proposed that as a condition of funding, the Community Council hosts an open evening for local community members, to promote the work of the Community Council in the local area.

Previous CGF activity

Grant of £5,000 awarded 2008/9 – Repairs 'Jacobs Ladder'

Grant of £136 awarded 2008/9 – Refreshments Royal Visit

Grant of £479.45 awarded 2008/9 – Purchase of Strimmer

Grant of £500 awarded 2009/10 – Support for production and distribution of Annual report.

Grant Requested £300.00
Grant proposed £300.00

2.6 Common Ground Arts

This application is still in process. Common Ground Arts are working to identify a suitable site for the mural, and will report back to the Partnership in due course.

3 Financial Implications

The Community Grants Fund for the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership amounts to £23,810. There have been eight grants approved to date totalling £9,141 and two grants are recommended for approval in this Report, totalling £2,800 leaving a balance of £11,950 for future allocation.

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 West Craigie Local food project as detailed in paragraph 2.4;
- b) Award a grant to a Queensferry and District Community Council s detailed in paragraph 2.5;



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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>
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

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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				
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	£300 recommended on 20 October 2010
OPENING BALANCE				£23 810
ALLOCATED TO DATE				£9,141
AVAILABLE BALANCE				£14,750
RECOMMENDED ON 20.10.10				£2,800
REMAINING BALANCE				£11,950

