

## Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

### Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership

22 September 2008

#### Purpose of report

- 1 This report provides details of applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2008/9. The Partnership is asked to consider these proposals under the terms of the scheme.

#### Summary

- 2 This report describes the budgetary position of the Partnership at the first meeting of 2008/09. It contains recommendations for the award of 3 grants to voluntary groups in 2008/9 and details of one grant made under delegated authority.

The details of pending applications appears in appendix one.

#### Main report

- 3 The Community Grants Fund has three distinct themes as follows :-
  - Community Participation and Support;
  - Quality of Life
  - Social Inclusion.
- 4 The Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund budget amounted to £52,315 in 2008/09. This includes £16,580 carried forward from 2007/08. (This total comprises £44,347 in core funding and £7,968 from the Scottish Government Quality of Life allocation). £4,000 has been awarded under delegated authority, leaving a balance of £28,450 for allocation.
- 5 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 Partnership.

**Applications recommended for approval – Community Participation and Support theme:**

- 6 **The Yard** Adventure Centre has applied for £760 to produce an e-newsletter to raise awareness of the Yard, which provides play facilities and youth clubs for children and young people with additional support needs.

The e-newsletter would promote use of the Yard to local schools, community groups and individuals, this developing new links and partnerships with a view to promoting greater opportunities for inclusion for children and young people with additional support needs and their families. This grant would be used to design, produce and distribute 2500 newsletters per month.

This project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and an award of £760 is recommended.

- 7 **Drylaw Parish Church** have applied for £3,772 to provide leisure and accredited computer classes for all ages, homework clubs and internet access as well as to develop a Senior Youth Club. This grant is to purchase 5 laptop computers with full software and internet access and also to purchase small equipment for youth club development – inc. amplifier, games console, and computer games. Additional funding of £9000 has been committed from Parish Development Funds for the Senior Youth Club.

This project meets the Community Grants Fund criteria and an award of £3,772 is recommended.

**Applications recommended for approval - Quality of Life theme**

- 8 **Stockaree Tenants Organisation** have applied for £2,499 to support a 6 month programme of physical and mental well-being activities, including gentle exercise, aromatherapy, general interest talks and walking group outings, and also to purchase exercise equipment for tenants, many of whom are disabled. They also plan to fund a volunteer to take part in gentle keep fit training to enable these activities to continue beyond the 6 month period. This new group are keen to develop the interests, quality of life and well being of residents by providing activities on the premises to reduce social exclusion due to cost, accessibility and availability.

This project meets the Community Grant Fund criteria and an award of £2,499 is recommended.

## **Awards made under Standing Order 84**

An award of £4,000 has been made to Stockbridge/Inverleith Community Council. The Community Council have been running the Stockbridge Village Festival for the last three years, and have been looking at more ways of engaging more young people in a participative role. For this year's community celebration the group planned to introduce a new feature by organising a talent contest. Application was made for £4,000 towards the cost of a marquee and essential resources to accommodate the community show. The proposal to expand a local celebration meets the criteria and was recommended for approval.

The full award of £4,000 has been made under delegated authority as the project took place before the next scheduled public meeting.

## **Applications not recommended for an award**

- 9 **The Palestine Association** had previously applied for £5,000 to provide English lessons to Arab adults at Theatre Workshop, Hamilton Place, and also to organise a programme of visits to Scottish cultural centres. Further information was requested and no response has been received since March 2008. It is recommended that this application is not continued.

## **Financial Implications**

- 10 The grants recommended for approval in this report total £7,031, which would leave a balance of £21,419 for future allocation.

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

## **Recommendations**

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Advice is sought from the Partnership regarding the recommendations to:-

- (i) award a grant of £760 to the Yard as detailed in paragraph 6;
- (ii) award a grant of £3,772 to Drylaw Parish Church as detailed in paragraph 7;
- (iii) award a grant of £2,499 to Stockaree Tenants Organisation as detailed in paragraph 8;
- (iv) not to award a grant to the Palestine Association as detailed in paragraph 9;
- (v) to note the award of £4,000 Stockbridge/Inverleith Community Council as detailed in paragraph 10;
- (vi) note the balance available for future allocation in 2008/2009.

  
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Appendices : Appendix 1: Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership - List of applications  
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Council Wards Affected Inverleith  
Community Council Areas Craigleith / Blackhall  
Drylaw / Telford  
Stockbridge / Inverleith

Background Papers Project applications in Services for Communities files

## COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND

### INVERLEITH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2008/09 APPLICATIONS

APPENDIX ONE

<u>Name of applicant group</u>	<u>Purpose of grant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Assessment stage</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
<b>APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD AT 10 June 2008</b>				
The Yard	Produce an e-newsletter	£760	Complete and fully assessed	£760 recommended at 22 September 2008
Drylaw Parish Church	To support provision of computer classes for all ages, plus the development of a senior youth club.	£3,772	Complete and fully assessed	£3,772 recommended at 22 September 2008
Stockaree Tenants Organisation	To support programme of physical and mental well-being activities for resident older and disabled tenants.	£2,499	Complete and fully assessed	£2,499 recommended at 22 September 2008
<b>AWARDS MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY (SO84)</b>				
Stockbridge /Inverleith Community Council	To support local talent contest as part of community festival	£4,000	Complete and fully assessed	£4,000 awarded August 2008
<b>OPENING BALANCE:</b>				<b>£28,450</b>
<b>RECOMMENDED AT 10 June 2008:</b>				<b>£21,419</b>