



## AGENDA ITEM NO 8

### ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

25 SEPTEMBER 2013

**Report of:** Sam Parker, Neighbourhoods & Communities, Neighbourhoods Directorate.

**Title:** Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Allocate £8,566.60 of the total Well-being fund for allocation in this round.
2. Approve the recommendations of the Well-being grant panel (Appendix A-D)

#### Context

1. These recommendations relate to the remaining £8,566.60 of the Well-being funds allocated to small grants projects, following the allocation made during the first round of funding in June 2013.
2. Following the awarding of funding in June 2013, one project (Lansdowne Activity Squad) informed us that they no longer needed their allocation due to having secured it elsewhere. This increased the available funds from £7586.60 to £8566.60 for this round.
3. It was possible to appoint two residents each from Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill wards to the panel on this occasion. Five panellists participated on the day.
4. As agreed by the NP, resident panellists were asked to use their discretion in recommending grants that distributed funds as equally as possible over the three wards.

5. 23 applications were received in total. 22 were considered for the Well-being funding. 1 was not considered for funding.
6. In total, £31,185.51 worth of funds was applied for.
7. Well-being applicants were asked to develop projects that addressed one or more of the Partnerships five priorities:
  1. Activities that focus on young people making their voice heard in decision-making and encouraging young people of Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill to have a greater stake in their communities.
  2. Work, which fosters positive relationships between children and young people from different neighbourhoods.
  3. Activities that encourage local people to become more involved in and have a greater say about where they live
  4. Events/activities, which bring together people from different cultural backgrounds who would not normally come together.
  5. Sharing skills and knowledge – projects, visits, and skill swaps.

## **Summary**

### **Risk Assessment**

- Regarding any BCC liability as a grant provider, we have worked with applicants to ensure they have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to carry out their respective projects.
- With regards to ensuring all funds are spent within the appropriate time frame, we have monitoring and evaluation procedures that will be in place to ensure all funds are spent on time and as planned in the project budgets.

### **Equality Implications**

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to :

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding
- Appendix B – Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding.
- Appendix C – Summary of Grants Not Progressed to the Panel
- Appendix D - Summary of Well-being Grants Process

## Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
	A	E	LH			
Easton Cowboys Cricket Club	A	E	LH	1016.00	1016.00	Improvements to the cricket club facilities
1625 Independent People	A	E	LH	1450.00	1450.00	Development of a Youth Board, Peer Education Project and Peer Support Project
Berwick Road		E		650.82	650.82	Berwick Road Planters – improvements to street scene
Rosemary Early Years Centre			LH	1483.46	1483.46	Forest school for families
Bristol Playbus Project	A			1434.00	1434.00	Provision of play sessions at Trinity Lodge Hostel, Montpelier
Friends of Belle Vue Park		E		710.00	650.00	Park Clean Up
Friends of Hannah Moore Primary School			LH	1348.50	1348.50	Conversation Group – for people who want to improve their English and meet people from other cultures
Baggator	A	E	LH	1775.80	533.82	Continuation of a Drug and Alcohol diversionary project for older young people
<b>Total Suggested Award</b>					<b>£8566.60</b>	

## Appendix B - Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
Full Circle	A			1590.00	Jamafrique Youth Project
Bristol and Avon Chinese Women's Group	A			1470.00	Creative workshops
Victoria Parade Residents Association		E		2204.43	Victoria Parade Planters, Street Scene improvements
Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management			LH	1552.00	Lawrence Hill Underpass improvements
Redcliffe Residents Association			LH	700.00	Residents day trip
Old Market Community Association			LH	1700.00	Old market Quarter Notice Board
Bristol Multi Faith Forum		E	LH	1100.00	Peer group support project for young people to prevent extremist views and increase drug awareness
Lansdowne Activity Squad		E	LH	1768.00	Cooking classes, job club, and equipment
Corbett House Residents Association	A	E	LH	724.00	Spring outing for residents
Awaz Utoah	A	E	LH	830.00	A diversity day with 5 workshops looking at culture and faith
Bristol Black Carers	A	E	LH	1178.00	A fun day with information and activities for carers

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
RISE	A	E	LH	1302.50	An event for black history month
African Voices Forum	A	E	LH	2000.00	Events for black history month
Positive Cycle Trust	A	E	LH	2337.00	Our Stories, Our Selves. A cultural project helping with English speaking skills, exploring history and family relationships

## Appendix C - Summary of grants not progressed to the panel

<b>Organisation/ Group</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Notes</b>
IntoUniversity	881.00	Development of Student Council and provision of democracy, voice and influence project.	The project did not fit into the required timescales

## **Appendix D**

### **Summary of Well-being Grants process and applications**

23 grant applications were submitted to the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership for consideration. Of those submitted:

- 22 applications were submitted to the grant panel for their consideration.
- 1 application was not progressed because the project did not fit within the required timeframe. Please see details above.

#### ***Voting on grants and making recommendations***

Each panellist could award a maximum of 43 points per grant. The scores of all eligible panellists were added together and divided by the total number of eligible voters to give us an average score. Grants were then ranked according to their average scores.

The top-scoring projects are being recommended for funding approval.

#### ***Panellist conflicts of interest***

Many of the residents interested in sitting on the panel are very active in their local communities and occasionally have a vested business, personal or professional interest in one or more of the projects. In order to ensure the voting process was fair, panellists were asked to declare an interest in a project before voting commenced. If a panellist fell into any of the following categories they were required to abstain from voting or commenting on the project.

- Board Member or employee of organisation/project
- Assisted with writing the grant or was a family member of applicant
- Are directly or indirectly involved in the project seeking funding
- Could potential gain financially from the application

During this round of voting there was one conflict of interest identified.