



AGENDA ITEM NO 14

ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Allocate £11,400 of the available £21,000 to projects in this round of the Well-being grants.
2. Approve the recommendations of the Well-being grant panel (Appendix A-C)
3. Note the outcomes of Well-being grants approved in round 5 (April 2012, Appendix E).

Context

1. These recommendations relate to the £11,400 of the £21,000 of Well-being funds allocated to small grants projects at the March 2012 meeting.
2. As agreed by the NP, three residents from Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill wards were appointed to the panel. Eight panellists participated on the day.
3. 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.

4. 25 applications were received in total. 21 were considered for the Well-being funding. 4 were not considered for funding.
5. In total, almost £48,000 worth of funds was applied for.
6. 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.
7. Appendix E provides a summary of monitoring information collected from the fifth round of Well-being grants. (Awarded in winter 2012).

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
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Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
St Pauls Allotment Project	A			475	475	St Pauls Allotment Project will involve the continued development of the existing allotment, improving the space for the enjoyment of local people.
Life Cycle UK	A	E	LH	730	730	Bike Generation will aim to positively engage young people to build skills and confidence with bikes and to interact with other young people from different backgrounds.
St Jude's Somali Women's Group			LH	1395	1395	Visiting Politics will be aimed at educating Somali women about the different aspects of the political system in the UK. There will be a series of workshops and will culminate in a trip to the Houses of Parliament.
Young Beautiful Children	A			1505	1000	St Pauls Family Fun Day - Provides free activities for the whole community from nought to the elderly. Provides activities that parents and children can enjoy and supports their learning.
Corbett House Residents	A	E	LH	500	500	Summer Outing to Weymouth, will be for elderly residents, giving them a break and the chance to meet other people from the area.
St Pauls Unlimited	A			2016	1000	The Big St Pauls Picnic will be an event to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of St Pauls Unlimited involving the award ceremony for the sunflower and pumpkin competition and the opportunity for people to share food, have fun and celebrate all of the progress the community has made in the last decade.
Easton Energy Group		E	LH	1400	1400	Community Energy Advisor Programme will involve using Community Energy Advisors as contact points for energy advice for local residents to help them reduce their energy bills and finance improvements to their homes.

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
Circomedia	A			900	900	Park Appreciation / Picnic for St Pauls will be a community engagement and consultation event involving circus skills and art workshops as well as table tennis and street performances. Local service providers will be invited to set up information stalls. There will be consultation work to find out what local people want to see more of in the area.
St Werburghs Community Association	A	E	LH	1200	1000	Picnic in the Park will be a free event consisting of art and entertainment involving local artists. There will be workshops for all of the local community to get involved, including break dancing, drumming and spray painting. This will be mainly focus on young people but all ages and backgrounds will be encouraged to take part.
Young Bristol	A	E	LH	4960	3000	Hi Road Studio will be a Friday night session for disadvantaged young people who want to learn more about music.
Total Suggested Award					11,400	

Appendix B - Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
Dhek Bhal	A	E	LH	1571	Well-being and Happiness Workshops will aim to help fifteen older people to engage in art activities, promoting mental well-being.
African Voices Forum	A	E	LH	1000	Linking Communities will aim to bring people with different backgrounds together to educate them on African history via music, art and drama workshops.
Tan Teddy	A	E		2149	Jamaica @ 50 Celebration will be a cultural day to mark the anniversary of independence. People from different backgrounds will be able to learn via music, dancing, listening to stories and working on traditional costumes.
Guinness Care and Support			LH	2379	Dance for Wellbeing will be a series of weekly creative movement group sessions led by a dance and movement psychotherapist, aiming to promote physical and mental well-being among elderly residents by offering them the opportunity to interact and discuss the challenges they face.
Bangy Memorial Group	A			1260	Bangy Memorial Group will aim to run an event to commemorate the life of Bangy with a fun day of prayer and activities such as bouncy castles, face painting and stalls offering arts and crafts.
Knightstone Housing Association	A	E	LH	5000	Youths Involved in Conflict / Music Video Project will aim to engage young people and give them the opportunity to express themselves through music and art by producing a music video.
Golden Agers	A	E	LH	1800	Fitness Exercise Class and Crossing Continents IT projects will aim to help local elders with skills and confidence as well as mental and physical well-being with basic exercise and computer classes.

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St Pauls Unlimited	A			1027	St Pauls Unlimited Fireworks Display will be a free fireworks event for anyone to attend from St Pauls and the surrounding areas, providing people with the opportunity to get together and the safety and community feeling in St Pauls.
Bristol Black Carers	A	E	LH	1700	Connecting Carers will aim to engage local carers and increase awareness around the benefit of healthy lifestyle choices. There will also be a visit to a well-established national charity in London.
Loveworks	A	E	LH	4000	Loveworks Youth Music Event will aim to provide a series of workshops for young people to learn and develop new skills and to produce a stage performance to compensate for the loss of the stage from the Carnival that was cancelled for this year.
Full Circle	A	E		4250	Wha Gwan my Yout Youth Magazine will aim to provide local young people with the opportunity to design, write and produce a magazine.

Appendix C - Summary of grants not progressed to the panel

Organisation/ Group	Grant Request	Project Summary	Notes
Planning Solutions	240	Planning Solutions aims to monitor planning applications and ensure that developments in the area are sympathetic to the wishes of residents.	Incomplete application – organisation does not have the necessary supporting documents.
St Werburghs Neighbourhood Association	1500	Community Consultation - Mina Matters Newspaper will be aimed at informing local residents of forthcoming community initiatives.	Incomplete application – organisation does not have the necessary supporting documents.
Easton Community Corner Garden Group	825	Easton Community Corner Garden Group will aim to transform a neglected garden into a place for the community to use as a meeting point, for workshops and other events and activities for the local community.	Incomplete application – organisation does not have the necessary supporting documents.
Midland Bristol Refugee Housing Ltd	2500	KaKa will aim to assist refugees and local people to live as full and independent a life as possible.	Incomplete application form

Appendix D

Summary of Well-being Grants process and applications

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

- 21 applications were submitted to the grant panel for their consideration.
- 4 applications were not progressed because the applications were incomplete. 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 were three conflicts of interest identified.