



## AGENDA ITEM NO 10

### ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Allocate £10,500 of the Well-being fund for allocation in this round.
2. Note the return of £1,520 from previous grants made, and re-allocate.
3. Approve the recommendations of the Well-being grant panel (Appendix A-E)
4. In the instance of any applicant not taking up any offer of funding, it is recommended the committee approve the award of returned funds as per recommendations of the grant panel in Appendix D

#### Context

1. These recommendations relate to the remaining £10,500 of the Well-being funds which the NP agreed to allocate to small grants at the December 2014 NP meeting.
2. Following the decision of the Neighbourhood Partnership, criteria for this round of funding were changed in order to target specific priorities of the Neighbourhood Partnership.
3. For this round of funding only it was agreed that members of the NP would form the funding panel along with representatives from past panel members

who were not members of the NP.

4. It was not possible to fill all of the spaces for the non NP members on this occasion. 6 members of the NP were joined by one resident who is not a member but has experience of the funding panel process.
5. 32 applications were received in total. 28 were considered for the Well-being funding. 4 were not considered for funding.
6. In total, £47,772.00 worth of applications were appraised.
7. Well-being applicants were asked to develop projects that addressed one or more of the Partnerships three priorities:

**Priority 1 - Eliminate discrimination, narrow inequality and promote good relationships by**

- a) removing barriers to participation in community life (requests for a equipment would have to have a very special case) or;
- b) giving under represented groups in particular young people, Black and Minority Ethnic communities, Disabled people, Older people (over 65's) and Lesbian Gay and Transgender communities a greater voice in the Neighbourhood Partnership (this could be research or project work which will benefit the NP) or;
- c) provide opportunities for learning and/or greater understanding of equality and community cohesion issues for the wider community (for example equalities training or access to discussion and debate).

**Priority 2 - Redcliffe**

The Redcliffe community in Lawrence Hill is geographically isolated from the rest of the ward and indeed the NP area. The community feel isolated. There is a need to build community confidence and involvement.

The NP will support applications from the Redcliffe community which are about reaching out and building the skills and confidence of Redcliffe residents, creating opportunities for different groups in Redcliffe to come together and community activities. All activities must be open to all.

**Priority 3 - Resident-led projects to improve the neighbourhood**

These are projects where residents are self-organising to make something positive happen in the area. Activities that encourage local people to become more involved in and have a greater say about where they live – applications from residents/resident groups to improve where they live.

N.B. These priorities were in order of importance for this grants round only

8. Following the return of unspent monies from two groups who had been allocated funding in previous rounds, the panel also recommends the award of an additional £1,520 in this round.

## **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**

For this round of small grants funding, the top priority was given to projects that eliminate discrimination, narrow inequality and promote good relationships, particularly looking at removing barriers to community life, giving under-represented groups a voice in the NP and providing opportunities for learning about equalities and community cohesion issues.

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 – ‘Second place’ recommendations for funding
- Appendix E –Summary of Well-being grants process

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

Organisation/ Group	Priority No.	Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
Friends of Hannah More	1	£1,518.00	£1,518.00	Free or assisted spaces for children from disadvantaged families at the holiday club.
Felix Road Adventure Playground	1	£2,281.50	£2,281.50	Match funding to recruit a worker for 6 months to co-ordinate the community reclamation of the adventure playground.
Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management	2	£896.00	£896.00	A series of consultation events (5) to enable the participation of the community of Redcliffe in planned developments for the area.
BMCS	1	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Contribution to a free-entry family fayre, held at Eastville Park, attracting residents from across the city. The fayre will include cultural stalls, youth activities, 'Demystifying Islam' and a Somali section amongst other activities
BCFM	1	£1,605.00	£605.00	Establishment of a short text number to enable ease of participation in the radio station programmes for a wide range of people.
Positive Cycle	1	£610.00	£610.00	Joint sessions for parents and their children, to support learning in particular. Help with making reading enjoyable even if English is not the first language.
St Lukes Church	1	£2,310.00	£1,000.00	A joint project between St L:ukes church and the local mosque, bringing people from a Somali background together with white British people, around food, stories, music and sport.
Medley Market and All Hallows Co-Op	1	£1,142.00	£718.00	Funding agreed will provide materials for a ramp and a compliant accessible toilet for a venue used by the group to run a community market
Redcliffe Neighbourhood Development Forum	2	£2,500.00	£1,500.00	Towards a summer event with the aim of promoting awareness of the plans for development in Redcliffe, involving communities who are not already engaged and building good relationships between different groups.
Bannerman Road Childrens Centre	1	£2,500.00	£391.50	Towards improvement of a community room to enable the space to be used for a variety of activities, including Stay and Play, music classes, film nights

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Amount Recommended from this round:			<b>£10,500.00</b>	
Amount recommended from returned funds:			<b>£1,520.00</b>	
Total amount recommended			<b>£12,020.00</b>	

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

Organisation/Group	Grant Request	Project Summary
Somali Youth Network	£2,500.00	A sports tournament involving young people from different cultures and faiths. Held over a month at City Academy, the tournament would include a range of sports to appeal to both male and females.
Corbett House Residents Group	£804.00	An outing to London for residents from across the NP area.
Victoria Road Planters	£2204.43	The installation of planters on the roads to prevent illegal and inconsiderate parking and to improve the environment with flowers.
Felix Watch	£1000.00	Neighbourhood Watch group intend to hold a Health and Wellbeing Fair, for the watch residents and the wider area of the NP
St Werburgh's City Farm	£2,500.00	A targeted consultation and pilot interventions with and for local residents within the target groups of Older people and BME Families in the NP area.
St Werburgh's Community Association	£871.50	An information event based on the Marriage Act 2013 (Same Sex Couples). Main focus of the event to be the integration of local LGBT community, education and information sharing.
Qur'an Academy Bristol	£2,500.00	12 x Demystifying Islam events, throughout Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill.
Golden Agers	£400.00	Materials for craft making which will allow the group to fundraise independently.
Full Circle	£2080.00	To introduce a women only night at Docklands YC to provide sports and healthy activities on a weekly basis.
Red Kite Partnership	£300.00	An event to establish 'How do different cultures support people with mental health issues'
Asian Health and Social Care Association	£2,500.00	To employ an IT tutor to provide twice weekly sessions for elderly South Asian residents
Barton Hill Settlement	£1,119.00	To host a series of debates focused on drug and alcohol concerns targeted at different groups – parents/older people/BME communities/Young People/Open access

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Bristol Playbus	£3,299.00	A project working with children and parents with English as a second language, focusing on reading.
Bristol Disability Equality Forum	£2,450.00	To produce an information pack for local business which will inform them on how to improve their accessibility.
Ashley Community Housing	£1,850.00	Activities to address mental health issues in the refugee diaspora.
Church road Action Group	£720.00	Provision of hanging baskets
Redfest Bristol	£1,540.00	Towards a free community arts festival
Rosemary Early Years Centre	£1,639.20	To carry out research into what are people's perceived barriers to being able to access services and engage in local organisations including decision making bodies such as the NP.



**Appendix C - Summary of grants to be awarded in the instance of any successful applicant refusing their grant**

<b>Organisation/ Group</b>	<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Bristol Multi Faith Forum	£1,000.00	A consultation event giving residents from faith communities and BME communities a chance to voice their community concerns.	Please note this application is the recommended project to receive funding, should any of the above projects not be able to accept their grant (in the case of being awarded less than was requested for example)

## Appendix D – Summary of grants not progressed to the panel

Organisation/ Group	Grant Request	Project Summary	Notes
Amana Education Trust	£2,648.00	The project is entitled 'Dream University' and is focused on young people. It was very unclear from the application exactly what this entails, what activities would be funded or what exactly the outcomes would be.	Unclear application. Very unclear budget – no clarity around what was being asked for. Not clear how the project would impact the NP priorities
St Jude's Somali Womens Group	£2,310.00	Provision of health and wellbeing activities, information and advice.	The group does not have all of the required policies in place.
Brook St Park Improvement Group and Heber St Residents	£635.00	Maintenance and improvement to Heber St Community Garden, Tree Planting event at Brook St Park and Membership to The Conservation Volunteers	The group does not have all of the required policies in place.
Ecomotive	£1900.00	Public Events open to residents who would like to learn more about how they could build their own home as part of a group.	Application incomplete.

## **Appendix E**

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

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

- 29 applications were submitted to the grant panel for their consideration.
- 4 applications were not progressed. Please see details above.

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

Each panellist could award a maximum of 37 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, taking into account the priorities being listed in order of importance for this round of funding.

#### ***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 conflicts of interest identified.