

BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 2nd April 2012

Report of : Jenny Hoadley, Chair of the Grants Task Group
Title: **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE WELLBEING FUND**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The following activities recommended to be funded amount to a total of : **£6,904.62**
 - a) **Ardagh Bowling and Sports Club** **£738**
Updating of the CCTV equipment to reduce vandalism and anti social behaviour
(Note: await further information. Parks Officer seeking further guidance from senior managers)
 - b) **Friends of Horfield Common** **£950**
Request for funding towards their Jubilee Picnic on the Common in June. It will include live music, games and activities for children, an art exhibition involving local artists. Funding is for transport, materials, musician fees etc.
 - c) **APE Partnership** **£1536**
A community interest company wishing to set up an afterschool play session on a weekly basis for one year in Cotham Gardens for 8-13 year olds
(Note: non-salary costs only)
 - d) **Cotham Primary school PTFA** **£500**
Funding for plants, bat and bird boxes for the school grounds as part of the education curriculum of sustainability and biodiversity, and to contribute to the school attaining Green Flag status
 - e) **Good Shepherd Neighbourhood Watch** **£283**
Purchase of barriers and banners for an afterschool "playing out" scheme in Queens Drive
 - f) **Redland Green Community Group** **£397.62**
Purchase of wild flowers, hedge plants etc to enhance Redland Green and increase local biodiversity
(Note: purchase of plants and materials only)
 - g) **Salaam Shalom media** **£500**
This is a community interest company committed to building bridges between Muslim and Jewish cultures and the wider communities. The proposal is to fund one primary school in the NP area (yet to be identified) to twin with a contrasting school in another area to increase their awareness of diverse cultures through education, media, dialogue and the creative arts.
(Note: Money only released once a school has been identified)
 - h) **Playing Out** **£2,000**
This is a community interest company promoting the closure of streets in afterschool hours to enable safe places for children to play. The proposal is to work with local primary schools across the Partnership area to encourage local residents to set up a network of safe playing out areas.
- 2) The following activities are not recommended to be grant aided as they do not fulfil the grant criteria (see 2 below):
 - a) **La Leche League** **£500**
To set up a breastfeeding "café" in Bishopston to support women with young babies as the level of NHS support has diminished.
 - b) **Make Your Home Eco** **£1395**
To run a 6 week course to help people make their homes energy efficient and reduce their carbon footprint

1 Grant applications

Below is a summary of the applications and comments by the grants Task group on specific applications

Organisation	Purpose	Priorities met (code in 2) below)	Targeted area	Amount requested
Ardagh Bowling and Sports Club	To update and extend the CCTV cameras. There have been incidents of vandalism and antisocial behaviour around the Ardagh building	3 8	Bishopston	£738 (match-funding application also made to

				Horfield and Lockleaze NP)
Friends of Horfield Common	Annual summer picnic, but to include musicians, youth project to create a video of the day, seeking involvement of Concorde Lodge, art exhibition, "taster " sessions at the Bowling Club etc	3 4 5i) 5ii)	Bishopston	£950 (just over a third of the total cost)
APE Partnership	This company has run successful play schemes in other parts of the City eg Knowle West, Hartcliffe, Barton Hill, Lawrence Weston. A wide range of activities are run from the mobile truck. The focus is involving parents in the success of the project. The funding is for 1 year.	4	Cotham	£5000 John James Foundation Is providing a further £5000
Cotham Primary school PTFA	The PTFA has already fundraised for specialist staff to deliver education around sustainability, biodiversity etc. The School is working towards a Green Flag status. This application is for materials for the outside area of the school.	4	Cotham	£500
Good Shepherd Neighbourhood Watch	Permission has already been sought from the Council to close Queens Drive for 4 "playing out" sessions. It will be run by volunteers. The application is for road barriers and banners. These will be available for other groups to use	4 5i)	Bishopston / Redland	£283
Redland Green Community Group	Funding required for a) for plants, and materials for making bird boxes etc on Redland Green b) start up costs for the organisation	3	Redland	£497.62
Salaam Shalom media	The company has already piloted the scheme at Shirehampton and Oldbury Court primary school, and both schools have requested the company to go back for further sessions. The funding is for a 6 session course. Salaam Shalom has applied for funding from other NP's for two schools, one of which would "twin" with one of our local schools once it has been identified. Most of the costs are for the trainer and facilitator.	4 5i)	All areas potentially – depends which school is interested	£500
Playing Out	The application is for the development work required to set up the schemes eg work in schools with parents, half day workshops, support and evaluation, materials	4 5i)	All	£2,000

1.1 *The Ardagh Bowling and sports Club*

1.2 *Friends of Horfield Common*

FOHC have organised a summer picnic for the last five years. Because it is the Jubilee the programme this year is quite ambitious, and clearly is trying to draw in many different parts of the community as possible. Normally they fundraise for the total cost but this year, due to the money spent on the toilet facilities, they can only fund just under two-thirds of the costs themselves

1.3 *APE partnership*

Staff are well-trained and the staffing costs are about 80% of the total budget. No charge is made to children participating. Further funding would be needed in future to continue to run the scheme year on year.

The Grants Task Group felt that on principle, play activities should be encouraged anywhere in the partnership area. However it was felt that there is already an afterschool facility at Colson Primary

School and Cotham does not experience the same levels of deprivation as the other areas where APE have operated. The Grants Task Group felt either a) the full amount would be funded on a "pilot" basis, with the condition that no further funding was sought for say two years or b) only the non-staffing costs are funded (we do say in our Guidelines that normally we will only fund applications for "capital" projects).

1.4 *Redland Green Community Group*

The application for plants etc is entirely within the scope of the Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Parks Improvement Plan discussed at the neighbourhood Partnership meeting on January 24th 32012. However the Grants Task Group would recommend not funding the £100 "start up costs" of as this should be covered by the membership fee.

1.5 *Salaam Shalom Media*

The Grants Task Group welcomed this application as it specifically deals with a range of equalities issues and the meaning of "community" and "culture". It is recommended that the money, if approved, is retained until a local school has been identified.

1.6 *Playing Out*

This group did a presentation at the Redland Forum in January and was encouraged to apply. One street in Bishopston has already had a "playing out" session in 2011, and the company hope over the coming year to have encouraged residents in a further four areas to run their own schemes. Given the lack of green space, the densely populated streets in our Partnership area, and the younger age profile, the Grants Task group feel that "playing out" schemes is where Neighbourhood Partnership support could make a real difference. The application is also timely as the Council is attempting to make road closure for this type of activity much easier. However the Grants Task Group would expect Playing Out to work closely with the Good Shepherd Neighbourhood Watch (see above application) to share equipment.

1.7 *Make Your Home Eco*

As this project, although needed because of the poor housing stock in this country, provides an individual benefit rather than a community benefit (eg visual enhancement), the Grants Task group felt it did not meet criterion 2 below, The Partnership did fund a similar project from the small Older Peoples Budget in the past but *only* on condition that the money would subsidise people attending over 60. The Grants Task Group felt at that time such a scheme although laudable did not meet the Partnership criteria in any other way. So the Task Group is not recommending it for funding.

2 **Criteria**

The criteria are:

- (1) Local traffic and transport
- (2) Improving the built environment and street scene
- (3) Parks and green spaces and trees
- (4) Young people
- (5) Improving the lives of people living in the neighbourhood, the main priorities for 2011/12 being:
 - i. neighbourliness
 - ii. local arts where they are likely to appeal to a wide section of the community
 - iii. provision and facilities which engage with people facing social disadvantage
 - iv. activities which support carers and the "cared for"
 - v. schemes about food sustainability to encourage people to "grow-their-own" fruit and vegetables
- (6) Improving relations and communication between local businesses and residents
- (7) Supporting the small business community
- (8) Enabling all people to feel safe in public spaces

3 **The Wellbeing Fund for 2012/13**

3.1 If all of the applications are funded as recommended the Wellbeing Fund will stand at **£9,401.51**

3.2 The Grants Task Group has decided to only have two deadlines in 2012/13. This is because the work involved in following up applications and making other checks /negotiations with the Council and others is time consuming and deadlines for reports cannot be met. The deadlines will be June 11th and October 22nd with recommendations being presented to the October 22nd neighbourhood Partnership and the one in early 2013.

3.3 Dates will be advertised in Bishopston Matters and other publications and websites.