

# BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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## Title: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE DEVOLVED TRANSFORMER FUND

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Transformer Fund devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships from the Police service, aimed at services for young people, be allocated to the following applicants which had applied to the Small Grants fund (now frozen) :  
Golden Hill Community garden (£2900)  
TIGER (£1924)
- 2) That the remaining £176 to be split equally between both of the above applicants
- 3) That the remaining six applicants to the Small Grants Fund be invited to re-apply if the Small Grants Fund becomes available again in the future.

### 1 Background to the Transformer Fund Devolvement

The Transformer Fund is a budget held by the Police which it disperses to projects involving children and young people. Because the Police have been unable to allocate the budget £5000 has been allocated to each Partnership to spend in accordance with the following:

In addition to the Well Being Small Grants criteria the following additional criteria must be adhered to:

- Applicant should be working with identified group of young people
- Applicant should identify a priority from the relevant Neighbourhood Partnership Plan
- Outcomes should benefit young people in their local Neighbourhood Partnership Area
- Where possible outcomes should benefit youth provision
- That projects should be celebrated/showcased as part of other NP events, for example at NP led community events/as part of the NP meeting/other celebratory activities.
- The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust want to see copies of all monitoring information after projects have been delivered.

### 2 Summary of the Two Applicants

Both applicants applied to the Small Grants Fund in November and meet the criteria. In addition they both address equalities issues within the area. They were also the only applicants for the Small Grants Fund which were focussed on children and young people.

Organisation	Purpose	Priorities met (code in 2 below)	Targeted area	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Golden Hill Community Garden	To provide play opportunities to SEND children and their siblings over the Easter period 2017	E	Bishopston and Redland wards	£2900	£2900
TIGER	Gender Equality Promotion Project in Cotham School	D E	Redland ward and other wards within the school catchment area	£1924.44	£1924.44

## 2.1 Background to the Recommended Applications

*2.1.1 Golden Hill Community Garden:* The Neighbourhood Partnership funded the Community Garden to provide play activities for local disabled children and their siblings. These were a great success, so this is a follow-up application to fund something very similar at Easter: 6 4-hour sessions for 16 children (a mixture of SEND children and their siblings).

The parents and the Community Garden are funding resources, food and drink, and publicity materials. The funding is to cover staff time to prepare the programme and pay the three play leaders. It is estimated that 106 hours of volunteer time will be required.

*1.2.2 TIGER:* this is a non-profit making co-operative which works with young people to challenge sexism and gender inequality, and has worked in Bristol City Academy in Redfield, Orchard School in Southmead and various youth groups. The Neighbourhood Partnership supported its application to work with Redland Green School in October 2016. The Small Grants Group recommended, and the Partnership agreed, that it would put aside money to fund a similar application for Cotham School, if the school showed interest.

This application is in response to the interest expressed by Cotham School. The programme covers all students in years 7, 8, and 9 at Cotham School, and supports a group of Gender Equality Mentors drawn from all ages across the school. It would cover issues like sexist bullying, lad culture, pornography, and consent and gender stereotypes.

The money is to pay staff to liaise with the school, co-ordinate the programme and undertake the evaluation. It is estimated that, in addition, 306 hours of volunteer time is required to enable the programme to run.

## 2.2 The remaining balance of £176

The Small Grants Group suggests that the balance is too small to spend time allocating it elsewhere, so recommends that it should be split between the two applicants above.

## **3 The Small Grants Budget 2016/17**

3.1 The Small Grants Fund held £6,606.56 when the spending freeze was announced. The Small grants Group recommends that the applicants would be invited to re-apply if the fund becomes unfrozen.

3.2 Meanwhile the Small Grants Group has written to each applicant, stating the situation, and suggesting two or three possible sources of charitable funding relevant to their application which they might wish to follow up.

## GRANTS TASK GROUP December 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

### Spicer & Cole café

#### NOTES

- 1) I had 2 separate meetings with Philippa and Andrea. These notes summarise what we discussed (Andrea may also be sending some notes too re funding).
- 2) The attached notes on the funding information to be sent to each applicant are the summary of our combined thoughts.  
The emails will be sent out by me over the Christmas New Year period.
- 3) We agreed that the Transformer money (from the police) would be recommended to go to TIGER and Golden Hill Community Garden (£1924 +£2900). Unless the NP has a better idea, we would recommend that the remaining £175 balance should be split between those two organisations. I will write a report for the NP meeting on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.
- 4) We discussed the possibility of running a funding seminar on funding in 2017:
  - Target numbers were not agreed
  - Possible venues: Redland Green Church new hall and the Cricket Ground
  - Apart from RCAS not sure what other funding might be available
  - Possible format:
    - 3 hrs Friday or Saturday morning
    - Main speaker eg Lottery Fund followed by 2 workshops ( how to write an application, joint /collaborative working)
    - Break
    - Second speaker eg Quartet followed by the 2 workshops
    - Close
    - Try to invite a couple of local people who have been successful in raising funds who can speak at workshops etc
  - Possible dates: probably after Easter )– late April or May (Andrea and Philippa on holiday in January, Jenny for a week in February)
  - To test the waters, to include a short questionnaire in emails to applicants, asking if they would be interested in coming.
  - To wait until the NP has met informally in early January before thinking more seriously about this – it depends partly on whether the NP's are dissolving in March or whether they limp on.
- 5) Next meeting: if we need it, please keep free **Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am** at Za Zus Kitchen (bottom of Pigsty Hill close to Bishospton Hardware (the next time I think we are all in Bristol is the last weekend in February!))

Jenny Hoadley

EMAIL TO APPLICANTS DEC 2016

Hi...

You probably have heard that the City Council has frozen all its budgets until the end of March. This includes the Wellbeing Fund so we are unable to allocate any grants. At this moment we think it is unlikely that the Neighbourhood Partnership will get a similar fund for distribution next year, so we encourage you to seek alternative funds for your projects from elsewhere. [For those we reject : "The Small Grants group would not be recommending your application.. as it does not meet our current criteria/as a) there is already a separate Partnership Tree Fund for street trees and b) we would not support the provision of trees on private property."] However we will be keeping all the applications until after March 2017 and reviewing them again if money becomes available.

To help you with your search for funding we have done some initial trawling of the internet to get you started. Firstly, however, we would always recommend that any group looking for comparatively small amounts of money to look at the criteria for funding from Quartet, Comic Relief and Awards for All (the Lottery).

Secondly, these are a few suggestions which we thought might be relevant for your specific application.:

Eg etc

Some might be a bit of "long shot" and perhaps the deadlines are too far off but they might be worth investigating. Given that Council funding will be ever-increasingly difficult to access whereas demand for grants continues to accelerate, the Small Grants Group is wondering if local groups might find it useful if we put on a workshop about applying for funding. We do not have any money but it might look something like this:

- 3 hrs on a Friday or Saturday morning
- Small donation for refreshments and venue hire ( less than £5,say)
- At least 2 speakers from local and national charitable grant givers
- Break-out groups to discuss how to write an application, and collaborative working to improve the chances of attracting money

It would help us enormously to decide if such an event would be useful if you could answer 4 questions for us:

- 1) Would you come?
- 2) Do you know other groups who might be interested?
- 3) Are there other topics you think would be useful to discuss?
- 4) Do you know of anyone who might like to come and speak?

Please just send me an email with your responses.

The Small Grants group from the Bishopston, Cobham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership wish you well for your project, and we will be in touch if we have some positive news about further funding.

Best wishes