

Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership

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Portobello & Craigmillar Community Grants Fund

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Executive summary

Portobello & Craigmillar Community Grants Fund

Summary

This report is intended to provide members of the Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership with sufficient information to enable them to make decisions as to the award of grants under the Community Grants Fund.

Recommendations

- To note the allocation for 2014/2015 is £21,737.
- To confirm the recommendations from the Business Meeting of 29 April and the subsequent consideration of three further applications.

Portobello Sailing & Kayaking Club – award £1,000

Common Wealth Theatre - £1,500

Big Things on the Beach – award £1,500

The Vencie – award £1,500

Wauchope Community Growers –award £1,066

Jack Kane Centre - £1,250

Carr Gomm - defer

Bridgend Growing Communities - £1,450

Measures of success

The Community Grants Fund aims to encourage small scale activity that benefits local communities and supports the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership and the Local Community Plan. Key indicators of the overall success of the investment include satisfaction with:

- Neighbourhood as a place to live
- Different backgrounds can get on well together
- Able to have a say on local services
- Specific services

Financial impact

The Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership budget amounts to £21,737 in 2014/15. The recommendations made amount to £9,266, leaving a balance of £12,471 in the fund.

Equalities impact

The Community Grants Fund guidelines stipulate that all projects/activities to be funded must be for the benefit of residents of the City of Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership areas. In addition, the application form contains a section requesting information as to how the proposal meets the needs of equalities groups. Only when Neighbourhood Partnership staff are satisfied that an application is wholly inclusive will it be put forward for consideration. Groups are reminded of the requirement for them to be actively inclusive to all sections of the community.

Sustainability impact

The Community Grants Fund enables voluntary sector organisations to provide enhanced services and/or activities that are outwith the scope of mainstream provision. This helps to engender an ethos of the community working together and create more cohesive neighbourhoods.

Consultation and engagement

Information on the Community Grants Fund is available on the Neighbourhood Partnership website. In addition, “Meet the Funder” events are held throughout the year which promote Community Grants amongst other funding streams. The Partnership Development Officer attends local events and provides information on Community Grants to local groups. The fund is well known to the point where demand exceeds the annual budget.

Background reading / external references

Copy of the application forms and additional information supplied by applicants are available at the Business Meeting. Given this contains confidential information, eg bank details, these are not made available to the public.

Portobello & Craigmillar Community Grants Fund

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details of the applications to the Neighbourhood Partnership's Community Grants Fund in 2014/15. The Partnership is asked to consider how the 2014/15 fund can be allocated within the current financial year.
- 1.2 This report describes the budgetary position for the Partnership in 2014/15.

2. Main report

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership budget amounts to £21,737 in 2014/15.
- 2.2 Grant applications are invited from fully constituted organisations with open membership criteria. The upper limit for grants is normally £5,000.
- 2.3 **Additional criteria** - At its August Business Meeting, the Partnership considered amendments to the criteria for considering applications to the Community Grants Fund. These were that this year's process should clearly state that
 - The maximum award would be £1,500, unless the Neighbourhood Partnership considered that there were exceptional circumstances;
 - Priority would be given to small, community groups to assist them in start-up activity
 - Repeat applications would not be considered; a successful application one year would preclude an application the next year. There may be flexibility when an applicant is applying for a completely new activity in the next year, or is applying on behalf of another organisation which has not received funding in the previous year. The Neighbourhood Partnership may decide if there are exceptional circumstances to be considered.
- 2.4 The Business Meeting of 29 April considered five applications and made recommendations outlined below. Members considered a further three received after the Business Meeting.

3. Applications

- 3.1 Portobello Sailing & Kayaking Club** has applied for **£1,000** to fund 3 days of water sports in June for 20-25 pupils from Castlebrae Community High School. These activities will comprise rowing, sailing and kayaking, with pupils being able to gain a Royal Yachting association level 1 Sailing Certificate. This will contribute around 30% of the cost, and will enable the club to offer this on a more regular basis to schools throughout the year.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of co-ordinating and delivering activities for children and young people. It is recommended to award **£1,000**.

- 3.2 Common Wealth Theatre** has applied for **£2,540** to support a play in Sandy's Boxing Gym, Craigmillar, which will engage local residents with the performance and boxing workshops delivered by former UK National Champion and the UK's first Muslim female boxer Ambreen Sadiq. The play is based on interviews with Muslim Female Boxers and explores being young, female and doing the unexpected. Other themes include physical activity aimed at young women, employability opportunities for young people in front of house and stage management roles and 30% of tickets will be free for local young people. Other funding has been sourced for 75% of the total costs.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of co-ordinating and delivering activities for children and young people. It is recommended to award **£1,500**.

- 3.3 Big Things on the Beach** has applied for **£1,500** to enable the first stage of public engagement in the Project (working title 'Outfront'). The funds would be used for publicity and the organisation of an event to be held in October or November to generate and revitalise interest in public art in Portobello and to present the forthcoming project and invite involvement from the community and businesses.

BTOB are currently applying for major project funding from Creative Scotland under the Public Art Sited funding stream. The contribution requested from the Neighbourhood Partnership would make a contribution to the 10% required towards total project costs of approximately £55,000.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks. It is recommended to award **£1,500**.

- 3.4 The Venchie** has applied for **£4,970** to take two groups of 11 Children, who have never been on a five day residential in Ardgour. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a programme of six activities which are stimulating, challenging and educational. The activities in the evening consist of board

games, dressing up, art and crafts and local walks. The children finish up with a talent show or similar performance.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of co-ordinating and delivering activities for children and young people. It is recommended to award **£1,500**.

- 3.5 Wauchope Community Growers** is a new association and has applied for **£1,066** to buy garden tools which growers can share, and a secure, metal storage shed to put them in. They want to be open to all members of the community and regard communal tools as important. These include spades, forks, trowels etc, water butts and water collection system.

This application contributes to the work of the Local Community Plan priority of promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks. It is recommended to award **£1,066**.

- 3.6 The Jack Kane Centre** has applied for **£1,250** to provide “5 dirty dancing events” for an average of 70 older people at each one. The events would be dispersed throughout the year to combat feelings of social isolation. The funds will be to cover the cost of publicity, transport, entertainment and light refreshments. The Management Committee have raised an £244 towards this, and report that a further £490 will be supplied from CLD and the Jack Kane Centre in “in-kind” contributions to cover room hire and the design cost for stationary.

This application meets the priority of promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks. It is recommended to award **£1,250**.

- 3.7 Carr Gomm Community Compass** has applied for **£1,272** to pay Edinburgh Community Food to run a 6 week basic cooking course for 8 isolated single men over 40 in Craigmillar (£660), and to buy 10 helmets, bike locks and Hi-Vis waistcoats to allow a cycling group of adults to operate (£430). The balance of £182 would provide thermos jugs, mugs and 2 rucksacks.

This application meets the of promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks and promotes healthy eating and exercise. It is recommended to defer this application pending clarification on some of the details.

- 3.8 Bridgend Growing Communities** has applied for **£1,450** to offer opportunities for children from Craigmillar to learn about the link between growing fruit and vegetables and healthy eating and to gain basic growing skills. Ten programmes will be held for different children, amounting to 100 children altogether. The funding breakdown is £100 for materials, £100 for refreshments and food, £1,200 for sessional staff and £50 for travel costs.

This application meets the of promoting activities which help people stay well by being involved in social or community networks and promotes healthy eating and exercise. It is recommended to award **£1,450**.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The allocation in 2014/15 is **£21,737**. The recommendations in section 3 amount to **£9,266**. This leaves a balance of **£12,471** in the fund.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Partnership is asked to confirm the recommendations in section 3,

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Links

Coalition pledges	33 – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used.
Council outcomes	CO14 – Communities have the capacity to help support people. CO19 - Attractive Places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards
Single Outcome Agreement	SO3 – Edinburgh’s children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential. SO4 - Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
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COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND, 2014/15 APPLICATIONS

PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP:

APPENDIX 1

Name of applicant group	Purpose of grant	Amount requested	Assessment stage	Recommendation
Portobello Sailing & Kayaking Club	3-day watersports course for Castlebrae pupils	£1,000	Complete	Award £1,000
Common Wealth Theatre	Play about female boxing	£2,540	Complete	Award £1,500
Big Things on the Beach	Public engagement in Public Art project	£1,500	Complete	Award £1,500
The Venchie	Five-day residential to Hopscotch in Ardgour	£4,970	Complete	Award £1,500
Wauchope Community Gardeners	Tool shed and tool library	£1,066	Complete	Award £1,066
Jack Kane Centre	5 events for older people	£1,250	Complete	Award £1,250
Carr Gomm	Cooking and exercise classes for isolated males	£1,272		defer
Bridgend Growing Communities	Fruit and veg growing and healthy eating programme for Craigmillar schoolchildren	£1,450	Complete	Award £1,450
				Opening Balance £21,737
				Total awarded £9,266
				Balance £12,471

