

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 28 JANUARY 2008

**REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND SMALL GRANTS ALLOCATION
2007/2008**

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details the Community Regeneration Small Grants Fund 2005-2008 and makes recommendations on allocation to projects.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

2.1 Notes the process for allocating small grants through the Local Community Regeneration Forums as agreed by the Dundee Partnership.

2.2 Endorses the funding proposals contained in Section 8 of this report.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £745 Community Regeneration Small Grants Fund. Provision for a Small Grants programme was previously agreed (Committee Report 743-2004) by Dundee Partnership.

3.2 Dundee City Council has agreed to act as the accountable body for the Community Regeneration Fund on behalf of the Dundee Partnership (Committee Report 743-2004). There are no direct financial implications for Dundee City Council arising from this report.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 In 2004 the Minister for Communities announced the establishment of a new £104 million Community Regeneration Fund (CRF). The CRF replaces the existing Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) and Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) programmes.

4.2 Community Regeneration Funding is expected to be targeted at the most deprived 15% of areas of Dundee as identified by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004. There are 51 such areas in Dundee with a population of approximately 40,000 based predominantly on the existing SIP1 and 2 communities. These areas have been collected into five clusters across the city which are defined as Community Regeneration Areas. (see Committee Report 743-2004)

4.3 Dundee has been allocated £17.367 million over the 3 years, 2005-2008.

5.0 MANAGING THE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND

5.1 Procedures for allocating the Community Regeneration Fund were approved by Policy and Resources Committee in December 2004 (Committee Report 743-2004). In summary the key decisions were:

- a) Dundee City Council will act as accountable body reporting to the Dundee Partnership.
- b) The overall responsibility for decisions on the Community Regeneration Fund will be taken formally by the Dundee Partnership Management Group.
- c) Allocations to local priorities will be made by Local Community Regeneration Forums utilising devolved budgets. The local allocation process is given below.

1.	Dundee Partnership invites applications for CRF through extensive network of stakeholders and organisations. The application form and guidance notes give explicit directions regarding match to outcomes and clear, measurable outputs.
2.	Applications are screened by the CRF Co-ordinator, Regeneration staff and partner agencies to ensure match to outcomes, strategic fit, value for money and focus on Community Regeneration Areas or thematic priority groups. Applications will either be rejected at this stage or endorsed by Building Stronger Communities Group.
3.	Satisfactory applications are passed to Local Community Regeneration Forums for consideration. Greater scrutiny is applied to match with local needs and local community plans. Further opinion is sought from wider communities before decisions taken and recommended to Dundee Partnership.
4.	Recommendations from LCRF's endorsed formally by Dundee Partnership.
5.	Allocations reported to Policy and Resources Committee of Dundee City Council as accountable body.
6.	Offer of Grant made to projects.
7.	Monitoring and Evaluation initiated.

6.0 FUNDING ALLOCATION

7.1 The local Small Grants allocations proposed in this report are summarised below:

	CRA1	CRA2	CRA3	CRA4	CRA5	Total
Total devolved allocation	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£125,000
Previously Allocated	£23,483	£24,658	£24,999	£23,430	£24,597	£121,167
Current Proposals	£0	£342	£0	£0	£403	£745
Still Available	£1,517	£0	£1	£1,570	£0	£3,088

6.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £745 from local budgets.

6.3 The Community Regeneration Areas are as follows:

CRA1	Ardler/St Mary's/Kirkton
CRA2	Menzieshill/Charleston/Lochee/Beechwood
CRA3	Mill O Mains/Fintry/Whitfield
CRA4	Stobswell/Hilltown/Fairmuir
CRA5	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/Douglas

7.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

The major issues identified are:

- 7.1 There is a close relationship between the Council's Anti Poverty targets and the focus of the Community Regeneration Programme. The revenue expenditure proposals contained within this report are intended to meet local needs. The proposals also seek to assist with implementation of the Dundee Partnership's Community Regeneration Strategy, and as such the measures contained in this report will address numerous anti-poverty priorities.
- 7.2 The resources made available through the Community Regeneration Fund for geographic neighbourhoods are targeted on those areas which fall within the most disadvantaged 15% of datazone in the 2004 Scottish Index for Multiple Deprivation. The funding made available is intended to have the effect of equalling opportunities.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Head of Finance, the Directors of Housing, Social Work, Education, Planning & Transportation, Dundee Contract Services and Head of Waste Management.
- 8.2 Partnership agencies, community representatives and voluntary sector representatives have also been consulted and involved in the assessment of applications, and the formation of recommendations contained in this report.

9.0 BACKGROUND REPORTS

- 9.1 Report to Policy and Resources Committee, April 2005, Report No 244-2005, Community Regeneration Fund Allocation of Resources, 2005-6

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Appendix A

Community Regeneration Fund Small Grants Allocation 2007/2008

No	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
1.76	Save by the Bell Education Department	Menziesshill/Charleston/ Lochee/Beechwood	IT equipment upgrade, for use by children and adult volunteers	£824	£275	£222
1.81	Ancrum Plus (Parents Group)	Menziesshill/Charleston/ Lochee/Beechwood	Rent costs for Baptist Church Hall in Lochee	£2,375	£600	£120
5.76	Douglas Playgroup	Mid Craigie/Linlathen/ Douglas	To purchase equipment for group	£601	£601	£403