

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 8 MAY 2006

**REPORT ON: COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND SMALL GRANTS ALLOCATION
2006/2007**

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. 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. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This report recommends the allocation of £18,624 from the 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. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a close relationship between Local Agenda 21 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, as such the measures contained in this report will impact on numerous agenda 21 targets.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1 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.

- 6.2 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)
- 6.3 Dundee has been allocated £17.367 million over 3 years including £5.665 million for 2006/7.

7. **MANAGING THE COMMUNITY REGENERATION FUND**

- 7.1 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.

8. FUNDING ALLOCATION

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

	CRA1	CRA2	CRA3	CRA4	CRA5
Total Allocation	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000	£25,000
Previously Allocated	0	0	0	900	0
Current Proposals	200	5,916	216	11,642	650
Still Available	24,800	19,084	23,884	13,358	24,350

8.2 The proposals contained in Appendix A recommend the allocation of £18,624 from local budgets.

9. CONSULTATION

9.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Directors of Housing, Social Work, Education, Planning & Transportation, Dundee Contract Services and Head of Waste Management.

9.2 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.

10. BACKGROUND REPORTS

10.1 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

No	Project Title/Applicant	Area	Description	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Grant Award
1.17	Menzieshill High School - Smoking Cessation Group	CRF1	Provide healthy lunches for school pupils at smoking cessation group	£200	£200	£200
2.47	Ardler Village Trust Newsletters	CRF2	Contribution towards production for 4 newsletters and staffing for training sessions	£2,860	£1,500	£1,500
2.48	Ardler Village Trust Fun Day	CRF2	Activities, games, distribution, publicity and catering for Ardler Fun Day 2006	£960	£500	£500
2.50	Tenants & Residents of Ardler (TARA)	CRF2	Architect fees for detailed plans/drawings and costs for proposed building warrant for vacant local shop premises to be converted into a multi purpose village hall	£2,950	£2,000	£2,000
2.51	Kirkton Sheltered Housing Community Lounge	CRF2	Purchase of tables to play card games, dominoes and crafts. Also purchase of microwave so tenants can be involved in preparation of meals	£317	£317	£317
2.52	Good News Club - Chalmers Ardler	CRF2	Costs for 15 teenagers to participate in weekend residential as part of their group development	£1,975	£1,350	£885
2.53	Ardler Environment Group	CRF2	Contribution to make improvements the local environment. Cost for hospitality, travel, admission to educational field trips, material and advertising	£714	£714	£714

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3.33	Caldrum Street Sheltered Housing	CRF3	Funding for 1 year internet connection to ensure development of project	£456	£456	£216
4.27	Job Fair Planning Group (WAC)	CRF4	Costs of organising and publicising a jobs fair at Whitfield Activity Complex	£1,089	£789	£789
4.28	WING and WAC British Sign Language Group	CRF4	Purchase of educational materials to enable taster sessions for British Sign Language group	£340	£340	£340
4.29	Jolly's Loveable 50+ Club (Whitfield Activity Complex)	CRF4	Twelve month programme of social, educational and recreational activities for 50+ club	£713	£713	£713
4.30	Mill 'o' Mains Residents Association (MOMRA) Fun Day	CRF4	Contribution to a range of activities planned for fun day to attract a large number of residents. The day will be used to officially open the new community resource at the pavilion	£2,050	£1,650	£1,500
4.31	Whitfest Planning Group	CRF4	To provide leisure, recreational and educational art based activities for the local community during Whitfest six day event	£6,237	£5,000	£2,500
4.32	Whitfield Inclusion Network Group (WING) Out and About	CRF4	Travel costs and materials for family trips during school summer holidays	£550	£450	£450
4.33	Whitfield Inclusion Network Group (WING) Whitfield Gala	CRF4	Costs towards the organisation and promotion of Whitfield Gala Day	£1,560	£1,560	£1,500
4.34	Fintry Park Gala Day Group	CRF4	Costs towards the organisation of a gala day in Fintry	£1,650	£1,650	£1,500
4.35	Finmill Community Safety Panel	CRF4	Costs of shrubs and fencing to upgrade and improve Fintry Square environment	£2,350	£2,350	£2,350
5.16	Mid/Lin Cultural Diversity Steering Group	CRF5	Contribution towards the organisation and promotion of a Cultural Diversity day	£990	£650	£650

