

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
9 SEPTEMBER 2002**

REPORT ON: DISBURSEMENT OF BOOST FUND

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 669-2002

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Committee of the allocations awarded from the Boost Fund.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Committee is asked to note the following:

Ref No

Applicant Group

Amount Requested

£

Amount Awarded

£

BF 2
Circles Around Dundee
1,200
1,200

BF 5
Alternatives (Dundee Crisis Pregnancy Trust)
782
782

BF 6
Hearing Voices Network – Dundee
2,200
2,000

BF 7
Dundee Wurzburg Twinning Association
2,500
600

BF 8
Butterburn/Bucklemaker Tenants Association
1,350
300

BF 9
Fintry Youth Project
1,850
1,850

BF 10
Fibromyalgia Support Group
2,500

1,770

BF 16
Stobswell Youth Action Group
1,184
950

TOTAL

9,452

2.2 Details of the awards are attached Appendix A.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The financial implications of the Report can be contained within external funding received from The European Regional Development Fund and Social Inclusion Partnership.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The disbursement of The Boost Fund will allow voluntary and community groups access to finance, which will help develop their skills and experience and increase their capacity.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Boost Fund reflects the Council and voluntary sectors' commitment to equal opportunities.

6 BACKGROUND

6.1 A combination of ERDF and SIP's funding was received for Community Capacity building activities as reported to Committee on 15 April 2002, Report No 279-2002. Contained within this external funding was an allocation for a Community Capacity Support Fund.

6.2 This fund, which is administered in a partnership arrangement with Dundee City Council, Dundee Voluntary Action and Volunteer Information Point, was established with the criteria as detailed in Appendix B. The recommendations reflect the outcome of the agreed partnerships decision-making process.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, the Directors of Finance, Corporate Planning and Support Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report, which is based on recommendations made by the Boost Fund Management Group.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in the preparation of this report.

Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development _____

Date _____

28 August 2002
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BOOST FUND AWARDS

Ref No	Applicant Group	Amount Requested £	Amount Awarded £
BF 2	Circles Around Dundee Develop video, website for project to extend awareness about learning disabilities and or autism – to create circles of friends.	1,200	1,200
BF 5	Alternatives (Dundee Crisis Pregnancy Trust) To train volunteers in counselling, produce training manuals and support Alternatives which provides 1:1 support for young people facing crisis in pregnancy.	782	782
BF 6	Hearing Voices Network – Dundee To support volunteer recruitment and training including purchase of educational resources for work with those whose mental health is affected by hearing voices.	2,200	2,000
BF 7	Dundee Wurzburg Twinning Association To support the twinning association to offset the costs of offering participants from Dundee the chance to take part in a European Exchange.	2,500	600
BF 8	Butterburn/Bucklemaker Tenants Association Funding to enable 3 local representatives to attend Tenants Information Service Conference.	1,350	300
BF 9	Fintry Youth Project Contribution to the development of a voluntary run youth programme, to offset volunteer training and costs of exchange visits to similar groups in Glasgow or Edinburgh.	1,850	1,850
BF 10	Fibromyalgia Support Group Contribution towards the development of group capacity and a help line for sufferers which will be run by volunteers, providing advice on the syndrome and its symptoms. Website development. Attendance at national meetings. Development of a lending library.	2,500	1,770
BF 16	Stobswell Youth Action Group Assistance with contribution to costs of running the consultation event in Stobswell. Treasurer training and meeting costs.	1,184	950

BOOST FUND
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Aim of Boost

The support fund provides the practical help that will allow organisations/community groups in the Community Economic Development areas, to develop their own internal capacity to enable them to contribute to social and economic regeneration in their areas. The Support Fund will enable organisations to buy in expertise, improve management systems, improve service delivery, develop new services and provide equal opportunities for group members to access the activities which will further their organisational development.

How Much Can You Apply For?

You can ask for any amount up to £2,500.

Who Can Apply?

Your group can apply for a grant from the Boost Community Capacity Support Fund if:

- You are based either in one of the Community Economic Development (CED) areas in Dundee or your activities are based in the CED area of Dundee. See last page of guidelines for the complete list of CED areas.
- You are a non-profit organisation
- You have a constitution or set of rules which your group has adopted
- You have a bank or building society account in the name of the group, which requires at least two signatures on each cheque or withdrawal
- You are an organisation who has charitable aims, but who are not necessarily a registered charity
- You can spend the grant within one year.

We Do Not Fund The Following:

- Individuals
- Groups whose grant request is for the advancement of a religion or a political party
- Activity taking place outwith CED areas
- Groups whose grant request is for a contribution towards a major fundraising appeal
- The purchase of any second hand equipment
- The payment of debts or other retrospective funding
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities.

Examples Of Project Activity Might Include:

This list is not exhaustive but generally sets out the areas of assistance, which are seen as potential uses for the fund.

- Technical advice and consultancy to develop use of systems: ICT, functional management skills, including finance, personnel issues, and public relations.

- Project development – assess economic viability of community enterprise idea, either through feasibility study or through technical advice and support.
- Research and develop internal community learning within individual organisations.
- Feasibility studies – research need and level of demand for provision of a service.
- Exchange visits
- Development of organisational web sites.
- Paying for venue costs to allow organisations to meet or have public meetings to consult with their users/general public.
- Skills development.
- Paying for childcare provision to enable groups to participate with their own project development/management/skills development.
- Paying for transport costs to enable groups to participate with their own project development/management/skills development.

Details of Referee

Your choice of referee should be someone who knows about your project, but they must be independent and should not be a member of your management committee.

Contacting the referee is an important part of the assessment process. Please ensure they are fully aware of your application and are willing to support it.

What Happens Next?

Your application will be considered by the Capacity Building Sub-Group and you will be contacted by letter, within 6 weeks of receiving your application, as to whether your application has been successful or not.

Community Economic Development (CED) Areas in Dundee

Ardler

Pitalpin

Blackshade

Gourdie

St Mary's

Fintry North

Hilltown

Fintry South

Wellgate

Trottick

Dudhope

Gillburn

Midmill

Whitfield

Caird

Douglas

Lochee East

Longhaugh

Lochee West

Drumgeith

If you are not sure whether your organisation is within a CED area, please contact: Dundee Voluntary Action on 01382 305723.