



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Minority Ethnic Communities Diversity Forum July 2007

Report of the Director of Regeneration and Community

Small Change Grants to Community and Voluntary Groups 2006/07

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the 76 grant awards made through the main Small Change programme to community and voluntary groups, a total of £203,368.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Small Change is Derby City Partnership's small grants scheme that aims to help community and voluntary groups in the 12 neighbourhood priority areas of Derby make changes in their local communities. Small Change is made up of different funding streams with one simple application form and process. Funding decisions are made by local people, Award Partners, who are residents of the neighbourhood priority areas and have a good knowledge of community activity and needs in their local areas. For 2006/07 the Council agreed to include the former equalities budget within the Small Change grant scheme. The funding streams for 2006/2007 for the main Small Change grant scheme were as follows:
- Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership £13,500
 - Urban II/SRB 6 Normanton Community Cohesion £8974
 - Neighborhood Renewal Fund £171,499
 - Derby City Council Funding £3500
 - SRB5 Osmaston and Allenton £5895
- 2.2 Since April 2006 the aims of Small Change have been brought in line with the Local Area Agreement (LAA). This has enabled Small Change to fund projects that are based on needs identified at a local community level and that directly contribute to the LAA outcomes. Details of the awards made through Small Change in 2006/07 are attached in Appendix 2.

- 2.3 In 2006 the Small Change grants programme was evaluated by an external consultancy. The results of the evaluation were very positive and showed that Small Change was highly valued by the community. Since Small Change started in January 2004, 345 awards have been made. To date 21,513 residents of the neighbourhood priority areas have benefited from Small Change funded activities, of this number 12,102 were people from black and ethnic minority communities (56%). The evaluation praised the way the programme was administered and highlighted the effectiveness and efficiency of the cross-area Awards Partner process. A copy of the evaluation summary is attached in Appendix 3.
- 2.4 Small Change is a continuing grant scheme for 2007/08 with deadlines approximately every 2 months. Awards of up to £5,000 can be made for activities that fit with the aims of the Derby City Partnership Cities. Each City group has identified types of activity that will receive priority for funding, these are detailed in the application form guidance notes in Appendix 4. Groups that are awarded Small Change funding are invited to attend a monitoring workshop. This training session supports groups and aims to increase understanding of Small Change monitoring requirements enabling them to monitor their grant successfully.
- 2.5 Groups wanting to discuss a project idea are advised in the first instance to contact Derby City Partnership on 255620. Telephone support is offered to groups making an application. For more intensive support with developing a project idea and filling in an application form, groups are advised to contact the Funding Advisor at Derby CVS on 227706. Applications forms, guidance notes and full information about the Small Change evaluation are available on the Derby City Partnership website.
www.derbycitypartnership.co.uk

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List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Details of Small change awards made in 2006/07 Appendix 3 - Summary of Small Change External Evaluation 2006 Appendix 4 – 2007/08 Small Change Guidance notes Appendix 5 – 2007/08 Small Change Application Form Appendix 6 – 2007/08 Small Change Timetable

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 Small Change budget for 2006/07 was £203,368 this was all allocated. This included £3,500 of Derby City Council funding.

Legal

- 2.1 All applicants agree to terms and conditions of any potential award at the time of application. Groups that are successful in receiving an award have to attend a monitoring workshop before payments are made. Groups need to complete submit financial and non-financial information to evidence project expenditure and project outputs within 6 months of project completion.

Personnel

- 3.1 The Small Change scheme is administered through the Derby City Partnership Centre.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 Small Change grants can be used to provide support to a range of equality groups that have priority in the Council's equality policy. This includes activities to promote community cohesion and good race relations, equality of opportunity for all groups within an organisation, community or individuals using the services of a community or voluntary group.

Corporate priorities

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's priorities of

Making us proud of our neighbourhoods

Leading Derby towards a better environment

Supporting everyone in learning and achieving

Helping us all to be healthy, active and independent

Giving you excellent services and value for money

5.2 The proposal furthers the key outcomes and actions of:

Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour

Making Derby cleaner and greener

Providing greater opportunities for people to participate in decisions about the area they live in

Improving educational achievement and narrowing the gaps in attainment

Proving learning opportunities to raise the skill levels for all

Improving the health and wellbeing of our communities

Increasing value for money