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ARBORETUM NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD
09 OCTOBER 2008

Report of Arboretum Neighbourhood Manager

Neighbourhood Budget 2008/09

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 This paper sets out the status of the funds awarded to the Arboretum Neighbourhood Board and changes to Derby City Councils Constitution in relation to the decision making process.
- 1.2 The Community Budget available to the Arboretum Neighbourhood at the start of the financial year stood at **£5,832**.

The priorities for funding for 2008/09 **Community Budget** are as follows:

1. Creating a Stronger Community that builds trust and reduces tensions between communities and agencies
2. Creating a Safer neighbourhood by reducing crime and the fear of crime
3. Leading towards a Cleaner environment
4. Helping us all to be healthy, active and independent
5. Raising Employment levels
6. Supporting everyone in learning and achieving

- 1.3 The Board has made a distinction between funds and/or awards to be drawn from the Community Budget and Corporate Reserves Pilot. In order to ensure funding is allocated and managed from the correct source, the Board is required to attribute costs to one of the two budget headings. Allocations to date are set out in the following table:

Organisation	Project	CB Award	Pilot Award
Amount		£5,832.00	£10,000.00
Cohesion Unit	ESOL	£1,560.00	
Ukrainian Elderly Day Ctr	Health & Safety Works	£500.00	
Young Muslims Organisation	World Kick Boxing Championship	£250.00	
Radio Ikhlas	Air Con Unit	£500.00	
Derby North Section	Talking Sign		£1,000.00
St James Centre	Swim-abil8y	£500.00	
Total Awarded		£3,310.00	£1,000.00
Balance		£2,522.00	£9,000.00

- 1.4 New applications for funding have been received from:

- Persian Cultural Association - artistic workshops - £765.00
- Derby PCT - Bublina Garden - £1000.00- If approved, funding will only be released when formal approval for use of the identified land is received from

David potter (Head of Library services)

- Messy Tots - £740

Papers attached provide a summary for consideration.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To note this report and make a recommendation to the Ward Committee in respect of new applications for funding.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: **Application Summaries:**

- Derby PCT

Name of organisation and contact:	Persian Cultural Association – Artistic Workshops Farhad Neghipooran
Ward/Neighbourhood:	Arboretum
Funding requested	£765.00
Summary of the project:	<p>The grant will be used to fund series of artistic workshops/activities such as traditional / modern music and dance, painting, calligraphy, handicrafts, costume design and poem and story telling. These activities will culminate in a one day arts/cultural, crafts, music/dance festival that offer artistic performances together with some refreshment and entertainment for audience/visitors. In preparation process of this project different workshops will be organised in order to prepare and facilitate the activities of the main festival during the final day in December 08. In this final day many artists and musicians/dancers from different backgrounds will perform and entertain the audience. There will also be information stalls and crafts exhibition that help to introduce and share cultural aspects of different communities and raise awareness about refugees as part of the BME communities living in Arboretum and Normanton. This project has been planned and developed by local people who have been involved in previously implemented projects of the PCA.</p> <p>The PCA would like to work in partnership with other community groups in Derby; such as Iranian, Afghan, Kurdish, and other BME and British communities in order to implement the different aspects of this project more effectively. The purpose of these activities is to build trust, understanding and respect between local residents including refugees/asylum seekers and the wider host community living in Arboretum and Normanton areas. The activities of this project will help to reduce suspicion and alienation. We think the lasting effect of this project will be to strengthen inter- community harmony by showing the wider community that refugees/asylum seekers are people just like them. This event will also be providing an opportunity for people to network and communicate with people from different communities. The volunteering opportunities of this project will help to enhance knowledge and improve skills of individuals as well as building the capacity of groups involved. The voluntary time and talent of participants who help to organise this event and also the existing equipments and facilities of the PCA will contribute to a better implementation of this project</p>
Funding details	

	Item or activity	Cost
	Room Hire to run workshops and preparation activities before and for the main day 10 sessions of 3 hours x £12 = £120 (£60 applied to Normanton ward and same amount to Arboretum ward)	£120
	Hire of a big hall for main event Capacity: 300 people = £400 (£200 applied to Normanton ward and same amount to Arboretum ward)	£400
	Cost of performances by musicians and artists 16 artists x £20 = £320 (£160 applied to Normanton ward and same amount to Arboretum ward)	£320
	Volunteer costs (Travel/Transport/Refreshments: 20 volunteers x £7 = £140) (£70 applied to Normanton ward and same amount to Arboretum ward)	£140
	Publicity and Marketing Leaflets, posters, pictures, communication costs: £100 (£50 applied to Normanton ward and same amount to Arboretum ward)	£100
	Food and Refreshment for all participants during the main event 300x £1.50 = £450 (£225 applied to Normanton ward and same amount to Arboretum ward)	£450
	Total costs of the project / service (£765 applied to Arboretum ward and the same amount to the Normanton ward)	£1530
	Please note that there will be an in-kind support and contribution towards this project by the volunteers and participants of the activities. Also the current and existing equipment and facilities of the PCA will contribute to this project.	
Evidence of need	This project meets at least two Neighbourhood's priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating a Stronger Community that builds trust and reduces tensions between communities and agencies • Supporting everyone in learning and achieving This project will bring people from various groups within the wider host community including people from BME background and refugee communities together with the members of the host community. By getting people from the wider community to	

	<p>meet, talk to, learn from, and listen to refugees/asylum seekers we would be contributing towards creating a stronger community that builds trust and reduces tensions between communities and agencies. This project will also provide a series of opportunities for people from disadvantaged communities to get involved in the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the activities involved in this project. People who participate will have the opportunity to take different roles as organisers, facilitators, and artists and performers who will work within different teams to organise the whole event for final day. This would be a learning curve for volunteers and all participants who can build their confidence by taking some responsibilities in their role. They would be able to share knowledge and skills with one another and this would create a positive community spirit and cohesion that also create collectiveness. The project will be supporting people in learning and achieving that can has a positive affect on the quality of their life and their future career. The activities we will be holding will not only display art, music and dance, and cultural stalls to people from the host community, but will actively encourage them to take part in them and learn more. The ulterior motive of this project is to foster greater trust and understanding between all the people who live in the Arboretum and Normanton Wards.</p>	
<p>Community Budget criteria – evidence of how the criteria have been met</p>	Tick	
	Contributes to the Neighbourhood Priorities	✓
	Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓
	Community or Voluntary Group	✓
	Shows evidence of responding to needs of residents	✓
	Directly benefit people living in the neighbourhood	✓
	How it will be sustained beyond the period of funding	✓
	Timetable to implement provided	x
Match funding provided	x	

Name of organisation and contact:	Derby City Primary Care Trust – Bublina Garden Hillary Davis
Ward/Neighbourhood:	Arboretum
Funding requested	£1000
Summary of the project:	<p>The project will promote a currently unused green space in the heart of the inner city. We will use the garden to engage with the local community on an environmental community project. Residents will learn new skills and be educated about healthy eating. This will have a positive impact throughout life, e.g. anaemia deficiency, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease.</p> <p>To work towards an enhanced sense of place and identity and increase their sense of value in their environment and a sense of pride and ownership in the place where they live. The garden will provide a quiet green space, which will have a positive impact on mental health and well being. It will promote community cohesion by including people of various ages, races and ethnic backgrounds to grow their own fruits and vegetables, increasing access and affordability. People working together from different communities will help to build community spirit.</p> <p>The Project aims to promote learning about nature, the environment and sustainable living. The garden itself is in a seclusive spot and will provide a range of activities for children and adults.</p> <p>The garden activities will include educational workshops for schools also great places for children to learn math, business and communication skills through applied activities and interaction. Integrating environ-based education into academic programs improves reading, math, science and social studies and reduce discipline problems in the classroom. Volunteering opportunities for adults, weekly youth and regular community open days.</p> <p>Gardens are better when they are shared, through working together the community will feel that they have contributed to the making of a very special environment.</p> <p>Referrals will be accessed from the Sahara elderly day care, the St James Centre which caters for young disabled people aged 8-13 from disadvantaged and black and minority ethnic communities who want to get the most out of life. The women’s group at the Hadhari- Nari which provides a haven of rest for domestic violence and post traumatic stress disorder.</p> <p>Fathers group from the Sure Start and groups from Normanton Regeneration and Community Safety Partnership. Redwelly will also access the site for training and team building purpose for local business and volunteers.</p> <p>The project will be ongoing and sustainable offering educational opportunities and vocational skills for the young and unemployed. Target and include lower-income residents to sell their produce through the local food store.</p>

community in line with the PCT'S 10 year plan.

In Normanton Arboretum and Rosehill most houses are terraced and families do not have gardens or the opportunity to grow fruit and vegetables. The Health Teams in Normanton, Arboretum, Rosehill, local schools and community safety partnership have shown a keen interest in accessing the garden.

Iron Deficiency Anaemia in children, obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease anti-social behaviour, housing and unemployment are all public health concerns within local residents living in Arboretum/Normanton and Rosehill SureStart. The Teams would like to engage hard to reach families, women's group, children and young people's group as well as give the opportunity to local schools, nurseries, childrens centres, and the elderly to access this essential facility.

Support the PCT 10-year strategy by developing an integrated approach to lifestyle change through collaboration with Derby Community Safety Partnership and other agencies, and also raising awareness in consultation with the, The Neighbourhood Management Team and their "Greener" agenda.

The garden will provide a safe, quiet place for reflection and contemplation. This will benefit mental health. The community cohesion aspect of the project (bringing all groups together) will promote a "stronger" community.

The community garden will be integrated into broader community projects such as after-school clubs for children, activities for the elderly and resources for food banks and homeless. The youth will have a safe place to interact with peers, while involving them in beneficial activities to build up there self esteem, develop vocational skills , educational opportunities and become good role models for the community.

The community garden will enable partner organisations (listed below)to provide information and develop working relationships with residents who get involved in the project and actively engage with them to develop safer neighbourhoods.

A partnership approach will be employed by working with:

- Derby City PCT & Derby Community Safety Partnership
- Derby City Council
- Sure Start
- Libraries
- PCT & Derby City council Community Development Workers.
- Spirita (Redwelly)

The garden will be maintained by local community volunteers, referrals from Sure Start, Primary Care Trusts, youth centres, local business , Redwelly and the local schools will directly benefit local residents. Redwelly is a social enterprise providing

	<p>gardens for community groups and vulnerable adults by offering 'Groundforce' style transformations using volunteers from businesses who attend as a team building exercise at a likely cost no less than £2500.</p> <p>Work at the Community Garden will always be seen as a team effort and a great deal of love and commitment will be poured into the garden once the project has started. The Community Garden will be both a stimulating environment and a sanctuary-and will become the Tranquility Garden.</p> <p>Hands on exposures to the community garden will teach children and young people about the sources of fresh produce and demonstrates community stewardship and introduce the importance of environmental sustainability.</p>	
<p>Community Budget criteria – evidence of how the criteria have been met</p>	Tick	
	Contributes to the Neighbourhood Priorities	✓
	Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓
	Community or Voluntary Group	X
	Shows evidence of responding to needs of residents	✓
	Directly benefit people living in the neighbourhood	✓
	How it will be sustained beyond the period of funding	✓
	Timetable to implement provided	x
	Match funding provided	x

Name of organisation and contact:	Messy Tots Ms Sharon Billings
Ward/Neighbourhood:	Arboretum
Funding requested	£740.00
Summary of the project:	<p>We provide FREE arts and crafts to local families. We hold a one hour session every week. We stay open 49 weeks of the year.</p> <p>Each session is based on a theme, and has 2 crafts to make based on that theme.</p> <p>Every week we have a play dough table, a paint wall and something tactile in a tuff tray, or sand box, or paddling pool. Our users can take any work made, home.</p> <p>We hold the session in the Heart of the Park building. At the moment we are using the room rent free. We would like to use the funds to pay the rent, for the next 12 months. All other costs are covered.</p> <p>Messy Tots is all about engaging families in art based learning. There is no pressure to attend every session. There is no pressure to make or work at all the activities available. The session is all in the control of our users. Messy Tots provides the materials and equipment, which change at every session. This maintains the interest of all our users, so that they keep coming back.</p> <p>By remaining open during the school holidays (except Christmas), we have a continuation of service. This also allows older siblings to attend or new older children to use Messy Tots.</p> <p>We do have a donation tin for those who can contribute to our costs. However, attending several parent and child groups a week can be expensive to families on low incomes, we are free to our users.</p> <p>Messy Tots gives a space for all families in our community to meet at a friendly and welcoming play session. We have witnessed friendship group's form between users, young and old.</p> <p>We give a play structure to our pre-school children that will be found in their future infant schools. Many of the pre-school children will then go on to the same schools together.</p> <p>Because our sessions are 'hands on creativity', our users, young and old enjoy a relaxing and fulfilling experience. They can take pride in their work, which they then get to take home at the end of every session.</p> <p>Nearly all our users live in Normanton/ Arboretum. Only 2 or 3 travel from other areas of Derby to attend.</p>

We are in the process of completing a grant application from the National Lottery, Family Learning (second stage). If that is successful, we will then apply to the Arts council for match funding. Both grants will be for 5 years funding. Those grants will be used for Normanton, Arboretum, Sinfon and another area in Derby, as yet to be started.

The founders of Messy Tots all live in Normanton/ Arboretum. Two of the founders were Sure Start mums. The idea for Messy Tots was conceived at a Parent art group provided by Rose Hill Sure Start. With their help, support and guidance, Messy Tots held its first session January 2006.

Since then we have been continually searching for funding. Messy Tots has charged fees for our services twice. We were hired by Chaddesden family centre to provide a Christmas make and do session. The workers went unpaid; this meant that apart from the costs of materials, the entire fee went towards our free sessions. Barnardos hired us for the Fathers Day Conference held at the Assembly Rooms. Again, apart from materials, the entire fee went towards our free sessions. We will continue to be available for hire, so that we can support our free sessions. After giving a talk to one of Derby's Rotary Clubs, they donated £200.

We asked Rolls Royce for help and were donated £200. We plan to approach other local companies.

Funding details

Item or activity	Cost
Heart of the Park room hire. 2 hours per week. 49 weeks	£740
Total costs of the project / service	£740

Evidence of need

Messy Tots has always been well attended (our signing in sheets and registration sheets can prove this). Because of our location, we are able to continually invite new users to our sessions (we invite families using the play park to come in and have a look).

Because the workers have good up-to-date knowledge of Normanton/ arboretum, we are able to tell our users of local playgroups available. We give information useful to our users.

On one occasion, a worker took a new, non-English speaking user to Rose Hill Sure Start. Sure Start, an interpreter was then able to access their needs. This particular user now has her oldest child attending a local school and will be starting English lessons later this month. From being isolated and unhappy, this user and her family are now feeling valued by her local community.

Messy Tots has an independent assessor attend a session once a year to ask users their opinion of our service. This is then

	reported back to us. So far, we have had very positive feedback.	
Community Budget criteria – evidence of how the criteria have been met	Tick	
	Contributes to the Neighbourhood Priorities	✓
	Shows evidence of match funding or self help	✓
	Community or Voluntary Group	✓
	Shows evidence of responding to needs of residents	✓
	Directly benefit people living in the neighbourhood	✓
	How it will be sustained beyond the period of funding	✓
	Timetable to implement provided	x
	Match funding provided	x