



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Community Development Project Grants
Date:	10 June 2009
Reporting Officer:	Marie-Thérèse McGivern, Director of Development ext. 3470
Contact Officer:	Catherine Taggart, Community Development Manager ext. 3525

### Relevant Background Information

The Grant Aid Policy 'A Guide to Grant Aid for Community Organisations' was agreed by Council in January 2004. One of the six grant types contained within the Policy is a Community Development Project Grant which allows an award of up to £500 for small scale community projects that contribute to the overarching aim of building the capacity of local people. Specifically projects which:

- Develop the programme of a community building
- Enable new community groups to become established
- Contribute to the organisational costs of community projects
- Support training courses for Committees/volunteers

At the Client Services Committee on 18 June 2002, it was agreed that the maximum amount that could be approved to a Community Group in any financial year under the delegated authority of the Director was £500. In order to allow Christmas Community Chest applications in the same annual period to be approved under delegated authority, it is therefore necessary to bring all Community Development Project Grant proposed allocations to Committee for approval.

### Key Issues

A total of 100 Project Grant applications were received by the submission date of 1 March 2009. Eighty nine applications have been recommended, and the proposed allocations have a cumulative total amount of £41,250. These are listed in Appendix 1.

Eleven applications are recommended for rejection for the reasons listed in Appendix 2.

The grants have been assessed within current agreed eligibility criteria, and there are no equality or environmental implications. Where possible, it is intended that Development Department staff will offer support to those groups not recommended for funding in order to assist them to improve practice and reapply for grant aid support at a later stage.

#### **Resource Implications**

Grant funding of £41,250 is included in the current budget.  
There is no additional staff resource required other than those normally deployed in the administration and assessment of this grant category.

#### **Recommendations**

Members are requested to approve the recommendations in respect of Community Development Project Grants as attached at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

#### **Decision Tracking**

Following approval by Committee the Community Development Project Grants will be actioned by Catherine Taggart, Community Development Manager.  
Recommended action to be completed by 17 July 2009

Time line: July 2009

Reporting Officer: Catherine Taggart

#### **Documents Attached**

Appendix 1: Recommendations for Grant Approval  
Appendix 2: Recommendations for Grant Refusal

**APPENDIX 1**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR GRANT APPROVAL**

<b>GROUP NAME</b>	<b>APP NO</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>EAST</b>			
Clarawood Community Centre	1349	£500.00	£500.00
Friends of Shankill House	1298	£500.00	£500.00
Lower Woodstock Community Association	1310	£900.00	£500.00
St. Colmcilles Wednesday Club	1334	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>£2,400.00</b>	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>NORTH</b>			
174 Older Peoples Group	1284	£500.00	£500.00
Ardavon Senior Citizens Group	1292	£500.00	£500.00
Ardoyne Association	1325	£500.00	£500.00
Artillery Young Mothers Group	1264	£1,000.00	£500.00
Ben Madigan Historical Society	1341	£500.00	£500.00
Benview Community Centre	1266	£500.00	£500.00
Brookvale Seniors Group	1179	£500.00	£500.00
Carrickhill Thursday Senior Citizens Club	1172	£500.00	£500.00
Cliftonville Community Centre	1275	£495.00	£495.00
Dance Starz Dance Group	1260	£500.00	£500.00
Docksiders Senior Mens Group	1281	£500.00	£500.00
Dolphin Womens Group	1288	£500.00	£500.00
Donegall Park Avenue Community Association	1327	£850.00	£500.00
Forever Young Club	1279	£500.00	£500.00
Glenbank Community Association	1315	£500.00	£500.00
Grapevine Seniors Club	1268	£500.00	£500.00
Harbour Lights Senior Womens Group	1181	£500.00	£500.00
Indian Senior Citizens Club	1173	£500.00	£500.00
Jennymount Craft Circle	1319	£500.00	£500.00
Kropka PL	1333	£500.00	£500.00
Ligoniel Family Centre	1174	£500.00	£500.00
Loughside Football Club	1318	£500.00	£500.00
Lower Oldpark Community Association	1289	£500.00	£500.00
Lower Oldpark Friendship Club	1311	£500.00	£500.00
Midland Art Club	1262	£500.00	£500.00
Midland Senior Citizens Club	1263	£500.00	£500.00
North Belfast Cultural Society	1307	£500.00	£500.00
Sacred Heart Pensioners Social Club	1306	£500.00	£500.00
Shared History Interpretive Project (SHIP)	1300	£760.00	£500.00
Shore Crescent Friendship Club	1301	£669.00	£500.00
Silver Threads Club	1276	£500.00	£500.00
St. Kevins Senior Citizens Group	1337	£500.00	£500.00
St. Marys Ladies Group	1190	£1,500.00	£500.00
Trinity New Lodge Senior Citizen Club	1270	£700.00	£500.00
Westland Community Group	1295	£650.00	£500.00
Whitecity C.Development Association	1317	£500.00	£500.00
Woodvale Mens Group	1283	£500.00	£500.00
York Road Civil Defence & Bowling Club	1287	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>£25,724.00</b>	<b>£18,995.00</b>

<b>GROUP NAME</b>	<b>APP NO</b>	<b>REQUESTED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>SOUTH</b>			
Annadale & Haywood Residents Association	1324	£500.00	£500.00
Ballynafeigh Community Development Association	1329	£500.00	£500.00
Belfast Holyland Regeneration Association	1343	£500.00	£500.00
Chinese Welfare Association	1340	£500.00	£500.00
Ellis Court Residents Association	1345	£500.00	£500.00
Lower Ormeau & Botanic Environmental Association	1338	£500.00	£500.00
Men Utd	1293	£500.00	£500.00
N.I. Committee for Refugees & Asylum Seekers	1286	£500.00	£500.00
Polish Saturday School in Belfast	1308	£500.00	£500.00
Sandy Row Community Association	1316	£500.00	£500.00
Southcity Resource & Development Centre	1328	£500.00	£500.00
St. John Viannie Senior Citizens Club	1339	£500.00	£500.00
Taughmonagh Community Forum	1323	£480.00	£480.00
Taughmonagh Residents Association	1261	£500.00	£500.00
The Bridge Community Association	1321	£500.00	£500.00
Women's Information Group	1303	£500.00	£500.00
Women's Information Group	1309	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>£8,980.00</b>	<b>£8,480.00</b>
<b>WEST</b>			
An Munia Tober (Afterschools)	1346	£480.00	£480.00
An Munia Tober (Arts)	1347	£500.00	£500.00
An Munia Tober (Youth)	1348	£500.00	£500.00
Church of the First Born Senior Citizens Club	1302	£500.00	£500.00
Conway Pensioners Group	1342	£500.00	£500.00
Conway Youth Centre	1259	£500.00	£500.00
Divis Youth Project	1320	£500.00	£500.00
Forthspring Inter Community Group	1322	£325.00	£325.00
Forum For Action on Substance Abuse & Suicide Awareness	1285	£500.00	£500.00
Glencairn Residents Group	1291	£500.00	£500.00
Glencolin Residents Association	1183	£500.00	£500.00
Greater Andersonstown Safer Neighbourhood Project	1297	£500.00	£500.00
Greater Shankill Senior Citizens Forum	1331	£500.00	£500.00
Hannahstown Community Association	1274	£700.00	£500.00
Hannahstown Seniors Group	1273	£500.00	£500.00
Highfield 50+	1335	£500.00	£500.00
Holy Trinity Centre Monday Club	1180	£500.00	£500.00
Immaculata Junior Football Club	1269	£500.00	£500.00
Interface Residents Group	1344	£500.00	£500.00
Link Women's Group	1313	£500.00	£500.00
Link Youth & Young Adult Group	1314	£500.00	£500.00
Lower Andersonstown Mothers Support	1267	£500.00	£500.00
Lower Shankill Community Association	1272	£500.00	£500.00
Middle Andersonstown Festival Committee	1336	£500.00	£500.00
Mountainview Pensioners Association	1177	£500.00	£500.00
Sherbrook Senior Citizens	1265	£500.00	£500.00
St. James Community Forum	1305	£500.00	£500.00
St. Pauls Disability Care Group	1278	£450.00	£450.00

Upper Springfield Dev.Company Action on Disability Project	1296	£500.00	£500.00
West Belfast Senior Citizens Forum	1294	£500.00	£500.00
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>£14,955.00</b>	<b>£11,775.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£52,059.00</b>	<b>£41,250.00</b>

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**APPENDIX 2**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR GRANT REFUSAL**

<b>GROUP NAME</b>	<b>APP NO</b>		
<b>NORTH</b>			
Men Matter	1330	£500	Application Withdrawn
Newlodge/Duncairn Community Health Partnership	1304	£500	Application Withdrawn
Polish Community Centre Cooltura	1332	£500	No evidence of elected Committee or Board structure
Sailortown Arts and Crafts	1182	£500	Application incomplete and/or relevant information not submitted
Sailortown Cultural & Historical Society	1271	£500	Application incomplete and/or relevant information not submitted
Sailortown Regeneration Group	1277	£1,600	Application incomplete and/or relevant information not submitted
Woodvale Women's Group	1299	£710	Application incomplete and/or relevant information not submitted  Group has free use of a Centre directly managed by the Council
Woodvale Yount At Heart Club	1312	£1,000	Application incomplete and/or relevant information not submitted
<b>SOUTH</b>			
St. John Viannie Youth Centre	1282	£500	Formal Youth Organisation
<b>WEST</b>			
Arellian Parents Group	1290	£500	Pre school or nursery provision for under 5s
Cairnlodge Amateur Boxing Club	1280	£500	Sports Club

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