



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	DSD Additional Community Support Plan Funding
Date:	10 February 2010
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Relevant Background Information

The Voluntary Activity Unit (DSD) has confirmed that they have identified additional monies to the amount of £169,000 that may be available to BCC for use within the current Community Support Plan 2009-10. It should be noted that although the monies are conditional on the utilisation of full funds by 31 March 2010 there is no requirement on BCC to provide match funding.

Under the Community Support Plan, BCC currently provides revenue grant aid to 72 community organisations across the City. This funding is to be used towards the running costs associated with operating a community building. Officers are aware via the monitoring process that funding awards do not currently meet full costs. There is also evidence that, within the current funding environment, a significant number of community organisations are struggling to meet these costs.

Key Issues

The limited timeframe attached to the additional funding will not allow for monies to be administered competitively so it is crucial to find a speedy but robust way in which to allocate the funds to service providers. It is suggested that any agreed uptake of these funds be administered to those organisations currently in receipt of a revenue grant from BCC. It is proposed that funding could be used in support of programmes in community buildings and could be expended in one of two ways, through either small scale building repair and maintenance, or programme equipment.

Allocation of available additional funds.

It is proposed that an amount of £2000 be made available to each organisation in

receipt of revenue funding from BCC for the period 2009-10. A small number of organisations have not yet completed the monitoring requirements in regard to this grant; however a list detailing the total number of eligible organisations is attached at Appendix 1.

The total maximum amount to be applied for to DSD would therefore be £144,000.

Application Process

Officers will invite organisations to submit proposals on how they propose to utilise the potential funding and to indicate a budget. Subject to approval, a letter of variation on existing contracts will be issued and, as per current arrangements, all successful groups will submit monitoring returns to report progress against targets.

Resource Implications

Other than human resources there are no additional financial implications for BCC.

Recommendations

It is recommended:

1. That the Committee accepts the DSD additional funding for Community Support Plan 2009-10 and
2. That the funding, if accepted, is distributed through BCC revenue funded groups using the protocol as detailed in the main body of the report.

Decision Tracking

Further to ratification, the Community Development Manager will implement acceptance of the funding and ensure uptake and expenditure of the additional funds by 31 March 2010.

Timeframe: April 2010

Reporting Officer: Catherine Taggart

Key to Abbreviations

DSD – Department of Social Development

Documents Attached

Appendix 1 – Revenue Funded Groups 2004-09

REVENUE FUNDED GROUPS 2004-2009

APPENDIX 1

Organisation Name	Area
ARDCARN RESIDENTS AND TENANTS ASSOCIATION	East
BALLYMAC FRIENDSHIP TRUST	East
BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	East
BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	East
C E H T COMMUNITY HOUSE	East
CLARA PARK TENANTS ASSOCIATION	East
CONNSWATER COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES	East
EAST BELFAST CONCERNED WOMENS	East
LOWER CASTLEREAGH COMMUNITY GROUP	East
NEWTOWNARDS ROAD WOMENS GROUP	East
OAK PARTNERSHIP	East
OASIS-CARING IN ACTION	East
SHORT STRAND DRUGS AWARENESS GROUP	East
SYDENHAM CROSS COMMUNITY SUPPORT	East
WALKWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	East
WALKWAY TRAINING AND WOMENS CENTRE	East
WANDSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	East
WILLOWFIELD PARISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	East
BALLYSILLAN COMMUNITY FORUM	North
BENVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE	North
CARRICKHILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	North
CAVEHILL ANTRIM ROAD REGENERATION	North
CLIFTONVILLE COMMUNITY GROUP	North
CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF UPPER ARDOYNE	North
DENMARK STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE	North
FORUM FOR ACTION ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE (FASA)	North
GLENBANK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	North
INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	North
LOWER OLDPARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	North
MARROWBONE	North
MID SKEGONEIL COMMUNITY GROUP	North
MIDLAND SOCIAL AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION	North
MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FORUM	North
NORTH BELFAST WOMENS INITIATIVE AND SUPPORT	North
SHORE CRESCENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	North
STAR NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	North
SUNNINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	North
WESTLAND COMMUNITY GROUP	North
WHITECITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	North
BELFAST ISLAMIC CENTRE (DAR-AL-ULOOM)	South
DONEGALL PASS COMMUNITY FORUM	South
EMPIRE COMMUNITY CENTRE	South
GREATER VILLAGE REGENERATION TRUST	South
LOWER ORMEAU AND MARKETS COMMUNITY FORUM	South
MARKETS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	South

WINDSOR WOMENS CENTRE	South
AN MUNIA TOBER	West
ARDMONAGH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY GROUP	West
ARTABILITY (NI) LTD	West
BLACKIE COMMUNITY GROUPS ASSOCIATION	West
DIVIS JOINT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	West
FALLS WOMENS CENTRE	West
FEILE AN PHOBAIL	West
GLEN PARENT YOUTH GROUP	West
GLENCAIRN RESIDENTS GROUP	West
GLENCOLIN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	West
GREATER TURF LODGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	West
HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION	West
IONAD UIBH EACHACH	West
LINK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	West
LOWER ANDERSONSTOWN MOTHERS SUPPORT GROUP	West
LOWER SHANKILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	West
LOWER SHANKILL WELFARE ASSOCIATION	West
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION	West
NEWHILL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	West
RODEN STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	West
SHANKILL WOMEN'S CENTRE	West
ST JAMES FORUM	West
TAR ANALL	West
UPPER ANDERSONSTOWN COMMUNITY FORUM	West
WEST BELFAST ATHLETIC AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION	West
WHITEROCK/WESTROCK RESIDENTS	West