

Report Title: Making the Difference Bids

Report of: Stephen McDonnell, Asst Director Frontline Services

Signed :

Contact Officer : Claire Kowalska, Community Safety and Engagement Manager

Wards(s) affected: St. Ann's & Harringay

Report for: Non-key

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

- 1.1. To agree to fund the recommended projects and amounts as outlined in Appendix 1 attached under the Making a Difference fund.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1 The 'Making the Difference' fund is established to help improve the quality of the local environment and lives of local residents, promoting a lasting impact where possible. A total of £25,000 has been allocated to each of the 7 Committee areas and applications have been invited from recognised or constituted groups. The deadline for receipt of applications was 23 August and there has now been an evaluation process and those applications that meet the criteria will be considered and agreed by each of the 7 Area Committees in the September round of meetings. All projects will be delivered and accounted for within the financial year ending March 2012, with a maximum of £5,000 being given to any individual project.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

- 3.1. The application criteria drew a link between the 5 Rethinking Haringey themes and these, in turn, sit above a myriad of Council and partnership policies and strategies (ref. Appendix 2)

<p>4. Recommendations</p> <p>4.1. To approve the proposed allocation to be awarded as listed on Appendix 1 and to approve a further call for targeted bids for the outstanding amount (£5K) as shown on Appendix 1</p>
<p>5. Reason for recommendation(s)</p> <p>This recommendation is based on a short-listing exercise and agreed with the relevant Committee Members</p>
<p>6. Other options considered</p> <p>6.1. None</p>
<p>7. Summary</p> <p>7.1. It is common practice for a community fund to be available for small, local projects to support engagement and involvement by residents and their associations. A further purpose is also to highlight local issues and to stimulate problem solving. This follows many years in Haringey of the Making the Difference Budget Fund. However, it has been stated that this is likely to be the final year of such funding due to resource constraints.</p>
<p>8. Chief Financial Officer Comments</p> <p>8.1 A budget of £25,000 has been identified for each Area Committee as part of the 2011-12 budget process. At this point there is no guarantee this budget will continue past 2011-12 and so projects identified should avoid committing the Council to expenditure beyond this year. Any expenditure will also need to comply with existing Council contract standing orders that specify that 3 quotations are required if spend is to exceed £5k.”</p>
<p>9. Head of Legal Services Comments</p> <p>9.1. The protocol covering Area Committees which is incorporated into the Council’s Constitution makes it clear that the Area Committees shall be responsible for administering this fund within their respective areas.</p>
<p>10. Head of Procurement Comments –[Required for Procurement Committee]</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments</p>

11.1. Committee Members have given due attention to allocating resources according to local need and compliance with the relevant rules and criteria

12. Consultation

12.1. There has been some consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector Team, where necessary, to check that bidding groups are recognised or constituted

13. Service Financial Comments

13.1. There is a clearly identified budget for this project which is allocated to and overseen by Frontline Services

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1. App. 1 – Final proposed projects and amounts

14.2. App 2 - Example copy of the short-listing criteria



**St Ann's and Harringay
MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUND 2011-12
Funding Recommendations**

APP 1

Application Number	Name of Organisation or Group & Project	Comments	Proposed sum to be awarded
1.	Green Lanes Food Festival	It was formally agreed that this application be GRANTED in full.	£ 4,996.00
2.	Gateway Community Initiative	GRANTED pending information on service users and security measures. It has been confirmed that between 50-100 local young people of 11+ visit the initiative daily. There are very secure, lockable facilities	£ 5,000.00
3.	Suffolk Road Residents Association	It was noted that the residents association had the use of nearby St Ann's Library, and were provided with a budget by Homes for Harringay for the cost of room hire. Alternative provision was therefore available. Agreed that this application be REJECTED	-
4.	St John Vianney RC Primary School	Broadly in support – the documentation did not mention any specific risk analysis re vandalism, but nature of groups involved suggested that robust planning was in place. There was some question regarding the amount requested. It was felt that this was a good bid and should be GRANTED .	£ 5,000.00

5.	Paphos Association	This is a rich resource that requires a wider strategy than annual, short exhibitions. Not considered to be a neighbourhood project and is poor value for money with the bulk of the cost being needed for transport and security. Suggested that the Association work with Libraries and Culture to seek a more permanent solution as well as approaching universities and national institutes. Bid to be REJECTED	-
6.	Fountain Area Residents Association in collaboration with Avenue Orchard Creative Project	This straddles the border with Tottenham and Seven Sisters. A joint bid was proposed but T&SS are oversubscribed. A related bid for £2,100 was also submitted from Avenue Road Arts project. In discussion with the bidders, this is essentially one project and the organisations will work together. It is recommended that one sum be GRANTED subject to any planning / regulatory issues to be addressed	£4,754.00
7.	West Green Dental Practice	Falls within West Green ward but it was suggested that public health might run a borough-wide campaign on oral health / community dentistry. Officers have established that a campaign is already being designed and have referred this on to colleagues in dentistry/public health. The dental practice will be notified and given details. REJECTED	-
8.	Helston Court Residents Association	Newsletter would only benefit 46 households. Officers have contacted Homes for Haringey who can fund a newsletter themselves, working with Helston Court. It was suggested that £250 be GRANTED for resident involvement in garden maintenance with taster days. These would be promoted	£ 250.00

		through the newsletter	
9.	Esqua Creative Studio 4	Submitted borough wide but does not meet the criteria. REJECTED	-
10.	Tyranus Foundation	Spending plan not clear and project approach is not supported by Haringey's Gang Action Group. No evidence to back up some of the assertions made. REJECTED	-
11.	Wildcat Arts Collective	Not specific to any Ward and not a neighbourhood-based project. Nature of project not entirely clear. Council's Equalities Team may already be involved. REJECTED	-
		TOTAL	£20,000
		Outstanding to be allocated	£ 5,000



MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUND 2011-12

Suggested Application Assessment Form

Project Name	
Organisation	
Area	
Cost	

	Max	Score
How strongly does the project meet Haringey's priorities (Thriving, Healthier, Safer, Sustainable, Empowered)?	3	
Does the project provide evidence of local need and support?	6	
Are the project details SMART (Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Time framed)?	5	
Does the project demonstrate value for money?	3	
Does the application demonstrate the capacity to carry out the work within the prescribed timetable?	6	
Does the application demonstrate sufficient understanding of risk and appropriate mitigation?	3	
Total	26	

Area Committee Comments:

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Decision:

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