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Application No1 – The Underground Project

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£54, 836	£32, 394	£22,442
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	April 2011	March 2012

The Project

The purpose of this project is to provide a music project to young people and to employ a full time worker to develop The Underground through a transition to a sustainable voluntary project. Match funding has been secured from the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF).

The project will work with other agencies such as Connexions, Gentoo and SNCBC to provide affordable premises in a central location for them to deliver their work including generic youth work. The contracted youth provider for the Coalfield area (SNCBC) currently deliver one session a week and Connexions use the premises to meet with a closed group of young people.

Over the last 6 months, The Underground has developed a constitution, opened a bank account and is applying for charitable status. A young people's committee is in place with a steering group to support the development of the project and mentoring and training of the young people. Monies are also being generated through letting the premises to other agencies for a minimal fee.

The project will contribute to the Local Area Plan (LAP) and Coalfield area priorities as follows:
Learning Theme: The worker will staff music sessions, ensuring that the minimum provision continues to be offered whilst The Underground is developing, enabling young people to have access to adequate youth provision.

Prosperous Theme: The Underground is based in a shop unit on Newbottle Street in Houghton, ensuring that this shop unit is leased and open to provide a service to young people in the area including the management of the unit as a safe environment.

Safe: The Underground provides young people with music opportunities as well as a place that they can socialise with friends. Young people will have a safe place to go where they can have access to information, advice and guidance and participate in learning opportunities to support their personal and social development, evidenced by recorded and accredited outcomes, in line with the Youth Development Group Youth Work Curriculum, with access to a variety of resources and activities with support from qualified youth workers.

The Underground has become a COMPACT member and has joined the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network which will support networking with other community groups that will foster a number of opportunities for partnership work. There are strong links with the Area Co-ordinator and an opportunity has already been identified to develop young people's involvement in Coalfields in Bloom through composing a theme tune. Discussion has also initiated an idea to hold a Coalfields in Bloom Festival and Music event in spring to celebrate the bulbs blooming, alongside a replant of summer bulbs involving community groups including

The Underground who have £5000 allocated in their YOF budget to stage a music event in the area. Another example being explored with Gentoo is intergenerational work with older members of the community supporting young people in learning to play musical instruments.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
L7	Number of additional youth sessions delivered	48
L8	Number of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	105
S5	Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	650
S6	Number of additional young people engaged in youth activities	64

Key Milestones for the Project

Achieve Charitable Status	May 2011
Submit Big Lottery Reaching Community Bid	May 2011
Develop and deliver Coalfield in Bloom Festival	June 2011
Develop and adopt relevant policies and procedures	March 2012
Funding and staff in place to maintain project in the voluntary sector	March 2012

Recommendation: Approve

The project will contribute to three of the main objectives in the Local Area Plan and also to the recently added priority of reducing youth disorder in the Coalfield area. The project will provide a valuable resource for young people and an alternative activity which will complement generic youth provision available.

Application No 2 – Kepier Hall Car Park

Total cost of Project	Total SIB requested	Total match funding
£15,040	£10,000	£5,040
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 months	February 2011	April 2011

The Project

The purpose of The Kepier Project has been to renovate The Kepier Hall, a grade 2* listed building in a conservation area, so that it can accommodate a broad range of community groups and their many differing activities. In addition the project will contribute to the regeneration of Houghton-le-Spring.

This application for funding is to provide remedial works to the car park to reduce flooding and provide an improved facility for community groups and their clients. The work will also prevent further damage to the ground floor of the Kepier Hall which has been caused by standing water.

Recent completion of ground floor alterations to provide additional space for community groups has been justified by an increase in applications for accommodation. Currently the car parking area becomes flooded which restricts parking because of the depth of the surface water. It is intended to install three soakaway pits at separate positions around the building.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of improved community facilities	1
A2	Number of people using improved community facilities	24 groups

Key Milestones for the Project

Work on car park commences	February 2011
Soakways installed and work complete	April 2011

Recommendation:

Approve: In addition to providing a valuable community resource which is used by a wide range of groups including the Friends of Rectory Park, 50+ health group, brownies and guides, Ladies Fellowship, Gilpin WI, New Residents group (asylum seekers) and toddler groups, the project will contribute to the identified priority of 'promote local heritage'. The Kepier Hall is a valuable asset to the heritage of Houghton and the wider Coalfield area.

Application No 3 – South View Phase 3

Total cost of Project	Total SIP	Total SIB
£6,100	£5,100	£1,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 months	January 2011	March 2011

The Project

Henry Street back is an unmade unadopted highway, the condition of which makes it unsafe and unattractive for residents and allotment holders to negotiate. The project will carry out environmental improvements to Henry Street back by grading the existing surface and then laying recycled road planings through a road paving machine to provide an even and compacted road surface to improve the roadway and access to the local allotments. The existing footpath/roadway is very uneven and in a poor state of repair and prevents disabled access to the site. More people would have easy access to the street and allotment site and there would be access for disabled people using motorised scooters. There would be easier access for older people and families to gain access to the area.

Phase 1 was completed in April 2010 and has proved to be of great benefit to local residents and pupils/parents/staff accessing the school. Phase 2 was completed July 2010 and has also proved beneficial to local residents and users of the allotments. The proposed project as described above is phase 3.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Work commences	January 2011
Work complete	March 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project meets the objectives set out in the Local Area Plan and the priorities set for 2010/2011

Application No 4 – Lake Road underpass steps

Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	
£1,185	£1,185	
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	March 2011	June 2011

The Project

Removal of redundant steps adjacent to the underpass leading up to the pedestrian bridge on the south side of the A690 near to Lake Road, within the Copt Hill ward. This project will form part of a larger scheme to provide a surface crossing facility to reduce the need to use the subway.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Work commences	April 2011
Work complete	May 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project meets the objectives set out in the Local Area Plan and the priorities set for 2010/2011. The project will be carried out by the Highways Team within the City Council, and as such will adhere to any relevant consultation or procedures.

Application No 5 – Lake Road footpath

Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	
£10,500	£10,500	
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	February 2011	May 2011

The Project

Construction of a footway along the north side of Lake Road between Elizabeth Street and Gravel Walks within the Copt Hill ward.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Work commences	March 2011
Work complete	May 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project meets the objectives set out in the Local Area Plan and the priorities set for 2010/2011. The project will be carried out by the Highways Team within the City Council, and as such will adhere to any relevant consultation or procedures.

Application No 6 – Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	
£11,500	£11,500	
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	February 2011	May 2011

The Project

Installation of vehicle activated speed signs on Seaham Road, High Lane, and Hetton Road within the Copt Hill ward.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
S3	Number of CCTV or monitoring equipment installed	3

Key Milestones for the Project

Sign bases installed	March 2011
Signs installed and operational	May 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project meets the objectives set out in the Local Area Plan and the priorities set for 2010/2011. The project will be carried out by the Highways Team within the City Council, and as such will adhere to any relevant consultation or procedures.