

Neighbourhood Fund Application – Change of Project

Washington VCS Support Project

This project was awarded £50,000 October 2018 for a 2year project which delivers a range of support services to the local VCS grassroots organisations and volunteers and volunteering in Washington. The Project is performing on target and is actually exceeding most performance outputs and outcomes. The project is also key to delivering the Washington VCS Area Network Work Plan, agreed and supported by Area Committee.

Within that context, the Washington VCS Network has identified training and learning for our grassroots organisations as a priority. The proposed list below has been presented to the Area Network members and represents those courses and subjects identified which will help groups and organisations to be active partners in delivering the Area Network work Plan and Area Committee priorities

Project Name	Organisation	NF Funding Requested
VCS Support Project	Sunderland North Community Business Centre (Community Opportunities)	£10,000
<p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a programme of training and learning to VCS Network Grassroots organisations to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bid Writing and fund raising ○ Food Hygiene ○ First Aid (including paediatric first aid) ○ Policy – e.g. Safeguarding ○ Finance and Accounting ○ IT and Social Media ○ Committees/Trusts – governance, roles • The programme will be offered to the Washington Area Network members in the first instance but where courses require a minimum number for the course delivery and there is not the take up, then it will be offered to the wider 'VCS' in Washington – although any group taking up the opportunity who is not currently a member of the Washington VCS Network will be required to agree to become a member • Each organisation will be able to nominate a maximum of 2 members per course • The project will also promote e-learning modules, self service learning and will link and refer to courses and modules already in place • It is anticipated at least 30 beneficiaries will gain additional training and learning • This programme would not be available to staff of larger VCS organisations • The above list may change depending on need and availability • The outcomes will be monitoring and reported to Area Committee via the usual SIB performance monitoring reports 		

Officer Recommendation: Approve £10,000 additional Neighbourhood Fund to the VCS support Project to deliver the VCS Training and Learning Programme