

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

1 OCTOBER 2008

REGENERATION ISSUES REPORT: FEEDBACK ON PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED THROUGH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (ACTING)

1.0 Purpose Of The Report

- 1.1 This report provides information to the Area Committee on expenditure from the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) on projects it has previously funded

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Each Regeneration Framework area has been allocated a minimum of £200,000 per annum over the last thirteen years, from the Strategic Initiatives Budget, to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Area Regeneration Frameworks, and to attract other funding into the area. Over this period, therefore, the Framework area has been allocated £2,587,383 in this way.
- 2.2 In order that the Area Committee can be kept informed of progress on projects it has previously funded as part of the SIB monitoring process, a programme of report backs has been scheduled.

3.0 Purpose of the Feedback Reports

- 3.1 The aim of the reports is to inform the Area Committee how the money it has been allocated through SIB has been used, how successful it has been in achieving its original objectives, and how the project will continue. Specifically, the reports have been asked to address the following key questions:

- How has the money has been used? How much was capital and revenue?
- What were the outcomes of the project? How has it helped to achieve the objectives identified in the original submission? Are there any statistics that will support the outcomes?
- What other funding the SIB allocation helped to attract?
- What are the key lessons learnt? What difference has the project made in comparison to other areas that did not have such funding? What added value did the project provide? Are there implications for existing service provision?
- Does the project need to continue? Has it come to its natural end? If not, how will it be funded? Has it been considered for mainstream funding? Have other funding sources been approached?

- 3.2 Once the presentation has been completed, Elected Members will be invited to ask any questions or offer comments concerning the project.

4.0 Feedback to this Committee

4.1 At this Committee meeting, the following feedback reports will be presented:

- Community R Us who were awarded £20,488 in November 2007 for the development of a programme for children and young people.

4.2 Extracts from the original applications are attached as Annex 1.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 That this report be noted.

Background Papers

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): Regeneration Issues Reports to previous Area Committees
Regeneration Framework File, Washington

Annex 1 – Feedback Report

Project Title:
Community R Us
SIB Requested:
£20,488

Section 1: Application Requirements

1.1
<p>Please note that this application will be presented to the relevant Area Committee for its consideration when determining your SIB Grant Application. The Agenda and the Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Please therefore ensure that your organisation is agreeable to the content of the information that is set out in the form.</p> <p>The Application Form should be provided in either electronic (e-mail or floppy disc) or typed format.</p> <p>If you have a problem with returning this form in either electronic or typed format, please contact the appropriate Area Regeneration Officer. Contact / address details are provided on the covering letter and in the Guidance Notes and Criteria and Project Guidelines.</p> <p>Please note that a representative of your organisation must be available to attend the pre-agenda and main committee meeting(s) to which this application is presented, as they may be required to answer questions. Failure to attend the meeting(s) may result in your application being deferred or rejected.</p> <p>Dates and Venues of future meetings are provided as supporting information.</p>
1.2 Which Area Regeneration Framework(s) does your project cover? (Please tick)
Coalfield [] East [] North [] Washington [x] West [] South []

Section 2: Sponsor Details

2.1 Name of Lead Organisation / Group:		
Community R Us		
2.2 Address of Lead Organisation / Group:		
134 Roche Court Glebe Washington Tyne and Wear NE38 7PW		
2.3 Contact Name for Project:		2.4 Position in Organisation:
Donna Bruce		Chair / Senior Worker
2.5 Tel. Number:	2.6 Fax Number:	2.7 E-mail Address:
0191 4179001 07717605754		Dbruce241975@yahoo.co.uk
2.8 Day to Day Contact Name / Details: (if different to 2.3 above)		

2.9 Legal Status of Organisation:	2.10 Registered Charity Number (if applicable):
Constituted	
2.11 Does your organisation have a bank account into which funds can be paid?	
Yes	
2.12 Has the organisation received SIB support previously?	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If 'Yes' please provide details:	
£1,000 Events Funding to help with some initial start up costs.	
2.13 Are any trustees / members of the organisation employed by or are Elected Members of the City Council?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If 'Yes' please provide details:	

Section 3: Project Details

3.1 Project Title: (please re-state title as per front sheet)	
Community R US	
3.2 Project Start Date:	3.3 Project End Date:
April 2008	March 2009
3.4 Please Describe the project:	
<p>We are a recently established community group, based at Washington Village Community Centre, providing activities for children up to the age of 13. Following a successful open day and summer programme, we are seeking to take the next step in developing the programme for the children and young people.</p> <p>We provide activities for 5 -13 year old young people three times a week and a carer and toddler group once a week.</p> <p>We have three voluntary staff, who are qualified youth and community workers, and three additional volunteers who are CRB cleared, we have public liability cover for £5m. There are three different sessions for differing age groups: 5-8, 8-11 and 11-13 year olds.</p> <p>Our sessions are structured, the first hour looking at specific issues taken from our programme in all groups. The programme titles are: Environment, Healthy Lifestyles, Act by Right and Life Skills.</p> <p>SIB funding will enable the project to consolidate its current activities, purchase equipment and develop a programme in response to the young people's requests. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooking • Board games 	

- Air hockey
- Computers
- Play station
- Watch DVD's
- Arts and Crafts
- Trips that are fun and educational
- Decks, learning how to D J properly and the health and safety of using the equipment.
- Pool table
- Table tennis table
- Becoming more involved on what's happening around us (our community) i.e. parks, places to hang out without getting into trouble

3.5 What service does the organisation currently provide and how will this be complemented by the project?

We provide a safe environment for young people to enjoy the activities on offer as well as learn new skills that will benefit them now and through life. Your valuable input into the project will enable us to continue the work and develop new programmes to benefit the local communities.

3.6 What additional activity will SIB funding allow to happen (please tick the appropriate statement)

(a)	A project will go ahead which otherwise would not happen at all	[]
(b)	A project will be provided to a higher quality / on a greater scale	[x]
(c)	The funding will accelerate the implementation of the project by 12+ months	[]
(d)	A gap in funding will be filled pending other funding being secured	[]
(e)	Other reason	[]

Please explain your answer:

The funding will enable us to consolidate and develop new and improved provision, which in turn will enable us to develop strong, evidenced funding bids for future longer-term sustainability.

3.7 How will you publicise that you have received support from SIB?

(Please refer to Section 3 of the guidance notes)

We will work with the Area Committee Marketing Project.

3.8 Has there been any consultations concerning the need for this project?

Yes [x] No []

If 'Yes' please provide details:

SHG provided funding for 5 trips on the estates from this we did consultations with other 300 people living in the locales as well as asking people what services they would like to see on the estates and youth provision was one of the more popular as this would reduce crime, the fear of crime and youth disorder on the estates

3.9 Is there any documentary evidence available to support the need for this project?

Yes [x] No []
If 'Yes' please provide details:
An evaluation document has been produced from the questionnaires that we did while on trips and in the surrounding communities
3.10 Who will benefit from the services provided by the project?
Our project is open to any one who wishes to access us at the minute we are planning to have a drop-in session once a week where members of the community can come along for coffees etc, to attract people living in isolation that don't get out much and encouraging them to become more involved in their community.
3.11 Will there be any implications for Council Services arising from this project?
Yes [] No [x]
If 'Yes' please provide details:
3.12 Does this project require the support or sponsorship of a Sunderland City Council Directorate?
Yes [] No [x]
If 'Yes' please provide details:
3.13 Are any legal and other approvals required?
Yes [] No [x]
If 'Yes' please provide details of type of approval, date secured, or date expected to be secured:

Section 4: Equal Opportunities

4.1 Does your organisation have an Equal Opportunities Policy?	
Yes [x] No []	
If 'Yes' please describe how the project will comply with the Policy:	
All members of staff and volunteers must comply with the policy	
If 'No' please describe how your organisation addresses equal opportunities issues:	
4.2 Does your project specifically address any of the following issues?	
Ethnic Issues	Yes [] No [x]
If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Race Relations Act 1976:	

Gender Issues	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Sex Discrimination Act 1975:	
Disability Issues	Yes [<input type="checkbox"/>] No [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
If 'Yes' please provide details as to how the project is in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995:	

Section 5: Relationship of Project to the Area Framework(s)

5.1 Identify which Area Regeneration Framework Action Plan Strategic Priorities this project will address through the use of SIB, and demonstrate how these will be achieved:
Local priority, addressing crime and the fear of crime; Offer diversionary activities and improve facilities for young people; Development of leisure and cultural facilities; Provision of after school activities.
5.2 Identify outputs / outcomes against which the delivery of the project can be evaluated. Demonstrate how these will contribute to the Area Regeneration Framework(s).
Purchase of equipment; Number of educational visits; Number of children attending; Number of events; Numbers of trained volunteers.
5.3 If the project relates to two or more Framework Areas, on what basis have you decided how to share the costs?
N/a

Section 6: Management Arrangements

6.1 Describe how the project will be managed:
The project is managed by a committee and delivered by qualified workers
6.2 Are there any significant risks or uncertainties that may affect either the timetable of the project, or whether it achieves its objectives?
No

Section 7: Financial Information

7.1 How much SIB funding is requested?
£20,488

7.2 Indicate the type of funding requested: (please tick)				
Capital [] Revenue [] Both [x]				
7.3 Has funding been requested / allocated from any other sources, including Council Directorates and if so how much?				
£1,000 for stationary from community chest				
7.4 What other funding alternatives have been considered and why were these not appropriate?				
Other funders are being approached to sustain the project over the longer term.				
7.5 What are the financial implications for the project should it not receive SIB funding?				
We would have to close until such time we found funding, which would jeopardise the meeting of the needs of the children and young people				
7.6 When SIB expenditure is complete how do you intend to continue this project?				
SIB will provide a pool of equipment for the project, revenue costs will be sought from external funders.				
7.7 Provide a profile of projected costs:				
Funding Source	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	Total Cost
SIB:				
Washington		£20,488		£20,488
Other sources (please state):				
1)				
2)				
3)				
Total Cost:		£20,488		£20,488
7.8 Please provide details of any 'in-kind' funding (e.g. Peppercorn rents), if included within the 'Other Sources' of funding shown above.				
All staff are volunteers.				
7.9 Please provide a breakdown of the Total cost to show the main areas of expenditure:				
Educational Trips (see below)	£3,105.00			
Computer for Office	£500.00			
Operating Costs	£4,056.00			
Equipment For Youth Group	£7,532.00			
Renewal of Funding Licence	£20.00			
Renewal of Insurance (P/L	£375.00			
Volunteer Expenses x 9 People	£1,800.00			

Special Events	£2,000.00
Publicity	£300.00
Training	£600.00
TOTAL	£20,488.00
Educational Trips (recycling centre, museums, farms, community gardens.	

Section 8: Additional Information

8.1 Please provide any additional information that may be of use in support of your project proposal (Please append additional sheets if required):

Section 9: Declaration

I declare that the information provided is correct and accurate and that, should this application be successful, the organisation will agree to the terms and conditions of SIB:

Name:

Donna Bruce

Position in Organisation:

Chair

Date:

4 September 2007