

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Community Development Portfolio 25 January 2007
Holder Meeting
AUTHOR/S: Executive Director / Community Development Manager

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2007/08

Purpose

1. To make recommendations regarding the level of grants to voluntary organisations following the annual submission of requests.
2. Copies of all applications made in the report are available for inspection prior to the meeting in South Cambridgeshire Hall and will also be available at the meeting. Contact Joseph Minutolo for further information on Tel 01954 713359.

Budget Available

3. The budget estimate for 2007/08 is £51,000. This is subject to approval by Council on 22 February 07.

Grants to Voluntary Organisations

4. The grant applications have been categorised into the following sections:
 - (a) Disability
 - (b) Counselling
 - (c) Advice
 - (d) Young People
 - (e) Community Transport

Disability

5. **Cambridge St Raphael Club**

Objectives of Organisation	To provide a better quality of life for the physically disabled, aiming for equality with the able-bodied. The charity is a self-help organisation enabling disabled people to help others with disabilities. The applicant operates 2 adapted minibuses in order to provide transport for members to and from the club and for various outings. The club promotes equal opportunities in all aspects of its work.
Size and Location	A local organisation and registered charity based in Sawston currently covering 12 villages within South Cambs. 3 part-time drivers 12 Volunteers
Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents	Of the 40 members, 28 live in South Cambs. The charity aims to give its members the chance to enjoy

life, socialise and obtain new skills. Such activities would be impossible without the support provided by the applicant. In addition it provides respite for carers.

The applicant has applied to the County Council to employ a person to work 1 day per week to organise transport and activities. Large increases in population and the subsequent demand for services will not be met if funding is not obtained.

Total Annual Costs	£27,000 expenditure in 2005/06 £28,000 expenditure in 2006/07 £29,500 projected for 2007/08
Other Sources of Funding (2005 accounts)	Cambridge City Council - £820 Cambridge County Council - £16,800 Fundraising - £3,700 Subscriptions and Donations- £2,000 Interest - £460
Amount Requested	Total Funding - £23,780 £1,000.
Proposed Use of Grant	To cover transport costs which total over £22,000 per year.
History of SCDC Support	2000/1 – No application made 2001/2 - £988 2002/3 - £500 2003/4 - £530 2004/5 - £550 2005/6 - £1,000 2006/7 - £700
Officer suggestion	£1,000
Decision of PFH	£

6. **Cambridge Joint Playschemes**

Objectives of Organisation To provide holiday play schemes with activities and outings for children and young people aged 4-19 years with moderate to severe learning difficulties many of whom also have physical disabilities. There are five schemes held during school holidays aimed at separate client groups. Children have a flexible timetable of activities that are geared towards their individual needs and are able to maintain friendships through the schemes.

They provide the opportunity for children to see their friends and make new ones, and also to participate in activities and visit places that are taken for granted by mainstream children. The charity is the only organisation within South Cambridgeshire that provides these services.

	Equal opportunities are incorporated in all areas of the organisations work.
Size and Location	A local organisation and registered charity based in Cambridge covering the City, South and East Cambridgeshire. 50 Full-time staff during schemes, 2 part-time all year 4 volunteers during schemes, 1 office support plus 6 Trustees.
Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents	During the past 6 months 45 children, their parents and siblings have benefited from the playschemes. This makes up approximately 40% of the total membership. Low cost transport to the schemes is provided so children living in remote villages are not excluded. The special schools in South Cambridgeshire such as the Windmill School in Fulbourn and Green Hedges in Stapleford are utilised for activities.
Total Annual Costs	£141,347 expenditure in 2005/6 £149,479 expenditure in 2006/7 £171,815 projected for 2007/8
Other Sources of Funding (projected for 2007)	Cambridgeshire County Council SLA - £89,923 Statutory Agencies - £2,500 Other charities and national grant giving bodies - £22,500 Donations and other income - £1,900 Income from Service Users - £10,328 Other anticipated funds - £45,000
Amount requested	Total Funding – £172,151 £1,500
Proposed Use of Grant	To support home-to-scheme transport costs, which account for over 25% of the total playscheme costs. Approximately 80% of users require transport. All transport necessitates the use of specialist vehicles, staffed with escorts and is vital to South Cambs residents, as many children could not attend without it.
History of SCDC Funding	2000/1 - £2,050 2001/2 - £2,100 2002/3 - £2,650 2003/4 - £2,200 2004/5 - £1,200 2005/6 - £2,500 2006/7 - £1,500
Officer Suggestion	£1,500
Decision of PFH	£

7. **Disability Information Service Huntingdonshire (DISH)**

Objectives of Organisation	<p>The organisation exists to promote equal access for disabled people and their carers to rights, benefits and services which will contribute to improving their quality of life and integration in the wider community. This is achieved by providing information and advice on disability related issues and by working in partnership with local and national organisations to raise the profile of disability issues. The service is available to people with physical, sensory or learning disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, older people and people with mental health difficulties.</p> <p>A telephone helpline, email and drop-in service is available Monday – Thursday from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Appointments are made with clients at the office or in their homes.</p> <p>In the future DISH aims to extend the benefits service to deliver the full range of information currently available on the advice line to people who require home visits and extend the range of advice available through subscription to Citizens Advice resources.</p>
Size and Location	<p>A local organisation and registered charity based in Papworth Everard.</p> <p>4 part-time staff 1 part-time volunteer</p>
Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents	<p>Papworth Everard is the only village within South Cambridgeshire covered by this service although some queries are received from other South Cambs residents. During 2005/06 a total of 114 enquiries were made by residents of South Cambs resulting in an increase of £22,630 in benefit income received. This is equivalent to approximately 8% of all enquiries. It is estimated that the last 6 months have resulted in £10,000 increased benefit income from 56 enquiries.</p>
Total Annual Costs	<p>£75,784 expenditure in 2005/6 £54,343 expenditure in 2006/7 £41,651 projected for 2007/8</p>
Other Sources of Funding (2006/07)	<p>Cambridgeshire County Council - £27,748 Huntingdonshire District Council - £5,200 Godmanchester Town Council - £500 St Neots Town Council - £1,500 Huntingdon Town Council - £500 Income from Service Users - £488 Huntingdon Freeman's Charity - £2,500 Change Up (short term infrastructure project) - £1,971 Citizen's Advice Bureau (4 month sub-contract) -</p>

£4,167
 Bank Interest - £339
 Fundraising - £104
 Total Funding - £45,017
 (A Big Lottery grant of £42,620 towards the welfare benefits project ended in June 06).

Amount Requested £1,200

Proposed Use of Grant The grant would be used towards project work, preferably the cost of running the Benefits and Family projects which includes home visits in the Papworth area.

History of SCDC Support 2005/6 - £1,000
 2006/7 - £800

Officer Suggestion £1,000
 Decision of PFH £

8. **Cambridgeshire Rehabilitation Club for the Visually Handicapped**

Objectives of Organisation To provide an opportunity for visually handicapped people to maintain their social skills by meeting similarly disadvantaged people at talks, games afternoons and excursions. It also provides an opportunity for those who are newly handicapped to overcome their problems in a supportive group.

Size and Location Awaiting application

Benefits to South
 Cambridgeshire Residents
 Total Annual Costs
 Other Sources of Funding
 Amount Requested
 Proposed Use of Grant
 History of SCDC Support
 Officer Suggestion £
 Decision of PFH £

Counselling

9. **Cambridge Family Mediation Service**

Objectives of Organisation To work for the least possible emotional and financial disruption to those affected by separation and divorce, particularly children, by offering information, mediation and counselling.

The core values of their service are inclusiveness, acceptance, accessibility, the empowerment of parents, carers and children; quality and professionalism of service and acting as a voice for the well-being of children.

To help separating couples to work together to resolve their financial and/or childcare problems by

offering them a safe environment where they are encouraged to discuss and plan the future as constructively as possible. Representatives attend the County Court Section 8 children days to consider cases referred to them by the District Judge.

The service has a Legal Services Commission quality mark and is committed to equal opportunities.

Size and Location

A local organisation and registered charity based in Cambridge, covering all villages in South Cambridgeshire, Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire, Huntingdon District and other surrounding areas.

1 Full-time and 12 Part-time staff
10 Part-time Volunteers

Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents

Between June and December 2006, 32 adults and from April to December 2006, 14 children from South Cambs have attended for information or mediation.

The benefits to South Cambridgeshire residents of the services offered include:

Information for couples and individuals contemplating or undergoing separation and divorce about the choices available to them and about ways of helping their children.

Information for parents on how to help their children through separation and divorce and on their involvement in new family groups.

Providing free counselling to children and young people aged 4 to 19 who have been affected by separation and divorce.

Mediation for divorcing/separating couples. This service is subsidised for a large proportion of clients who are not legally helped but on low incomes.

Trained mediators help couples reach their own agreement relating to children, finances and property.

Total Annual Costs

£135,500 expenditure in 2005/6
£169,787 expenditure in 2006/7
£164,650 projected for 2007/8

Other Sources of Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council - £10,050
Huntingdonshire District Council - £600
BBC Children in Need and Children's grants - £21,340
Evelyn Trust - £8,000
Income from Service Users - £40,000
Fundraising - £3,430
Legal Services Commission – £82,895
Donations - £500
Court Work Funds - £2,081
Bank Interest - £3,200

Total Funding - £172,096

Amount Requested	£1,000, plus £3,500 additional project funding
Proposed Use of Grant	A grant would be used in the following areas: subsidised cost of providing mediation and information to clients who are on low incomes but not eligible for public funding. provision of a free counselling service for children and young people affected by separation and divorce.
History of SCDC Support	1998/9 - £650 1999/0 - £800 2000/1 - £820 2001/2 - £850 2002/3 - £850 2003/4 - £900 2004/5 - £950 2005/6 - £1,000 2006/7 - £700
Officer Suggestion	£1,000, awaiting consultation with Scrutiny Committee.
Decision of PFH	£

10. **Cambridge CRUSE Bereavement Care**

Objectives of Organisation CRUSE exists to help people who have been bereaved by death understand their grief, cope with their loss and develop a sense of purpose for the future. The organisation works with anyone who has been bereaved by death through the provision of a daily helpline, individual counselling in clients homes and bereavement support for children and young people. Clients are not charged to use their services.

The organisation has targeted its recruitment of volunteers from socially isolated groups including rural communities so local bereavement support can be offered in South Cambridgeshire.

Size and Location A local branch of a national organisation based in Cambridge, covering all villages in South Cambridgeshire.

1 part-time member of staff
87 volunteers (32 in training)

Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents Approximately 150 South Cambs residents utilised the services either individually at home or in groups. An unknown number used the helpline and website.

Total Annual Costs £43,086 expenditure in 2005/6
£56,719 expenditure in 2006/7
£projected for 2007/8 not provided

Other Sources of Funding
(Year ending 31st March
2006)

Cambridgeshire County Council - £2,000
Cambridgeshire City Council - £4,000
Income from Service users/Donations - £10,000
Fundraising - £8,000
Essex Community Fund - £750

(Annual support of £14,000 from PCT withdrawn this
year)

Total Funding - £24,750

Amount Requested

£1,500

Proposed Use of Grant

A grant would be used to fund core activities including
administration, recruitment and training of new
volunteers and room hire for groups.
Also to fund the strategic project to ensure that
bereaved people in rural locations receive an equal
level of support.

History of SCDC Support

1997/8 - £550
1998/9 - £600
1999/0 - £600
2000/1 - £630
2001/2 - £650
2002/3 - £700
2003/4 - £730
2004/5 - £750
2005/6 - £1,000
2006/7 - £800

Officer Suggestion
Decision of PFH

£1,000, awaiting consultation with Scrutiny Committee
£

11. ***The Cogwheel Trust***
Objectives of Organisation

To provide counselling services that help and support
people, regardless of gender, race or belief, with a
wide range of problems including: abuse,
bereavement, disability, depression and employment
issues. The service includes:
Marital, couple and family therapy
Individual counselling (all ages)
Parenting skills with individuals and couples
Family preservation
Lone parent and break-up support
Dealing with stress at work
Counselling to help people back into employment
Family Law advice

There has been an increase in the number of referrals
from local GP's and 40% of clients are recommended
to Cogwheel by the local health services. It is
envisaged that Cogwheel will eventually have a
service level agreement with South Cambs PCT to

	provide counselling services. The applicant also hopes to set up a satellite centre in Sawston.
Size and Location	<p>A local organisation and registered charity with offices in Cambridge and at the Papworth Trust for people with disabilities.</p> <p>1 Full-time and 14 Part-time staff 10 Volunteers</p>
Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents	In the 11 months to November 2006, 3025 appointments have been offered, of which 39.4% of are to residents in South Cambridgeshire. As many of the clients are socially and financially disadvantaged, Cogwheel operates a Bursary Scheme providing assisted places for those who are financially unable to pay the minimum contribution.
Total Annual Costs	<p>£105,000 expenditure in 2005/6 £113,165 expenditure in 2006/7 £121,646 projected in 2007/8</p>
Other Sources of Funding	<p>Local Authorities (Cambridge County Council, Cambridge City) - £6,933 Donations - £18,369 Grant Making Trusts (National) - £28,176 Grant Making Trusts (Local) - £11,382 Income from Service Users - £59,283 Fundraising - £1,450 Revenue and Customs Incentive - £250 Bank Interest - £952</p> <p>Total Funding - £126,795</p>
Amount Requested	£2,560
Proposed Use of Grant	<p>The grant will be allocated towards the Bursary Scheme to help disadvantaged families in South Cambs receive counselling services.</p> <p>The applicant estimates that at least 1380 clients from South Cambs will require support from the Bursary Scheme next year. The average bursary per session is £10. Therefore the total bursary fund for South Cambs residents will be £12,800. The amount requested equates to 20% of this cost.</p>
History of SCDC Support	<p>1996/7 - £2,000 1997/8 - £2,100 1998/9 - £2,170 1999/0 - £2,225 2000/1 - £2,280 2001/2 - £2,300 2002/3 - £2,300 2003/4 - £1,750</p>

2004/5 - £1,900
2005/6 - £2,000
2006/7 - £1,350

Officer Suggestion £1,500, awaiting consultation with the Scrutiny Committee

Decision of PFH £

Advice

12. **Cambridge Association of Local Councils**

Objectives of Organisation To support the Parish and Town Council movement in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by:
Promotion of engagement and partnership working with principle authorities
Provision of legal, procedural and other advice to member councils
Lobbying on local and national issues
Providing training to clerks and councillors
Supporting capacity building of Parish and Town Councils

Size and Location A local organisation covering all South Cambridgeshire Parish Councils

3 part-time staff
30 part-time volunteers

Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents In the past 12 months there have been almost 1500 contacts from parish councils, SCDC and members of the public. A number of 'hands on' support roles for councils in what CALC term 'serious difficulties'. 40% of their workload is from parishes in South Cambs. Approximately 20 residents have contacted the organisation. They work with SCDC in a variety of areas including as a board member for the LSP and South Cambs Strategic Partnership. The applicant is currently in discussion with SCDC to provide support where required.

Total Annual Costs £90,590 expenditure in 2005/6
£91,600 expenditure in 2006/7
£98,500 projected in 2007/8

Other Sources of Funding Affiliation fees - £63,000
County Grants - £13,500
Training & Publication sales - £15,000

Total Funding - £91,500

Amount requested £2,000

Proposed Use of Grant Towards core funding, supporting closer liaison with SCDC in order to identify cost reductions and

increase savings.

History of SCDC Support 2005/6 - £2,000
2006/7 - £1,500

Officer Suggestion £1,500
Decision of PFH £

13. **Cambridge and District Volunteer Centre**

Objectives of Organisation The main objective is “to promote and assist voluntary work in the advancement of education, the protection of health, the relief of poverty, sickness and distress, the protection of the environment and any other charitable activities of benefit to the community in Cambridge and the surrounding area”.
This service covers Cambridge City and all of the South Cambs area except those in the SG8 postal area (referred to the Royston and District Volunteer Centre).

The organisation has been awarded the Volunteer Development England Quality Mark which requires the following six core functions to be met:

- Development of volunteering
- Marketing volunteering
- Brokerage (matching volunteers with specific local volunteer opportunities)
- Good practice development
- Strategic development of volunteering
- Policy response and campaigning on volunteering issues

Services are provided for voluntary, statutory and not-for-profit agencies that want to involve volunteers. There are volunteer opportunities with 238 organisations throughout Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire. Workshops were piloted in 2005 to introduce people to volunteering and to enable them to find suitable placements.

Size and Location A local organisation and registered charity covering all villages in South Cambs.

3 Part-time staff
3 Office Volunteers, 8 Trustees

Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents Of the 1622 volunteer enquiries received in 2005/6, 25% of those giving an address were residents of South Cambs. From June to November 2006, 81 individuals from South Cambs were helped with their volunteering enquiries.
Around 15% of the member groups are based in South Cambridgeshire. Many more are based outside the district but actively provide services in South Cambs. Many of the other organisations that

benefit from the help of volunteers are city-based services open to and used by South Cambs residents. Many South Cambs volunteers prefer to work with groups based in the city as transport links between villages are poor and there are more opportunities in Cambridge.

Total Annual Costs	£112,278 expenditure in 2005/6 £61,088 expenditure in 2006/7 £66,568 projected for 2007/8
Other Sources of Funding	Cambridge City Council - £30,084 Cambridgeshire County Council - £23,120 Cambridge Students Rag Appeal - £100 Volunteering England - £2,000 Cambridge City Council – project fund - £599 Income from service users/Training - £805 Other various expenses refunded - £2,307

Total Funding - £57,015

Amount Requested	£2,000
Proposed Use of Grant	Towards core costs.

History of SCDC Support	1996/7 - £1,250 1997/8 - £1,300 1998/9 - £1,350 1999/0 - £1,500 2000/1 - £1,540 2001/2 - £1,600 2002/3 - £1,700 2003/4 - £1,750 2004/5 - £1,800 2005/6 - £2,000 2006/7 - £1,600
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Officer Suggestion	£1,600
Decision of PFH	£

14. **Royston and District Volunteer Centre**

Objectives of Organisation To encourage, support, develop and promote voluntary activity amongst all sections of the community of Royston and surrounding villages. This is achieved through:

- Promoting the benefits of and opportunities for volunteering and community involvement to the general public and specific groups.
- Providing information, guidance and advice to individuals and organisations on all aspects of volunteering.
- Encouraging participation in volunteering for all individuals, especially those who find they have barriers e.g. people with disabilities.
- Supporting organisations to develop and market their

local opportunities training and to provide advice, training and support on good practice. Consultancy/policy developmental work with volunteer-involving organisations. This will seek to improve the standard of volunteer management and support within the sector. Developing and encouraging employee volunteering within large local companies, including group opportunities

The organisation aims to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of individuals by supporting organisations that work with volunteers to provide community services.

Size and Location

A local organisation and registered charity, serving all villages in the SG8 postcode area and some immediately adjacent.

3 Part-time Staff
64 Time Bank volunteers and 7 Trustees

Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents

Of the 75 voluntary organisations registered with the Volunteer Centre at least 36 are based in South Cambridgeshire. There are more than 135 active volunteering opportunities registered with the Centre, approximately 75 of which are for organisations based within South Cambs. Approximately 40% of their work arises from meeting the needs of prospective volunteers and volunteer involving organisations that provide services in South Cambs. The benefits of volunteering are promoted through community events and the internet. A regular Volunteers Co-ordinators Forum is run to advise organisations on volunteering issues. From April – September 12 residents of South Cambs contacted the organisation directly to enquire about volunteering.

The bureau is working jointly with the Cambridgeshire County Consortium who are working to strengthen and develop the local voluntary sector support infrastructure. As part of this a bid is being submitted to work with other volunteer bureaux on strategic analysis and development of volunteer agency services across the county.

Total Annual Costs

£11,797 expenditure in 2005/6
£19,869 expenditure in 2006/7
£18,039 projected for 2007/8

Other Sources of Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council - £3,500
North Hertfordshire District Council - £3,289
Hertfordshire County Council - £1,244

Total Funding - £8,033

Amount Requested	£1,100
Proposed Use of Grant	A grant would contribute towards core funding to include: the salary of a Volunteer Centre Manager travel, office, promotional, training and other expenses incurred in providing the full range of services.
History of SCDC Support	1998/9 - £1,000 1999/0 - £1,025 2000/1 - £1,050 2001/2 - £1,100 2002/3 - £750 2003/4 - £780 2004/5 - £800 2005/6 - £1,000 2006/7 - £700
Officer Suggestion	£1,000
Decision of PFH	£

15. **Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service**

Objectives of Organisation	Awaiting application and consultation with Scrutiny Committee.
Size and Location	
Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents	
Total Annual Costs	
Other Sources of Funding	
Amount Requested	
Proposed Use of Grant	
History of SCDC Support	
Officer Suggestion	£
Decision of PFH	£

Young People

16. None received.

Community Transport

17. **Royston Community Transport Scheme**

Objectives of Organisation	Awaiting application
Size and Location	
Benefits to South Cambridgeshire Residents	
Total Annual Costs	
Other Sources of Funding	
Amount Requested	
Proposed Use of Grant	
History of SCDC Support	
Officer Suggestion	£
Decision of PFH	£

18. The following organisations have Service Level Agreement arrangements with South Cambridgeshire District Council. This is because they receive £3000 or more in funding. Each organisation has received a monitoring visit and is providing information about the level of service provision carried out in the last year. By reducing funding to non-priority areas it has been possible to maintain reductions to these key service delivery organisations to 25% or less over the last year. Allocation for 2007/8 is again based on the need to prioritise key service providers and provide a greater equity of funding.

Name of Organisation	06/07 Grant	Difference +/-	Proposed 07/08 Grant
Age Concern Cambridgeshire	£3000	0	£3000
Cambridge & District Mediation Service	£3000	0	£3000
Care Network	£2625	+£2375	£5000
Connections Bus Project	£3750	-£250	£3500
Crossroads Care South & East Cambridgeshire	£4850	0	£4850
Cambridge Dial a Ride Ltd	£3920	+£80	£4000
Directions Plus	£2300	-£300	£2000
Cambridge Relate	£2300	0	£2300
Cambridgeshire ACRE	£8900	-£900	£8000
Total	£34,645	+£1,005	£35,650

Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations

19. The recommendations for small organisation grants total £11,100.
20. The final total including SLA organisations is £46,750
21. Fewer applications have been received for 2007/8.
22. The Portfolio Holder will consider these awards on 25 January 2007.

Recommendations

23. The Portfolio Holder is therefore asked to approve the officer recommendations, subject to approval of the budget estimate by Council on 22 February 07.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Application forms and attached information

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