Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal

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Project Name: Redevelopment of Beeston Hill United Free Church Site

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Project Summary (including a brief description of what your project is and the main activities and why this project is needed):
The Beeston Hill United Free Church premises on Malvern Road Beeston provide valuable accommodation to a wide range of community groups and projects serving children, young people, families, older people, all ages and a wide range of ethnic groups. The office premises located within the building are currently leased to the SLHFA Learning in the Community Project which will be re locating into the new Hillside Enterprise Centre in October 2008. Other activities including the weekly Family Teatime club will be re locating into New Bewerley Primary School. A wide variety of activities will remain, including the twice weekly Sikh Elders Day facility, English Conversation Clubs for asylum seekers and refugees, Physical activity classes for women including Pakistani and Bangladeshi women, Yoga classes, clubs, dance groups and classes for children and young people. However, a major part of the running costs to keep the Centre open are only secure until the end of December 2008. This Project seeks to carry out a feasibility study to establish a partnership between the Beeston Hill UFC leadership team and South Leeds Health for All to secure the necessary external funding to redevelop the 100 year old building and ensure its future sustainability to provide ongoing accommodation for groups serving the local community.

Project Delivery - How the project will be delivered (inc how any partners are involved in the project, timescale etc): The partnership proposes to engage the services of an experienced consultant and fundraiser, Helen Finnister, a former senior LCC manager, to provide support in the production of a feasibility study and Business Plan, with a view to securing funding to draw up architects plan and submit large scale funding bids to redevelop and update the building.

Please demonstrate how your project links with key priorities/action with Area Delivery Plans: The UFC building provides invaluable services to the local community, but requires extensive updating to ensure that it provides an attractive, safe, secure venue for meetings, groups, activities, office accommodation. The aim of this project is to focus its use on services to older

people of all races and denominations, as well as activities for children and families and the promotion of understanding and partnership working between communities, faiths, generations. Already involved in the partnership are Christian denominations, Sikh, Muslim, Hindu as well as white British, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and a wide array of families new to the country including African and Eastern European – so reflecting the changing nature of the population of Beeston and promoting community cohesion.

Outcomes (a summary the main outcome, outputs and benefits the project will achieve): In the short term – production of a high quality, professional Feasibility Study, Business Plan and projected costs for funding applications. In the longer term, funding raised for redevelopment of the building and sustainability of its service to up to 300 people each week and accommodation for more than 20 local community groups and projects.

Project Cost (an indication of how much the project will cost, how much Well-being funding is sought and the breakdown between capital and revenue):
The sum of £4,800 comprising costs to engage the independent consultant. Fundraiser – 12 days at £400 per day.

Which geographic areas will benefit (ie particular neighbourhoods, wards etc) and which Area Committee this project is relevant to:
 Beeston and Holbeck

Other key information not covered by the above: