Inner West Community Committee
Wellbeing Fund - Project Summary

Project Name	**Mistress Lane Community Landscape Project – Part 1 of 4 – Community building and Co-design 'Outside the red line'**
Amount applied for	**£3,067.50**
Lead Organisation	Leeds Community Homes
Ward/Neighbourhood	Armley

Community Plan Objective	Best City for Communities

Project Summary

As part of our plans to develop 34 new homes on Mistress Lane in Armley we have consulted with local people and identifies 4 spaces outside just next to the new homes (but outside of our main development) which local people would like to see improved.

In Autumn / Winter 2021 we'd like to hold 2 community events on the site. We hope to include 30 people at each event, we'll be offering free food, hand delivering invites putting up posters and ringing round the people we spoke to during the consultation on the new houses to ensure a good turn out. The events will be in gazebos (with walls), in the open air to mitigate covid risk.

We will be offering free food, we'll have a play worker to do activities with kids, and we'll be providing the opportunity for people to co-design the 4 spaces next to the site, which we'd like to help them improve.

The 4 areas we want to work on are shown on the attached plan and at the moment we're calling them:
- ORL1 - Area behind Armley Road houses, opposite grass bank
- ORL2 - Old shrubs and damaged walls in planting areas along Armley Road
- ORL3 - Willow and steps between new car parking and Westerly Rise
- ORL4 - The street line of Mistress Lane

This will involve some of the following and more:
Looking at pre-prepared 'choice boards' with different types of tree and plants and choosing which they'd like.
Making collages of the types of plant / features / colours they'd like to feature.
Making 3d models with card, paper etc, to represent how they'd like the spaces to look & feel.
Drawing pictures, taking photos, Giant Bubbles, etc.

After the first event, we'll go away and draw up the ideas into a workable plan with some images of how it will look. We'll then hold another get together on the site, where people can come back and give feedback, to be sure we've understood what they've told us, and vice versa.

We'll then be able to finalise plans, work out how much they'll cost and raise funds to make these changes happen on the ground during 2022.

When will the project run?
October 2021 – February 2022

Targets for the project and how success will be measured		
Provide opportunities for people to get jobs, volunteer or learn new skills.		
• Increase community activity and local residents' involvement in decision making. • Work with our partners to improve services in our local neighbourhoods. • Enhance the quality of our parks and public spaces. 1. Develop and make better use of community assets.	• 30 local people involved in designing their local area. 2. Plans completed for enhanced quality of 4 public spaces.	• We'll take photos of the work produced and show how it features in the final plans. 3. We'll rank the new areas against 'Parks in trust' quality greenspace guidance.
• Support activities that make people and places feel safer. 4. Support children and young people to be engaged, active and inspired.	• Baseline survey completed by all workshop attendees to find out how safe they currently feel. 5. Aim to involve 5 young people in the workshops	6. We'll then have the data to compare when we repeat this questionnaire in 12 and 24 months time to measure the change in the way people feel.
• Promote healthy lifestyles and tackle health inequalities. 1. Improve access and engagement in sport and cultural activities.	2. Equality monitoring will be undertaken for all workshop participants. So we can work out if we need to further target recruitment for future activities to address any inequalities in the people we've consulted with vs the population demographics.	3. If gaps are identifies we'll identify strategies to target those groups next time.
4. Please consider and articulate how your project will support the committee to address issues relating to	5.	6.

relative deprivation within the committee area (please see area profiles).		

How the project will be promoted and/or participation encouraged

Leeds Community Homes have a mailing list of local groups and a good social media presence locally.
Lemon Balm have a list of people involved in earlier consultations which will receive an invite and in some cases a phone call. We'll put up posters on the site, deliver flyers to all adjacent houses (with the support of Coral, the local housing manager) and put up posters in cafes on town street.

Exit strategy/How the project will continue after the funding

Other organisations involved

We have hired Lemon Balm CIC, a Leeds based social enterprise who specialise in designing passive and active landscapes to improve health and wellbeing of people and climate resilience and restoration for the planet, they also design and support activities which go on in these spaces. They are working closely with our architects to ensure that existing and new local people are involved in the design and creation of the landscape thus improving social 'ownership'. Lemon balm work in partnership with Landscape Architects Urban Wilderness, who bring the experience of designing robust, enduring public spaces which stand the test of time, and thus good value for money.

Financial Information	
Revenue funding requested	£3,067.50
Total cost of project	£4,390
Match funding/Other funding sources	£1322.50
Available Funds in Group Bank Account	
Funding received since 2010	

Full Breakdown of Costs			
Item	**Wellbeing**	**Other (with funding body)**	**Date of Decision**
Publicity & Coordination of events	£535		
Consultation activities for events	£1,805		

Hire & Transport of gazebos	£230		
Play activities for events	£360		
Catering for events	£360		
Design documents and costing exercise or the new areas and printing of designs for public display	£1,100		

Details of volunteers	
Volunteer role	

Communities Team Comments