

**Report of the North East Area Manager**

**North East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

**Subject: Funding Advice & K-Fund 2006/7 Progress Report 2**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
Chapel Allerton  
Moortown  
Roundhay

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council  
Function

Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call In Details set out in the  
report

**Executive Summary**

The Grants & Funding Advice Officer covering the Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay Wards, has had some success generating a client list and providing funding advice as well as administering the Inner NE K-Fund. By far the greatest call on the Officer time is spent assisting with development planning with groups needing to change the way they operate in order to attract local funding through the commissioning of services and external funding from trusts and charities.

The Officer has so far assisted in leveraging £6,000 for local groups and distributed £22,153 of K-Funds to 7 local groups. Currently, of 46 active clients, 27 originate from the Chapel Allerton ward, 4 from Moortown and 5 from Roundhay wards, 7 straddle two or more wards and 3 have a citywide brief. Plans are in place to generate additional clients in the Moortown and Roundhay wards over the next period.

## **Purpose of Report**

1. This report provides members with an update on the progress of the work of the Grants & Funding Advice Officer in the Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay Wards, and the distribution of 2<sup>nd</sup> round K-Funding in the inner Chapel Allerton area.

## **Background Information**

2. The Area Committee has allocated funding for a three-day a week post to provide grants and funding advice to voluntary organisations in the Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay Wards.
3. The Area Committee with ERDF contributions, has also allocated grant funding of £60,000 during the 2006/7 period to help 'connect communities to the economy' benefiting organisations in the inner Chapel Allerton Ward area.
4. This report provides Members with details of groups receiving grant and funding advice and groups receiving K-Funding in its 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

## **Grants & Funding Advice**

5. The Grants & Funding Advice Officer has been in post since 6<sup>th</sup> February 2006 employed on a 22 month contract for 3-days a week covering the Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay Wards.
6. The North East Area Committee funded post is targeted at voluntary organisations seeking funding, business sustainability and social enterprise advice, and advice on accessing the local authority's new funding arrangements during the transitional period 2005/07.
7. Of the 3 wards covered, Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay, groups in Chapel Allerton have generated the greatest call on Officer time. Currently, the caseload breaks down by Ward as follows:
  - Chapel Allerton 27 groups
  - Moortown 4 groups
  - Roundhay 5 groups
  - 2 or more wards 7 groups
  - Citywide 3 group
8. Over the next quarter period, the Officer will target *free grant & funding advice* publicity at the Moortown and Roundhay wards where there has been little response to earlier general publicity. This targeting will include a general information mailout to known groups in these wards, publicity placed in Moortown and Roundhay libraries and resource centres, and further publicity through Leeds Voice, Resourcing the Community and the Health & Social Care Partnership mailing lists and newsletters.
9. By far the greatest need of organisations is business development planning: required to both raise funding against, as well as chart the direction in which an organisation is going. With the replacement of local authority key-list and other Council grants with commissioning, many organisations have not prepared for this transitional period and require significant support to business plan and rationalise organisational budgets.
10. Much of the Officer's time is taken up assisting organisations to business plan and produce development statements to aid fundraising. This is often a long drawn out process requiring organisational management committee approvals at the various planning stages.

11. As all fundraising turnaround times on grant applications average 3 – 5 months, it is not possible to provide complete evidence of all fundraising returns accruing to advised clients in this reporting period. The Officer has provided client organisations with signposting to new and existing grant streams as they come online, including Green Leeds Ltd / BIFFA, and has directly helped clients complete applications to the following funding agencies:
- Connecting Communities Plus
  - NE Area Well Being Fund (large & small)
  - K-Fund
  - Local fundraising; local private sponsorships
12. The Officer has signposted a number of organisations to specialist advisors, in particular to Wajid Hussain and Tracy Nicholl at the Sustainable Futures unit for social enterprise advice, and to Martin Dawson at Resourcing the Community(RtC) for specialist business and fundraising assistance.
13. A monitoring / feedback form has been designed to ascertain the extent of outcomes of individual groups and their perceptions of the assistance provided by the Officer, and includes the following headings:
- a) Funds raised with Officer's assistance
  - b) Business planning carried out with Officer's assistance
  - c) Other assistance provided by Officer
  - d) Quality of assistance provided by Officer
  - e) Comments
14. Table 1 provides an overview of current grants & funding advice work being undertaken by the Officer as well as current associated outcomes.

## **The K-Fund**

15. The 3<sup>rd</sup> K-Fund round deadline was 4pm on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2007, with the K-Fund Panel sitting in the last week of October.
16. Organisations applying for K-Funding must meet one or more criteria around creating a new group, enabling sustainability, enabling social enterprise, getting people into work, benefiting the local area or improving the quality of life for local residents.
17. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round in April the Panel awarded 5 organisations a total of £17,263. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> round in July the Panel awarded 2 organisations a total of £4,890. Table 2 provides an overview of K-Fund applicants and outcomes.

## **Projects Funded by the K-Fund – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round**

### **Chapelton Community Driving Partnership– IDA93**

18. This emerging group, constituted in 2005, trains 9 young people a year to drive properly and obtain their licences. The programme is especially targeted at young people who require a driving licence to further their work or career prospects or to travel to training or educational programmes.

19. The Chapeltown Community Driving Partnership were awarded £4,000 towards an 06/07 budget of £8,039, to enhance learning hours from a previous 25 per year to 35 per year per participant.
20. The organisation has also agreed to work with the K-Fund Officer to plan for a more sustainable future using local and city sponsorships.

### **ROOTS – IDA42**

21. This emerging group, constituted in 2003, of 5 young people with learning disabilities, seeks to provide its members with earning opportunities through consultancy work. The peer-led group provides paid diversity-style consultancies to organisations and businesses.
22. ROOTS were awarded £890 to meet its legal-structures training and registration, including a review and development of options for its organisational structure and, ensuring members have a working understanding of their chosen legal structure.

### **Recommendations**

23. The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.

**Table 1 – Grants & Funding Advice**

	<b>Group / Organisation</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Wds<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Mtgs<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Assistance Request</b>	<b>Current Outcome(s)</b>
1.	Milun Women's Centre	Asian Women's Centre	C	11	Business planning / fundraising	Local sponsorships £6,000
2.	Leeds Black Elders Association	BME Elderly Services	C	2	Service development / funding	On-going <sup>3</sup> +social enterprise <sup>4</sup> referral
3.	MAE Care	Elderly Services	M	1	Sustainability / Fundraising	On-going
4.	Roundhay CARE	Elderly Services	R	1	Sustainability / Fundraising	On-going
5.	Oasis Community Project	Self-help Women's Group	C	1	Planning / funding advice	Planning / on-going
6.	3-Faiths Group	Inter-Church Group	M	0	Sustainability / Fundraising	To meet
7.	NorthSide Music	Music Production Group	C	1	Sustainability / fundraising	On-going
8.	Radio Asian FEVER	Community Radio	All	1	Sustainability / fundraising	On-going
9.	2 Hills Project	Youth Clubs / Work	C / M	1	Planning / fundraising	On-going / referred to RtC <sup>5</sup>
10.	New World Steel Orchestra	Steel Pan Music Academy	C	3	Planning / fundraising	On-going planning
11.	IFTIIN: Somalian Welfare Association	Self-help Group	C	5	Planning / relocation / fundraising	On-going +social enterprise referral
12.	Zimbabwean Education Trust	Scholarship Group	C	7	Planning / fundraising	On-going / referred to RtC
13.	MENA	Elderly Services	C / M	1	Staff funding advice	On-going
14.	CAREConnect	Elderly Services	R	1	Staff funding advice	On-going
15.	Community Highlights	Newsprint Media	All	1	Funding advice	On-going
16.	Chapelton Young Peoples 10-2 Club	Youth Clubs / Work	C	3	Fundraising	On-going
17.	N Akhtar	Martial Arts Classes	M	1	Start-up funding	On-going
18.	The Leeds Tapestry	Social History Exhibition	Cty	1	Planning, relocation , fundraising	On-going planning
19.	African Women United	Self-help Women's Group	C	1	Planning, fundraising	On-going planning
20.	NE ALMO Residents Group	Fundraising Training Group	All	1	Fundraising training	Partnership with RtC / on-going
21.	Community Café	Social Enterprise Café	C	0	Start-up support	On-going
22.	Hush Hush Ent. Ltd	Media Partnership	C	0	Fundraising	On-going planning +social enterprise

<sup>1</sup> Wards: C=Chapel Allerton, M=Moortown, R=Roundhay, All=3 Wards, Cty=Citywide, tbc=Ward not established

<sup>2</sup> Mtgs: Number of meetings held with individual groups

<sup>3</sup> On-going: eg. meetings, planning, documentation and/or fundraising assistance

<sup>4</sup> Social Enterprise: Client referred for specialist social enterprise advice from Wajid Hussain at NE N&H Sustainable Futures Unit

<sup>5</sup> RtC: Client referred to Resourcing the Community for additional one-to-one business / fundraising support with Martin Dawson

						<i>referral</i>
23.	Browning House	<i>Young Mothers Hostel</i>	C	1	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>On-going / referred to RtC/CASAC</i>
24.	MOOI / Recycling	<i>Social Enterprise</i>	C	0	<i>tbc</i>	<i>On-going +social enterprise referral</i>
25.	Elmete Youth Group	<i>Youth Clubs / Work</i>	R	0	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>On-going</i>
26.	NE Homes Gardening Group	<i>Gardening Services</i>	All	0	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>On-going</i>
27.	Miss Conceived	<i>Young Mothers Group</i>	R	0	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>On-going</i>
28.	Oakwood Baby & Toddlers Group	<i>Young Mothers Group</i>	R	0	<i>Fundraising</i>	<i>On-going</i>
29.	Mr Wise	<i>Gardening Group</i>	M	0	<i>Sustainability / fundraising</i>	<i>On-going</i>
30.	Leeds Zimbabwe Cultural Organisation	<i>Self-help Group</i>	All	1	<i>Start-up, fundraising</i>	<i>On-going</i>
31.	Library Group	<i>Environmental Group</i>	C	4	<i>Sustainability</i>	<i>On-going</i>
32.	Insight 2000	<i>Interfaith Proposal</i>	All	1	<i>Start-up planning</i>	<i>On-going</i>
				<b>51<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Total funds levered</b>	<b>£6,000.00</b>

<sup>6</sup> Please note, this figure does not include one-off meetings with groups that have not developed into cases.

**Table 2 –K-Fund Applicants**

	<b>Group / Organisation</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Wds</b>	<b>Mtgs</b>	<b>Assistance Request</b>	<b>Current Outcome(s)</b>
1.	LS7 RESULTS	<i>Theatre Training</i>	All	4	<i>Sustainability / Capacity Building</i>	<i>K-Fund: £3,338 +social enterprise referral</i>
2.	Leeds Young Authors	<i>Creative Writing</i>	C	4	<i>Sustainability / Capacity Building</i>	<i>K-Fund: £3,900 +social enterprise referral</i>
3.	Vietnamese Elderly Group	<i>Elderly Services</i>	C	2	<i>Sustainability / Capacity Building</i>	<i>K-Fund: Unsuccessful / business planning</i>
4.	PROJECT 7	<i>Youth Clubs / Work</i>	C	4	<i>Capacity Building / Development</i>	<i>K-Fund: £2,900 / on-going</i>
5.	Leeds Giving Voice	<i>Counselling Group</i>	C	0	<i>Sustainability / Capacity Building</i>	<i>K-Fund: Unsuccessful / on-going</i>
6.	Chapelton Community Centre Action Group	<i>Campaigning Group</i>	C	2	<i>Planning / funding advice</i>	<i>K-Fund: Unsuccessful / on-going</i>
7.	St Kitts & Nevis Society	<i>Self-help Group</i>	C	2	<i>Feasibility/ planning / funding</i>	<i>K-Fund: Unsuccessful / on-going</i>
8.	Urban Construction Initiative	<i>Plastering Training</i>	C	6	<i>Start-up funding</i>	<i>K-Fund: £5,000 / on-going</i>
9.	REAP Counselling	<i>Counselling</i>	All	0	<i>Start-up funding</i>	<i>K-Fund: Unsuccessful / on-going</i>
10.	ROOOTS Team	<i>Consultancy Group</i>	C	2	<i>Legal structures funding</i>	<i>K-Fund: £890 / on-going</i>
11.	African Curriculum Development Association	<i>Media Network</i>	C	2	<i>Alliance development funding</i>	<i>K-Fund: £2,125 / on-going</i>
12.	Mary Seacole Nurses Association	<i>Nurses Group</i>	C	2	<i>Chess club start-up</i>	<i>K-Fund: Unsuccessful / referred to RTC</i>
13.	Film on Tap	<i>Film Production Training</i>	C	2	<i>Partnership development</i>	<i>K-Fund: deferred</i>
14.	Chapelton Community Driving School	<i>Youth Driving School</i>	C	3	<i>Provision enhancement</i>	<i>K-Fund: £4,000 / on-going</i>
				<b>35</b>	<b>K-Fund Grants</b>	<b>£22,153</b>