

Area Committee Well Being Fund
Commissioning of Service

Project Name: Community Capacity Building Project

Lead Organisation: Inner West & Inner South Area Management Teams

Project Summary: In 2004 Inner West Area Committee in partnership with Inner South Area Committee agreed to establish a community capacity building project designed to promote the economic stability of community based organisations in the 2 areas. The scheme was designed to assist organisations to secure access to European Funds and New Wortley Community Centre Volunteer Project and Community Café benefited from this assistance by accessing £104,000 of European Regional Development Funds. This was matched by a further £104,000 to ensure the further development and sustainability of New Wortley Community Centre and the services and facilities provided from the centre.

The consultant appointed to assist with this project has been of enormous help in securing this funding and supporting the project over the past 12 months. ERDF funding rules and quarterly returns are complicated and his advice has been invaluable in progressing the project which comes to an end in December 2007. However, it is necessary to ensure further funding to support the project in the future. Already through his contacts we are in negotiation with personnel from the South Yorkshire Key Fund who may be interested in assisting New Wortley after the project finishes.

The consultant has also been helpful in accessing other funds and currently we are working with the Sikh Temple to secure a Big Lottery award which will see the revitalisation of the centre as an additional facility for New Wortley.

This application seeks to retain the consultant for a further 12 months at a cost of £35,000 of which West and South Leeds are asked to find £15,000. To date £14,000 has been secured and **Inner West Area Committee are requested to approve £1,000 towards the cost of retaining the consultant.**

- **Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):**
- Continued support with current projects to ensure financial probity, and to maximise use of the grant through his experience with Government Office.
- Further assistance in securing funding for other local projects and for continuation funding for New Wortley.

Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):

The full cost of the consultant per year is £35,000. of which £15,000 is to be found locally with the remainder being approved by Government Office Yorkshire and Humberside (GOYH). To date £5,000 has been approved by Re'new, £6,000 from Inner South Area Committee, £3,000 from The Learning Partnership **and £1,000 is sought from Inner West Area Committee.** (GOYH) have approved the match funding element of £20,000.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to:

Beeston Hill, Holbeck and New Wortley neighbourhoods and those communities which immediately border onto them. (West & South Leeds Pact Area.

The application is made to Inner West Area Committee

State who will receive the funding for this project:

The funds will be managed by South Leeds Area Management Team