

Area Committee Well-being Fund – Project Proposal
Inner West Area Committee

Appendix 2

Project Name: Community Engagement Project

Lead Organisation: Bramley Elderly Action

Project Delivery - How will the project be delivered? (list any partners involved in the project):

Bramley Elderly Action to deliver additional Community Development work around services for older people and the wider community in partnership with Leeds West Homes, West Leeds Healthy Living Network and the Primary Care Trust.

The project is to employ a Home Support Worker and a Healthy Living Support worker

Project Summary (include a brief description of the main activities, why the project is needed and links to key priorities):

The project is for Bramley Elderly Action to do some community development work, to take forward ideas which have come up during a community consultation exercise on perceptions of quality of life for older people in Bramley. This consultation, funded through the Healthy Leeds Special Grants Programme, will continue over the next few months and access more people, particularly targeting those who may be isolated and not have the opportunity to access information, support and services. So far the teams have been to local pubs, community and leisure centres, the housing office, lunch clubs sheltered housing and activity groups and have spoken to a wide range of people.

Some of the issues which have come up relate more to issues of community engagement, community involvement and community safety and we want to do some development work on these. We also want to develop more work with the wider community, building on the relationships that have been established through the consultation and helping groups around the area address these and any future issues that this consultation brings up. We feel that this is a move towards improving community cohesion and sustainability as well as choice for older people through encouraging neighbourhoods to be more involved in the provision of activities.

We very much want to be able to do the community development but it is currently outside the remit of our present funding streams and would require increased worker hours. We would like the Area Committee to consider a grant of £10,583 to support this work for the coming year. This would enable us to develop projects which would become self-sustaining or to assess the viability of projects to apply for long term funding. Proposed activities that would be delivered with the additional support are:

Neighbourhood Events such as coffee mornings, presence at GP surgeries, Inter generational activities etc., all with the aim of encouraging older people to meet with one another and with key workers such as neighbourhood wardens, PCSOs, area management to enable them to engage more with their community and give feedback about issues which are of importance to them in settings which are supportive and

enabling. We also want to develop supportive leisure and learning activities for older people to encourage them to take up wider opportunities for lifelong learning.

Outcomes (summarise the main outcome/output/benefit the project will achieve):

- Improved awareness of community safety issues in older people and the wider community
- Increased knowledge of and use of community resources
- Improved awareness in older people and the wider community
- More people knowing one another - greater community cohesion
- Improved confidence & well-being of older people - less vulnerable to crime
- Increased awareness of available resources
- Increased opportunities for older people to contribute on local issues
- Greater use of community facilities
- Increased skills and knowledge for older members of the community
- Increased use of community facilities
- Lifelong learning

Project Cost. Please indicate

How much the project will cost? (List all partners and their contributions)

Home support Worker 1 day per week £5,323
Healthy Living support worker 1 day per week £5,260

Total Revenue Cost of £ £10,583 for 1 year revenue.

Identify which geographic areas will benefit:

Bramley and Stanningley

How much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue)

£10,583 Revenue

Who will be in receipt of the financial order. (name of the organisation and contact details)

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