



Report of the North East Area Manager

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 26th June 2006

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

Electoral Wards Affected:
Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities
Women
Disabled people
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

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 1st round K-Funding in the inner Chapel Allerton Ward.

Background Information

1. The Area Committee, has allocated funding for a three-day a week post to provide grants & funding advice to voluntary organisations in the Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay Wards.
2. 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.
3. This report provides Members with details of groups receiving grants and funding advice, and groups receiving K-Funding in its 1st round.

Grants & Funding Advice

4. The Grants & Funding Advice Officer has been in post since 6th February 2006 employed on an 18 month contract for 3-days a week covering the Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay Wards.

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 2005/7.

Since February, the Officer has set up the systems required to administer and manage the work and has so far responded to a caseload of 68 inquiries¹, of which:

- 23 are active client cases
- 22 are live client cases
- 21 are become dormant client cases, and
- 10 have developed into K-Fund applications

Of the 68 inquiries:

- 45 originate from or work mainly with beneficiaries in the Chapel Allerton Ward
- 3 originate from or work mainly with beneficiaries from the Moortown Ward
- 4 originate from or work mainly with beneficiaries from the Roundhay Ward
- 4 work with beneficiaries from all three Wards, and
- 12 do not meet with Objective 2 ward boundary criteria

Advice assistance provided currently includes voluntary sector business planning, development statements, sustainability and budgetary advice, social enterprise advice referrals, funding sources and criteria advice, start-up advice and advice on constitutions and other statutory matters.

The K-Fund

5. The Area Committee, with ERDF contribution, has allocated resources to supplement the 3-day grants & funding advice work with a further 2-days, within the same employment contract, to set-up and administer a K-Fund of £60,000 over 18-

¹ See Appendix 1 – Inquiries list

months to help 'connect communities to the economy' and benefiting organisations in the inner Chapel Allerton Ward area.

The criteria for K-Funding is as follows:

- a. Create new group
- b. Enable sustainability
- c. Enable social enterprise
- d. People into work
- e. Benefit local area
- f. Improve residents' quality of life
- g. Others

The Grants & Funding Advice Officer in his capacity as the K-Fund Administrator / Manager has been responsible for publicising the K-Fund, producing an application pack, convening, providing terms of reference and administering a K-Fund Grant Panel, preparing applicant summaries, and assisting the Panel to distribute £12,000 of grant in its first round. The K-Fund Officer is also responsible for producing electronic returns for ERDF funds to GOYH.

Of 17 direct inquiries about the K-Fund, 10 organisations developed full applications of which 5 were successful:

Projects Funded

Chapel Allerton Ward

6. LS7 RESULTS – IDA05

This emerging group constituted in 2004, trains young people for employment in the theatre industry and fills a gap around community theatre arts provision (currently non-existent), by helping to develop community audiences and place its members in career roles.

LS7 RESULTS were awarded £3,338 at the April 06 K-Fund Grant Panel Meeting towards the total annual cost (£4,708) of the group's development, sustainability and capacity building costs.

The K-funded project aims to:

- form new resource partners for sustainability
- explore social enterprise options
- develop management committee skills, and
- create an industry support network for its members

Outcomes expected with K-funding are:

- 3 Partnerships developed
- 1 Social Enterprise developed
- 4 Management committee members trained
- 12 Volunteers trained
- 1 New network created
- 3 People into work

7. Leeds Young Authors – IDA06

This emerging group constituted in 2005, promotes all forms of the written word including publishing, readings, collaborations and performance as well as training young people for careers in writing, with the added benefits of raising literacy levels among its members.

Leeds Young Authors were awarded £3,900 at the April 06 K-Fund Grant Panel Meeting towards the total annual cost (£5,000) of the group's development, sustainability and capacity building costs.

The K-funded project aims to:

- Review / update business plan
- review organisational structures
- review programme curriculum
- assess real / potential incomes
- explore social enterprise options, and
- develop organisational communications

Outcomes expected with K-funding are:

- 1 Business plan updated
- 6 Youth Mentors trained
- 1 Organisational structure rationalised
- 6 Mentor's employability increased
- Sustainability explored
- 3 year targets set

8. PROJECT7 – IDA14

This emerging group constituted in 2004, provides social / leisure activities for 135 registered young people who attend its regular Friday evening sessions, in addition to providing advice and referral support into education, training and employment in partnership with its parent organisation YesCyberCafé.

PROJECT7 were awarded £2,900 at the April 06 K-Fund Grant Panel Meeting towards the total annual cost (£4,575) of the group's capacity building and volunteer expenses costs.

The K-funded project aims to:

- train its young management committee
- explore separate organisational identity options
- develop a volunteers' expenses fund

Outcomes expected with K-funding are:

- 14 Committee members trained
- Number of organisational options explored
- 1 Volunteer fund resourced

9. Urban Construction Initiative – IDA36

This new start-up, constituted earlier this year, aims to provide practical skills training for employment in the construction industry, by taking on groups of 10 apprentices for 6-months intensive skills training in plastering.

Urban Construction Initiative were awarded £5,000 at the April 06 K-Fund Grant Panel Meeting towards the total annual cost (£8,000) of the group's start-up costs including 10 plaster's starter tool kits, public relations and professional services.

The K-funded project aims to:

- Purchase starter tool kits
- Develop office / administration
- Conduct a publicity campaign

Outcomes expected with K-funding are:

- 10 plasters trained
- Office administration capacity built
- Corporate publicity developed

10. African Curriculum Development Association – IDA46

This constituted volunteer-led group established in 1992, has working interests in community publishing and the promotion of BME texts and authors into mainstream curriculum, and currently act as official publishers to the quarterly Northern Journal(TNJ) of the Leeds Black Men's Forum.

The African Curriculum Development Association were awarded £2,125 at the April 06 K-Fund Grant Panel Meeting towards the total annual cost (£4,725) of the group's proposal to develop an alliance of local newsletter, newspaper and magazine publishers in the voluntary sector to create synergies, efficiencies and reduce the amount of alternative printed media reaching the doorstep.

The K-funded project aims to:

- Create / host printed-media network
- Create local media groups' alliance
- Develop synergies / efficiencies
- Explore social enterprise options

Outcomes expected with K-funding are:

- 1 Printed media network developed
- 1 Working alliance created
- Individual group efficiencies developed
- Social enterprise options explored

Recommendations

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

Appendix 1 – Inquiries List

Group

1. Jyoti Stores
2. Milun Women's Centre
3. Jamaica Society
4. Leeds Black Elders Assn.
5. LS7 RESULTS
6. Leeds Young Authors
7. Prince Phillip Centre
8. Hibiscus
9. OPEN DOOR, Lidgett Lane
10. Judean Table Tennis Club
11. New Testament Church Of God
12. Vietnamese Elderly Group
13. Leeds REACH
14. PROJECT 7
15. Orlando Weekes
16. Eritrean Community in Leeds
17. Yorkshire Amateur Football Club
18. Brickwall Studios
19. Sikh Temple
20. REEMAP
21. Emily Falcons
22. Leeds Giving Voice
23. Sikh Welfare Trust
24. MAE Care
25. Hawthorn Mill Sheltered Housing
26. Roundhay CARE
27. Leeds Fusion Voice
28. Wetherby
29. Chapeltown Community Action Group
30. St Kitts & Nevis Society
31. Chapeltown Nursery
32. Badminton Group
33. Beech Tree Nursery
34. Mango Foundation
35. MTZN Group
36. Urban Construction Initiative
37. Eduplay
38. REAP Counselling
39. Caribbean Deaf Centre
40. 3-Faiths Group
41. Environmental Festival
42. ROOOTS Team
43. Leeds Involvement Project
44. J Warner
45. C Hughes
46. African Curriculum Dev Assn
47. Mary Seacole Nurses Assn.
48. NorthSide Music
49. Radio Asian FEVER
50. Two Hills Project
51. Pavillion
52. New World Steel Orchestra
53. IFTIIN Somali Association
54. Meanwood Model farm
55. 12 Gates
56. Meanwood Elderly Carers
57. Zimbabwe Educational Trust
58. Community Union Project
59. NE Dementia Forum
60. MENA
61. CAREConnect
62. William Merritt
63. Rev Charles Dobbin
64. Roundhay School
65. Community Highlights
66. LATCH
67. St Matthew's Church
68. K Oxford Group