Participatory Budget funding for work with young people in regeneration areas

Aberdeen City Council agreed to allocate £100,000 of its 2014/15 underspend towards under 12s clubs and youth work in the city’s regeneration areas. Those areas are: Northfield Total Place (Middlefield Northfield Cummings Park Mastrick), Tillydrone, Woodside, Seaton and Torry

A participatory budgeting process will be used for distributing this funding. This involves supporting and empowering citizens (in this case young people) in local communities to make decisions about how, and on what, budgets are spent on.

Funding is available towards equipment/materials, building improvements, staffing and running costs for the following purposes:

- **develop activities** for 12 – 25 year olds, and can include accredited and non-accredited activities for young people including youth democracy, youth action, sports, arts, and learning activities etc. Secondary school age pupils will take decisions about what activities they would like funded. This would not preclude young people older than school age participating in the chosen activities.

- **Under 12s** clubs which support primary school age children to develop through a range of activities including arts and crafts, educational trips, games, sports, etc.

Financial Allocation by Neighbourhood

The number of 5 – 19 year olds in each neighbourhood has been used to determine the funding allocation across neighbourhoods with funding allocated 60% to youth work and 40% to work with under 12s. The following funding allocations have been agreed:

**Northfield Total Place**
- Budget for Youth Work £30,000
- Budget for Under 12s work £20,000

**Seaton**
- Budget for Youth Work £6,000
- Budget for Under 12s work £4,000

**Tillydrone**
- Budget for Youth Work £6,000
- Budget for Under 12s work £4,000

**Woodside**
- Budget for Youth Work £6,000
- Budget for Under 12s work £4,000

**Torry**
- Budget for Youth Work £12,000
- Budget for Under 12s work £8,000

**Process for Allocation – “Dragon’s Den” approach**

Potential youth work providers (including existing and potential youth work providers), are invited to develop and present a “pitch” of what they would deliver in relation to youth work and/or under 12s work in one or more of the identified communities. The pitch may be for all or some of the funding available. (Similar to a Dragon’s Den approach.)
Young people within each identified community will be invited to vote for their preferred “pitch”. The process may involve young people participating, whilst in their local primary and secondary schools, by viewing the “pitches” via “streaming” and voting via mobile devices. Such a process could allow for as many as possible of the young people in the local area to simultaneously select their preferred activities.

Support for community organisations wishing to “pitch” their proposals can be provided by local Capacity Building Staff.

Projects should fulfil the one or more of the purposes outlined above. If you wish to bid you should submit the details below by Friday 6th November to:

Fiona Gray, Development Manager Performance & Commissioning Communities and Housing Team, Communities, Housing and Infrastructure, Aberdeen City Council, Business Hub 11, Second Floor West, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AB
Email: FiGray@aberdeencity.gov.uk  Direct dial: 01224 523403

Name of Project/Proposal/Event/Training:
• What is your project? Description of the Project/Proposal
• What the grant will be spent on
• Who will benefit?
• How will the participants benefit?
• How will you tell us how your project went?
  • Breakdown of how the grant would be spent:
    • Amount of Funding: Give an exact amount you are applying for.
    • Staff costs £
    • Equipment costs £
    • Administration costs £

Prior to receiving funding successful applicants must:
• Have an equal opportunities statement or policy;
• Have proper accounting procedures;
• Be able to show how funds will be managed and used constructively and this reported to the Council;
• Be able to demonstrate that they can deliver the project for which they are bidding within the timescale.
• Acknowledge any support offered by the Council on all publicity material relating to the project. (Appropriate art work will be supplied).
• Appropriate arrangements for managing health and safety and child protection.

Local Capacity Building Officers (details below) can provide support to develop bids, work on your ‘pitch’ and/or meet the requirements above.
Following receipt of your bid you will be contacted to confirm you meet (or are working towards) the criteria above) and to provide you with details of arrangements for pitching your proposal.

All successful applicants are required to:
- Return all unused monies to the Council, unless there is agreement that it may be used for an alternative purpose which is considered to be in line with the aims and objectives of the original application.
- Report back within agreed timescales.

**Funding cannot be used to promote specific religious or political views.**

Some of the regeneration areas have recently undertaken a community engagement exercise. These are: Northfield Total Place neighbourhoods, Tillydrone and Torry. In preparing bids we would encourage you to consider analysis of feedback from the community engagement which can be broken down by age group and this can be made available to youth work providers by the local Capacity Building Officer who is also available to provide the support outlined above:

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