

Report of: Neighbourhood Renewal Business Manager

To: Executive Board

Date: 19th June 2006

Item No:

Title of Report : Small and Contingency Grants 2006/07



Summary and Recommendations



Purpose of report: To advise on the criteria and how to apply for a small contingency grant for 2006/07 and to consider the recommendation for an application from the Perm Association.



Key decision: No

Portfolio Holder: Caroline Van Zyl

Scrutiny Responsibility: Finance & Community



Ward(s) affected: All

Report Approved by: Councillor van Zyl – Portfolio Holder



Michael Lawrence, Strategic Director

Andy Collett – Finance



Jeremy Thomas - Legal



Policy Framework: Community Strategy



Recommendation(s):



To agree the criteria and application form attached

2. If the Board is satisfied that making a grant to the Perm Association would promote or improve the social, economic or environmental well being of Oxford, to approve a grant of £1,000 to that Association.



1. Budget

Executive Board on 13th March agreed a sum of £17,609 to be allocated as small grants / contingency fund during 2006/07. An application for £500 is being considered by North Area Committee in July. If the recommendation in paragraph 3 is agreed a balance of £16,109 will remain.

2. Criteria

The small / contingency grants fund aims to be simple and accessible to community and voluntary groups within Oxford. The proposed criteria are set out in Appendix 1.

3. Application for consideration

Perm Association
Eligibility Criteria: Met. Bank statement and budget submitted. Constitution and equal opportunities statement on file.
Aims of Organisation To promote community links between residents of Oxford and Perm in Russia.
Description of Application: There are three components to the request. The first is to contribute towards the costs of the Oxford Youth Theatre exchange to Perm in June 2006. Secondly to hire a minibus to transport members of Yarmarka Dance group from Perm to perform in November / December 2006 at a variety of city venues (including Cutteslowe and Barton community centres) and thirdly to purchase extra bus passes for the Yarmarka group (the minibus will hold only 12 of the 21 performers with instruments and costumes).
Expected Benefits and Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promotion of the Oxford Perm twinning link• Public involvement and enjoyment of music, folk dance and spectacle• Yarmarka will be working with groups of 'hard to reach' children and young people.• It is expected that 500 members of the public will be present at 3 performances plus spectators at the Lord Mayors Parade.
Total cost of project: £6,314 broken down as: Oxford Youth Theatre 10 people @ £528 (travel, subsistence and visa) = £5280 Minibus 10 days hire @ 70 per day plus fuel @ 100= £800 Bus passes 9 bus passes @10 each plus 9 returns from Gatwick @ 16 each= £234
Amount requested: £1000 broken down as: £400 Oxford Youth Theatre exchange to Perm £500 Minibus hire for Yarmarka £100 Bus passes for Yarmarka

Other Finance: Collections will be made at the performances of Yarmarka; this will pay for their travel from Perm and costs of their stay in Oxford.
Leverage: Not known
Council Objectives: The grant will promote or improve the social and economic well being of Oxford.
Previous grants from City: 2005/06 £400 to contribute towards events
Recommendation: It is recommended to award a grant of £1,000 towards the Perm activities.

Background papers:

Grant Application – Perm Association

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