

To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 8 November 2022

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Applications For Local Partnership Funding To Renfrew
Local Partnership 2022/23**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Applications for grant funding from the seven Local Partnership areas were considered at the Local Partnership meetings held in June 2022.
- 1.2 Renfrew Local Partnership awarded at the meeting on June 2022 £86,639 from its total budget available for distribution of £111,843, leaving a total amount available for allocation of £25,204 (£339 from the General Fund and £24,865 from Renfrew Common Good Fund).
- 1.3 Two applications for funding, to the total value of £25,010 have been submitted to Renfrew Local Partnership for decision at the 8 November 2022 meeting.
- 1.4 The Youth Challenge Fund component of Renfrew Local Partnership Funding is £18,657. This allocation of this funding by young people through a Participatory Budgeting exercise during autumn 2022 is reported separately at this meeting.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership:

Consider the applications for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and 2.

3. Background

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2022/23 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by the Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the applications for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.3 Successful applicants for Local Partnership funding are required to spend the award on the activities outlined in the application.
- 3.4 Where an applicant wishes to amend the activities that it wants to provide to a significant extent from that stated in the original application, the Local Partnership is required to agree this.
- 3.5 The priorities of the Renfrew Local Partnership are:

Bringing Renfrew Town Centre to life

The Local Partnership want to see more things to do in the town centre, particularly encouraging local events and seeing more happening in the evenings. They want to do this by making best use of community assets and spaces, including working with the town centre business community.

Moving around and connectivity

The Local Partnership want the economic investment in Renfrew to benefit the local community, particularly making it easier for people to get around the town, and to travel to and from Renfrew.

Making the most of public assets

The Local Partnership want to see the maximum use of public resources, such as parks and outdoor spaces, as well as maximising the use of buildings in the community.

Strengthening social connections

Improving social connections and tackling social isolation is a key theme for the Local Partnership, and the Partnership recognise this affects all ages, including younger and older people. Community events and activities are important, as will be a focus on improving health and well-being locally.

Key Theme: Maximising economic impact

The Local partnership want to see a focus on boosting the economic outcomes for people in Renfrew and how this can support their Local Priorities.

APPENDIX 1

GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY REFERENCE TO PRIORITY THEME

Total amount remaining available for allocation following awards made in June 2022 is £25,204 (£339 from the General Fund and £71,740 from Renfrew Common Good Fund minus £350 expenses).

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES WHERE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN OR SPECIFIC TO RENFREW

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to Renfrew priority
FR1183	Community Events and Activities	£4,150	Akrlestone and Newmains Over 60s Group	Social Connections
FR1186	Sensory Garden	£20,860	Renfrew Development Trust	Economic Impact, Bringing Town Centre To Life Social Connections
TOTAL		£25,010		

SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Application for Renfrew

Local Partnership Support 2022/23

Reference: FR1183	Organisation Name: Arkleston & Newmains Over 60's Club
Project Name: Community Events & Activities	Amount applied for: £4150
<p>Purpose of the project</p> <p>To improve social connections for people in Renfrew. To share experiences / knowledge. Getting together reduces isolation and improves health and wellbeing. We provide activities and entertainment to engage the members.</p> <p>It was identified through community engagement - asking members what they would like from the group. The outcome from this showed that people wanted to get together to socialize with their peers, to share experiences, to learn and take part in activities. Being part of the group helps to reduce isolation and improves health & wellbeing and also improves social connections - friendships are made, recipes are shared.</p>	
<p>What will the project do?</p> <p>The group meets weekly on a Thursday from September through to the end of May. Each week we provide afternoon tea and an activity. This can range from talks from community police officers, fire brigade and other locals. We are planning a visit from an energy advocate to discuss ways to support people through the energy crisis. There is entertainment events (singers, comedians etc), weekly bingo, flower arranging etc. For health & wellbeing, the group engage with the Eat Better to Feel Better and have cooking demonstrations.</p>	
<p>Renfrew Local Priorities: <i>please tick the relevant box(es)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Key theme: Maximising economic impact <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing Renfrew town centre to life <input type="checkbox"/> Moving around and connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> Making the most of public assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthening social connections <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Anticipated Outcomes</p> <p>Members will benefit from the social aspect of the group, meeting friends and sharing experiences. They will also learn new things from the talks and activities. Health &</p>	

wellbeing will be improved as going along to the group will mean that people are less isolated.

Breakdown of costs – (Column AT)

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Bingo Books	£50	£50	N/A	N/A
Entertainment (Singer / Comedian)	£1500	£1500	N/A	N/A
Misc (kitchen consumables)	£200	£200	N/A	N/A
Activities (arts & crafts, flower arranging)	£500	£500	N/A	N/A
Rent (40 weeks - Sept - May)	£1200	£1200	N/A	N/A
Networking Event (Mar 23)	£600	£600	N/A	N/A
Accountant Fees	£100	£100	N/A	N/A

About the organisation:
 The aims of the organisation are to benefit members and reduce isolation, community engagement, social activities and improving mental health & wellbeing and supporting families. They currently have 56 members in the group.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2021/22	Local Partnership	£2400	Activities / Rental Costs
2020/21			
2019/20			

Application for Renfrew

Local Partnership Support 2022/23

Reference: FR1186	Organisation Name: Renfrew Development Trust
Project Name:	Amount applied for: £20,860
Purpose of the project: Sensory Garden - Robertson Park	
What will the project do? <p>The purpose of the project is to create a sensory garden within the Robertson Park. It will provide a community space alongside a sensory experience for visitors. The community space will have space for outdoor play, picnic seating with tables as well as a community growing space. The sensory garden will create a quiet space to engage in sensory experiences, including smell, sight, touch and noise - maybe even taste if we include herbs! The space is currently in a poor state and is underused and uncared for.</p> <p>During previous consultations it was identified that a sensory garden is a priority for the people of Renfrew and in particular in Robertson Park. The Friends of Robertson Park also highlighted this as high on the list of projects to implement. We also asked residents during the 2022 Renfrew Gala Day if they would like a sensory garden, we had an overwhelming response with over 200 people popping over to see some of what the garden might include and taking some of our taste seeds away. Our social media posts also had high engagement.</p>	
Renfrew Local Priorities: <i>please tick the relevant box(es)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key theme: Maximising economic impact<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bringing Renfrew town centre to life<input type="checkbox"/> Moving around and connectivity<input type="checkbox"/> Making the most of public assets<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strengthening social connections<input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities<input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Anticipated Outcomes: <p>The sensory garden is an ideal space for people to connect with nature, have sensory stimulation, participate locally and feel a sense of community. It reduces stress and allows a space to reflect, meditate and relax. A creative plan of planting will enable experiences of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste, the perimeter of the area will be enclosed by shrubs and bushes and an annual community flower display will feature. The adjoining area will have fixed picnic tables and benches, extra seating, outdoor games and</p>	

community growing spaces.

This project directly links to the local priority of making the use of public assets. Robertson Park is a large space that is often underused and sometimes even overlooked. It has huge potential and creating a sensory garden and community space gives people a reason to get back in to the park beyond the calendar of special events. It is a community space and this project will help create more opportunities for the community of Renfrew to enjoy the park, feel connected and be proud of their town.

Breakdown of costs:

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested	Source of other funding	Timescale for funding
Lighting	£5,000	£5,000		
Shrubs and plants	£1,000	£0	Arnold Clark	
Artwork for games area and reinstated plinth and sign	£1,000	£0	Tesco Groundworks	
Entrance and information signs (inc QR codes and design)	£1,500	£1,500		
Landscaper costs	£3,000	£3,000		
Back edge trellis	£1,250	£1,250		
Volunteer expenses	£800	£800		
Picnic benches, tables and other benches	£7,432	£7,432		
RDT costs (staff, meeting space, utilities, stationery)	£1,878	£1,878		

About the organisation:

To address the needs of the community affected by unemployment, poverty, poor physical and mental health, deprivation and social and economic disadvantage.
To advance education and to promote opportunities for learning so they can have a proactive role in the sustainable development of the Community.
To provide in the interests of social welfare facilities for recreation to the residents Renfrew with to improve their wellbeing.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2021/22	Local Partnership Grant	£9,500	Celebrating Renfrew - Film event
2021/22	Local Partnership Grant	£37,281	Development Officer - Friends of Robertson Park
2020/21	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019/20	N/A	N/A	N/A

2021/22 LP Funding Feedback:

