

Appendix 1: Community Empowerment Fund – Round Fourteen – Recommendations for award

Applicant	Project description	Requested	Recommendation	Reason	Geographical Area
<p>Friends of Howwood Park (Round 13 Application)</p>	<p>The purpose of the project is to refurbish the derelict pavilion located in Howwood Park to allow it to be re-opened for community use.</p> <p>Whilst this would remain a football changing facility, it would also be used as a 'park hub' for outdoor activities at the park, and would include a disabled toilet facility, baby changing facility and a place from where refreshments could be purchased.</p> <p>It will also provide a place for storage for equipment for events at Howwood Park, such as gazebos, the football pitch lining machine, and litter picking equipment.</p>	<p>£100,000</p>	<p>£50,000</p>	<p>The panel were highly supportive of this project and an award of £50,000 would allow for significant capital improvements to be made to the building, as well as hopefully providing a lever for other external funding sources.</p> <p>However, it was not felt that the application fully met the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria within the Community Empowerment Fund guidance, to enable the higher level of award to be made. In particular, the exceptional circumstances criteria for awards above £50,000 require that the project represents a significant capital project with robust business case and the organisation has been successful in leveraging in external funding to Renfrewshire.</p>	<p>Howwood</p>