

To: Renfrew Local Partnership

On: 24 November 2020

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Applications for Local Partnership funding in Renfrew -
2020/21**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Applications for grant funding from the seven Local Partnership areas were invited in February 2020, to be considered at the Local Partnership meetings due to be held in June.
- 1.2 The Renfrew Local Partnership meeting in September decided on most funding applications received. Two applications were deferred for decision at this meeting,
- 1.3 Following the Renfrew Local Partnership meeting in September, two further funding applications were received and are submitted for consideration.
- 1.4 The available allocation for Renfrew Local Partnership was £107,813, made up of £40,453 from the General Fund and £67,360 from the Common Good Fund. If all funding allocated at the September meeting is claimed, there will remain £33,035 in the Common Good Fund and £4,141 in the General Fund for further allocation.
- 1.5 The Youth Challenge Fund component of Renfrew Local Partnership Funding is £18,657. This funding is being allocated by young people through a Participatory Budgeting process currently underway.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of Renfrew Local Partnership consider the two deferred applications and two new applications for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and 2.

3. Background

- 3.1 Applications for grant funding from the seven Local Partnership areas were invited in February 2020, to be considered at the Local Partnership meetings due to be held in June. Applicants were also provided with refreshed guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by the Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Following agreement by Renfrewshire Council's Emergencies Board that Local Partnerships would resume in September 2020, all applicants were contacted and provided the opportunity to amend their application or reflect any changes in circumstances that may have occurred since original applications were submitted. These applications were considered at the September meeting of the Renfrew Local Partnership.
- 3.3 Following discussion at the September Renfrew Local Partnership meeting, further information has been provided on the two deferred applications in table one.
- 3.4 The second table shows the two new applications, received following the September Renfrew Local Partnership meeting.
- 3.5 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 the Renfrew local priorities.
- 3.6 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 these 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 PRIORITY THEME

If all funding allocated at the September meeting is fully claimed, there will remain £33,035 in the Common Good Fund and £4,141 in the General Fund for allocation.

DEFERRED APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to Renfrew priority
FR1126	Double the Fun! Renfrewshire Twins Group	£482.75	HomeStart	Social connections
<p>Further Information following September meeting</p> <p>Locality and accessibility is hugely important consideration and we have always strived to find a suitable location / venue which was accessible to as many local families as possible. Our Double the Fun group has met initially at a community centre in Paisley because it was a central location, but we decided to move to Linwood as Klascare provides a specifically child-friendly and safe environment for babies & toddlers to play indoors and outdoors and for parents to meet. Double the Fun includes 4 families who live in Renfrew, and who have been regular attendees of the monthly group when it has met face to face in both these locations. Since lockdown Double the Fun has met online and our Renfrew families continue to participate. We do not feel it has been a barrier to the participation of these particular families and would help to support costs of family travel if / when this was the case. Going forward we would be excited to work with the Local Partnership and with other local organisations to explore possible venues in the Renfrew area that may be suitable for future family group work.</p>				
FR1127	Strengthening social connections with play - A happier and healthier Renfrewshire.	£8,100	Playbus	Social connections
<p>Further Information following September meeting</p> <p>In discussion with the named primary schools in the application, it has become clear that providing Playbus sessions in schools will not be feasible this financial year, given the pandemic restrictions. Playbus are operating safely to comply with all current guidance. Playbus would like funding to be considered to offer the Playbus facility to local community groups. In this way Renfrew children's and young people's groups could have full free use of the Playbus for agreed sessions. Renfrew groups can dedicate full days to the community safely without the distraction of teaching.</p>				

NEW APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO RENFREW LOCAL PRIORITIES

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to Renfrew priority
FR	Arkleston Community Centre	£11,000	Arkleston and Newmains Community Association	Making the most of public assets
FR	Renfrew YMCA	£10,000	Renfrew YMCA SCIO	Social connections

APPENDIX 2 – APPLICATION SUMMARIES

Application For Local Partnership Support 2020-21

1. Reference	FR1126													
2. Project Name	Double The Fun! Renfrewshire Twins Group													
3. Organisation Name	Home-Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde													
4. Amount Applied For	£482.75 from Renfrew Local Partnership ((£3,379.20 in total from the seven Local partnership areas) towards a total cost of £5079.20.													
5. Description Of Project	<p>Double The Fun! Is the only Twins Group in Renfrewshire. It reduces social isolation by providing a unique opportunity to spend time with other twin parents, and the chance to vent in a safe place with parents who understand the unique pressures they face.</p> <p>The group is free and has been running every month since June 2018. This project increase the capacity of the group to accommodate more parents and their twins, as there is currently a waiting list for the group.</p> <p>Double The Fun! was an initiative proposed by one of the mums supported who spoke of the stigma, isolation and lack of support being felt by parents of twins in Renfrewshire. This was after the loss of a Lochwinnoch Twins Group, which meant the closes group was now in East Kilbride. Other groups are usually created with 1:1 child parent ratios in mind. With the unusually large number of twins in Renfrewshire we opened up the group to the public and it has been hugely popular since.</p>													
6. Who Benefits From The Project?	The current project has been hugely popular with an average of 5-7 parents and 10-14 children attending the groups from across Renfrewshire.													
7. Fit With Local Partnership Priorities	The project fits with the theme of focus of strengthening social connections.													
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sensory play; parenting classes)		
Coordinator/administration costs and Parenting For All training	£1,600	£0 (Home-Start will absorb this cost)
Volunteer travel expenses (4 volunteers per session @ £5 per person)	£400	£400
Co-ordinator travel expenses	£100	£0 (Home Start will absorb this cost)
Refreshments (£20 per session)	£400	£400

The balance of costs is funded through Renfrewshire Council Early Years Pre 5 voluntary sector. This funding is secured.

9. About The Organisation

Home-Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde was established in 2001 . It has one full time and eight part time employees, with 100 volunteers and 5 members.

Home- Start offers vital practical emotional support and friendship to families through a volunteer home visiting and peer mentoring service. Families work with trained volunteers to manage and understand parenting challenges. This includes help finding local childcare groups, accompanying people to appointments, supporting people with life-changing trauma, long term conditions, mental health problems, lone parenting and child disabilities.

10. Grant Funding Award History

2019/20 - £45,200 Early Years Pre 5 voluntary sector, used for core running costs.

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1. Reference	FR 1127
2. Project Name	Strengthening social connections with play - A happier and healthier Renfrewshire.
3. Organisation Name	Playbus (SC049139)
4. Amount Applied For	£8,100
5. Description Of Project	<p>The Playbus Pilot evidenced how the Playbus improves health and well-being, literacy and numeracy skills and social interaction between children, teachers, parents and the community. The play-programme will allow for more children of Renfrew to benefit from the findings from the Playbus pilot which was carried out Nov/Dec 2019. More schools will engage with their own funding once more children are shown to have benefited from the experience.</p> <p>The need has been identified by schools, nurseries and clubs by running a pilot. Head Teachers, teachers, parents and children have provided evidence to show improvement in their children's mental wellbeing with the use of the Playbus through the pilot study. The pilot found that 100% of parents attending with their children at after school clubs stated that they enjoyed the sessions and agreed that the Playbus was good for their children's mental and physical wellbeing. The pilot reported that 100% of parents who attended the out-reach toddler session said they would access this service again within the community. The toddler group helped parents build relationships with each other and offer each other support as well as building a relationship between families and school. The greatest evidence from Todholm's pilot is regular use of the playbus is helping children reach their full potential.</p> <p>Playbus will deliver three programmes in Renfrew. These will be with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- St James' Primary School- Newmains Primary School- Arkleston Primary School <p>These schools have all given their intent to work with the project.</p> <p>The more schools that benefit from the project, the more groups will engage with their own funding. This allows the work to be sustainable in the community. A six-week arrangement will be made with the hosts of the play programmes. The centres will be given a topic to work with and report back on. The centre will be asked to work their parent and toddler community as well as the families of Renfrew.</p> <p>The programme topics are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Measuring the impact on health and wellbeing in the community.2. Measuring the impact on communication in young people.3. Measuring the impact on social skills of young people and their families.4. Measuring the impact of community play in young people.5. Measuring the impact on pre-school groups when connected with the community in early years.6. Measuring the impact on social isolation with community play.

<p>At the conclusion of the programme, Playbus will offer the Playbus into the community as a Community Play-Day with Playbus. This could be a Gala or a local event.</p> <p>The expected outcomes for the children of Renfrew are increased self-confidence; increased activity levels; increased self-assurance; improved mental well-being; and improved social skills.</p>																	
<p>6. Who Benefits From The Project?</p> <p>Children, parents, young people, carers and teachers in Renfrew, particularly those connected to St James' Primary School, Newmains Primary School and Arkleston Primary School.</p>																	
<p>7. Fit With Local Partnership Priorities</p> <p>This project will contribute to strengthening social connections particularly for children, young people and families.</p>																	
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<p>9. About The Organisation</p> <p>Established in March 2019, with three full time employees, one volunteer and three members, the Playbus provides play facilities to children with the aim of improving their physical wellbeing, communication skills, social skills and confidence. In addition to being beneficial to our children, parents also benefit from Playbus being in the community. The Playbus allows time for parents to socialise, relax and support each other whilst their children play and interact on the bus. Playbus aims to provide sustainable community benefits for the children and families of Renfrew.</p>																	
<p>10. Grant Funding Award History</p> <p>N/A</p>																	

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1. Reference	FR TBC									
2. Project Name	Arkleston Community Centre									
3. Organisation Name	Arkleston and Newmains Community Association									
4. Amount Applied For	£11,000									
5. Description Of Project	<p>The project is to upgrade the community centre facilities. The centre is normally well used, but covid has had an impact. Since this has happened we are unable to afford the works on the kitchen and on the upgrade to the main hall. The project will provide new up to date kitchen facilities and the main hall floor will be re floored to improve the facilities. This would allow the community better use of the centre on a day to day use. We will measure impact through the attended book and questionnaires on a yearly basis.</p>									
6. Who Benefits From The Project?	Community Centre users in Renfrew.									
7. Fit With Local Partnership Priorities	This project will contribute to making the most of public assets, through making this asset more fit for purpose.									
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9. About The Organisation	The organisation was established in 2002 and aims to secure the running of the centre to allow the community to use the facilities as there is a lack of space for community to use in this area. It has eight volunteers and twelve members.									
10. Grant Funding Award History	N/A									

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1. Reference	FR TBC
2. Project Name	Renfrew YMCA
3. Organisation Name	Renfrew YMCA SCIO
4. Amount Applied For	£10,000
5. Description Of Project	<p>Renfrew YMCA is seeking funding for resources to run and develop our projects, the purpose of this is to work with and support the most at need community members, whether that be due to poverty, being in the care system, have additional support needs or have been victims or abuse, and suffer with mental health issues. For example: We will use our new kitchen to facilitate cooking sessions for young people and their families. Our IT equipment to offer training to close the attainment gap for young people, use our relaxing room to support mental health sessions.</p> <p>We have worked over the last 11 months to undertake renovations to our space, we have worked with all of our members to develop a needs led space for them to use within all of our projects. We have surveyed 45 young people and worked with a focus group of 10 to develop the idea of how their projects will look going forward, and what equipment we need to successfully facilitate this.</p> <p>This funding will allow us to ensure there is the correct resources and equipment for all of our projects. In January when our facility opens we will have a minimum of 8 projects based out of our building working with over 90 children and young people each week, we will use the resources and equipment to facilitate sessions, connect with young people and build lasting relationships with them. Our sessions will offer opportunities for young people to undertake training and qualifications.</p> <p>Outcome 1: Young people are confident, resilient and optimistic for the future Outcome 2: Young people manage personal, social and formal relationships Outcome 3: Young people create, describe and apply their learning and skills Outcome 4: Young people participate safely and effectively in groups Outcome 5: Young people consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control Outcome 6: Young people express their voice and demonstrate social commitment Outcome 7: Young people broaden their perspectives through new experiences and thinking</p>
6. Who Benefits From The Project?	<p>Children/ Young people will benefit by keeping their own learning folders that we will take a copy off this will include: goal setting, diary of the day, evidence of achievements such as pictures, skill wheels, their struggles and how did they overcome them or how can they the next time. Workers will also write in these to do witness testimonies for them. We will do a session evaluation for all activities, keep a parents comment book, speak to schools and agencies that are appropriate for each child/young person. We will evaluate individuals progress 6 times throughout the year supporting them to note changes and developments. Through this we will be able to gather statistical evidence from individuals and other agencies.</p>

7. Fit With Local Partnership Priorities

The project will meet the priority area of strengthening social connections and by tackling isolation for service users and their families.

8. Breakdown of Costs

Item of spend	Total cost	Amount requested
Audio and visual equipment	£4,000	£4,000
IT and gaming	£2,000	£2,000
furnishings	£1,500	£1,500
Kitchen essentials	£2,000	£2,000
arts, games and creative resources	£500	£500

9. About The Organisation

The organisation was established in 2011 and now has 1 fulltime employee, 8 part time employees, 18 volunteers and 16 members.

Renfrew YMCA is a Renfrew based youth charity providing a needs led service for all young people in the community. Providing opportunities that due to deprivation, family circumstances and confidence would not be possible. We aim to ensure each young person feels included, respected, welcome, supported and empowered to reach their fullest potential in society. We pride ourselves on our YMCA family.

10. Grant Funding Award History

2019/20 Local Partnership Funding of £8368 to support youth work

2018/19 Youth Challenge Fund of £3285.94 to support youth work

2017/18 Youth Challenge Fund of £11,351 to support youth work