

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

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Report Title

HWB Report 2014-15 Voluntary Sector Grants

Purpose

To Inform Board Members of Distribution of Funds to Voluntary Sector Groups in Trafford

Recommendations

To Note

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Headlines

The 2014-15 Voluntary Sector Grant scheme funded 36 projects across all Locality Partnership areas, allocating £103,008.74 in grant funding. An additional project was part-funded in the Sale Locality area through a donation from a local business.

The total number of 930 local people took part in voting across the four Participatory budgeting events, a significant increase from last year's 433 voters.

Of the successful applications 24 came from groups who had not previously received funding from the Voluntary Grants Scheme previously. In addition, Thrive supported 2 successful groups who had never completed a funding application before – Sale Arts Trail and Sale Amateur Boxing Club.

As a result of successful VSG applications 4 groups are now looking to formalise their activity with a view to longer term delivery, by establishing community organisations with Thrive support – Sale Arts Trail, Soothe Baby Blues, Meet and Eat and Soothe Baby Blues.

Applications by area

A total of 103 applications were received to the grant scheme across Trafford, an increase from last year (98 applications).

	Applications Received	Shortlisted Projects	Funded Projects
Urmston and Partington	17 applications totalling £50k	10 projects	8 totalling £27,650
Old Trafford and Stretford	25 applications totalling £98k	14 project	10 totalling £27,720
South	27 applications totalling £80k	16 projects	9 totalling £27,782
Sale	34 applications totalling £83k	17 projects	9 totalling £19,856

Funded Projects by Theme

Urmston and Partington Locality funded 5 projects which contribute to the local priority of health and wellbeing. Two allotment societies were funded to delivery projects under the environment priority. Employment and skills was less well represented in this area, as one project was funded.

8 of the projects receiving funding in Old Trafford and Stretford are linked to the priority of 'Reducing barriers to employment, increasing and developing skills'. Three funded projects address health. Only one application was received which tackles the third Locality Partnership priority of 'Improving the place where you live'.

6 projects were funded to deliver 'Intergenerational Activities', most of which also deliver again the Reducing Older People's Isolation priority as well. 4 of the funded projects will contribute to the 'Healthy Living' priority. One project was funded under the 'Employment, Education and Skills', this was the only application received under this priority for the South Locality area.

In Sale, 3 projects will contribute to the grant priority of Health and Wellbeing. The remaining 6 projects fall under the 'community' grant priority, with one also improving the local environment.

2014 Participatory Budgeting Events

The 4 participatory budgeting events took place throughout July and September. The number of local people voting at the events more than doubled from last year.

	Voters 2013	Voters 2014
Urmston and Partington	109	165
Old Trafford and Stretford	166	155
South	48	279
Sale	110	331
total	433	930

Those areas with highest levels of turn out benefitted from locations in town centres and high levels of social media activity around the event.

Overall feedback from the events was positive with 93% of completed feedback forms rating the events either 'good' or 'excellent'. A simplified voting method was implemented across all events, resulting in a much reduced number of spoiled ballots, 9 in 2014 compared to 56 in 2013.

Monitoring of Projects

Thrive are currently supporting successful projects to complete monitoring and evaluation plans- these will be collated into an overall programme schedule to aid ongoing monitoring of the grants. All applicants are required to return quarterly monitoring updates, with proof of spend and progress towards the defined outcomes.

Locality Partnership members have the opportunity to become involved in the monitoring of the grant scheme. At the Locality Partnerships in September / October we want members to consider:

- The Role of Locality Partnerships in monitoring and evaluation of individual grants
- The best mechanism for Locality Partnership members to engage in monitoring
- Any training and development requirements
- Appropriate communication channels into Locality Partnership meetings

Urmston and Partington Voluntary Sector Grants 2014-15

Organisation and Project name	Summary	Amount Allocated	Theme	Area	Previously Funded through VSG?
Hi Tension workouts	Classes aimed to reduce anxiety, enhance mood and improve self esteem. Developing both physical and mental health	£4000	Healthy minds, Healthy bodies, Healthy eating'- Health and Wellbeing	Partington	2013-14 £4000.00
Relate (GMS)	For counselling sessions for children, young people and adults focusing on unemployment, low incomes or financial difficulties. Through this project Relate GMS will offer up to 6 free sessions of counselling for children, young people, individuals, couples or families.	£4000	'Healthy minds, Healthy bodies, Healthy eating'- Health and Wellbeing	Urmston and Partington	New applicant 2014
Partington and Carrington Youth Partnership	This project aims to promote a self-help ethos that encourages the children to sample different sports and activities and challenge themselves in learning or trying new Olympic themed activities. The project will offer 13 different disciplines and creates awareness of sports not taught in schools on a regular basis	£4000	'Healthy minds, Healthy bodies, Healthy eating'- Health and Wellbeing	Partington and Carrington	New applicant 2014
Moss View Allotment Society	This project aims to make Moss View Allotments more accessible to the residents of Partington and surrounding areas by installing a disabled toilet in the community hut and then promoting the new facility.	£4000	Environment	Partington	New applicant 2014

Chainlink	We will engage a Cytech qualified project coordinator to train and supervise volunteers who will deliver free cycle maintenance workshops and guided bike rides tailored to different abilities but particularly aimed at families with children.	£3425	Employment, education and skills	Partington	2013-14 £5000
MEET & EAT	In order for the group to run we need to secure money for the rental of the Community Centre kitchen and dining room. The rental has been negotiated to a reasonable rate.	£2400	'Healthy minds, Healthy bodies, Healthy eating'- Health and Wellbeing	Partington	New applicant 2014
Soothe Baby Blues	Soothe Baby Blues mother and baby groups run 6 week programmes to treat and prevent post-natal depression for up to 10 women and babies at a time. It is an innovative project, launched and run by a registered Mental Health Nurse, alongside volunteers and other perinatal/early years specialists.	£4000	'Healthy minds, Healthy bodies, Healthy eating'- Health and Wellbeing	Venue TBC	New applicant 2014 (pilot project)
Chadwick Park Allotment Society	Open days, events and plant & produce sales	£2300	Environment	Urmston	New applicant 2014

Old Trafford and Stretford Voluntary Sector Grants 2014-15

Organisation and Project name	Summary	Amount Allocated	Theme	Area	Previously Funded through VSG?
Tree Things Trafford	We will provide the opportunity for people to take part in woodworking activities and projects where they will gain new skills for employment or maintain their existing skills. The workshops will provide a safe and supported environment where people can re-build their self-confidence. Having finished items to take away will build pride and self-esteem as well as giving them new skills that they can generate their own income in the future.	£3,043.69	Reducing barriers to employment, increasing and developing skills'	Old Trafford	New Applicant 2014
Gorse Hill Community Action Group	This project will fund the installation of planters at two bus stops in Gorse Hill to fill with fruit, vegetables and herbs and the decoration of men's toilet block with art by a local artist & local children to improve the appearance of the area, showing community activity and ownership.	£2,000.00	Improving the place where you live	Stretford	2013/14 £1500
Seed Studios	To purchase a modern digital audio desk. Seed will train 30 people from North Trafford to use this industry standard equipment. For people who are leaving college and looking for their first job, or facing a barrier into employment, this project will provide a long term and valuable skill in a popular industry. 4 concerts at the Old Trafford building will provide opportunities to build confidence applying the new skills in a real life scenario.	£2,730.00	Reducing barriers to employment, increasing and developing skills	Old Trafford	2012-13 £5,600 2013-14 4,575
Seymour Poets	We work with people who have become isolated	£1,651.35	Reducing barriers to	Old Trafford	New Applicant

	for various reasons. We will carry out 28 workshops for a group of 25 people on the themes: Self-acceptance and confidence building, Healthy eating and Telling your own story. We will produce postcards featuring a simple, healthy recipe on one side and a first-person account of a life journey from despair to success on the other.		employment, increasing and developing skills'		2014
Touchdown Dance	We will deliver training for up to 15 learning disabled, disabled and sensory impaired, adults who can't access further formal training or find employment. This training will support different levels of ability to lead workshops in creative and performance skills.	£3,970.00	Reducing barriers to employment, increasing and developing skills'	Stretford	New Applicant 2014
Old Trafford Community Fitness and Amateur Boxing Club	Providing the Boxing sessions at the St John's Centre allows young individuals the chance to engage in organised activity, which can slowly help to have a positive influence on bringing about change in their behaviour. The grant will cover the cost of room rental.	£3,840.00	Reducing barriers to employment, increasing and developing skills	Old Trafford	New Applicant 2014
Chainlink	We will run guided bike rides around the local area at weekends and during school holidays giving the opportunity for families to get fit together and for them to introduce cycling to their children as a practical means of getting around and staying fit. Cycle maintenance workshops will focus on giving the volunteers mechanical skills and experience as well as building up their confidence to enhance their future job prospects.	£3,425.00	Reducing barriers to employment, increasing and developing skills Child obesity and healthy eating	Old Trafford	(as above) 2013-14 £5000
Gorse Hill Lifestyles	The project is aimed at young people aged 11-18 years via referral from social workers, youth	£1,461.00	Reducing barriers to employment,	Stretford	New Applicant 2014

project	workers, schools and other agencies in order to develop young people's self-esteem and confidence through independent and group work activities.		increasing and developing skills		
Blanc	'Blanc' is a dance group made up of 10 members aged 13-17. The funding will enable the group to attend HDI is a dance camp, where aspiring dancers are given the privilege to take classes with some of the most successful universal dance choreographers.	£2,000.00	Child obesity and healthy eating	Stretford	New Applicant 2014
Simply Cycling	Further develop their fleet of bikes as a result of increasing demand. Over the last few months we have experienced an increase in numbers of parents and toddlers attending our sessions. We would like to provide more bikes for younger children and their parents and carers.	£3,599.00	Child obesity and healthy eating	Stretford	2013-14 £3920

South Voluntary Sector Grants 2014-15

Organisation and Project name	Summary	Amount Allocated	Theme	Area	Previously Funded through VSG?
Cyril Flint Volunteers	To produce a promotional film that involves volunteers and service users and can be used to promote our services.	2275	Intergenerational activities Reducing Older People's Isolation	Whole locality	2012/3 £15k 2013/4 £3056
Tree Things Trafford	There is a piece of land there and local people tell us they would like to see it turned into an eco garden for everyone to enjoy. We will develop this garden, building accessible raised beds, furniture, storage etc. Local people will be able to help grow fruit and vegetables or simply enjoy the garden.	2894.7	Employment, education and skills	Broomwood	New applicant 2014/5
Sale and Altrincham Mencap	The Food 4 Us project will run on one half day session per week during term time (40 weeks). We will be working with adults with learning difficulties and our local community. The main focus of the project is to develop spaces for growing food and to harvest surplus food and distribute it to those in need.	3990	Healthy Living	Timperly	New applicant 2014/5
G-FORCE	This project will use art as an engagement method and target all four priority groups. It will engage them in producing high quality pieces of art that will be displayed as an outdoor Art Trail around Altrincham.	3988	Intergenerational activities Reducing Older People's Isolation	Broomwood	2013 £2884
DanceWorks	Danceworks Altrincham (DWA) wish to continue to promote community participation in healthy	404	Intergenerational activities	Broadheath	New applicant 2014/5

	recreation by providing dance/fitness activities for all age groups. In particular for this financial year, we have identified a solution to identified needs which, if supported, could sustain our community activities in the longer term		Healthy Living		
Altrincham Community Team Ltd	The group is looking to repeat Spookywoo Spectacular (first staged in 2012) at Halloween this year and then run a Spring event in 2015 with more events to follow in future years	3987.6	Intergenerational activities	Altrincham Town Centre	New applicant 2014/5
Friends of Woodstock Park	We would like to purchase two picnic benches to encourage the community to spend time in the park (1,200.00 each)	2400	Healthy Living	Broadheath	New applicant 2014/5
Art with a Heart	Art with a Heart will deliver a series of events, based on intergenerational activities between the socially isolated older generation and students from local senior schools in the Trafford locality. These events will be free of charge to both the older generation and students.	3843	Intergenerational activities Reducing Older People's Isolation	South Locality Area (based in Altrincham Town Centre)	2013/14 £4,540
Friends of John Leigh Park	To continue to provide manpower and funds for the aviary (due to close August 2014) through an alternative service staffed by volunteers and funded by the group.	4000	Intergenerational activities Healthy Living	Altrincham/ Broadheath	New applicant 2014/5

Sale Voluntary Sector Grants 2014-15

Organisation and Project name	Summary	Amount Allocated	Theme	Area	Previously Funded through VSG?
Hi Tension Workouts, "Fitness For Body and Mind"	Due to the success of this group, and the current sessions being full in the Urmston area, our new aim is to launch a "Fitness for Body and Mind" session in Sale. We have had enquiries from residents in the area about the sessions. The sessions will run every week in a local Sale venue, that is accessible, and on main bus routes for the local community.	£2,960.00	Health and Wellbeing	Sale Locality	(as above) 2013-14 £4000.00
Sale District Scout and Guide Band	Our aim is to build up a band whose members are mainly aged 9 – 25 years old, from all walks of life who will perform as part of the band in local parades and carnivals and hopefully compete in band competitions all over the country. We will purchase a range of instruments which can be loaned out to members for a minimal fee (£1 a week) and once the price of the instrument has been covered it is theirs to keep.	£2,428.00	Community	Sale Locality	New applicant for 2014
Friends of Ashton Park	Love your Park; Volunteering days; Second Saturday of the month; Weeding, cutting back, painting and planting are the main tasks, plus we would like to organise a free healthy snack for the volunteers as a reward. We will arrange for some of the jobs the Council can no longer manage to be completed by volunteers to boost the park environment.	£665.00	Community Environment	Ashton on Mersey	New applicant for 2014
New Way Forward	New Way Forward is a mental health project. We are looking for funding for a woman group and a men's group as each will have different interests. The groups will promote social inclusion as well as be a focal point for service users to build up their living skills and confidence. It will also give some respite to carers.	£2,980.00	Community	Sale Locality Area-open to all Trafford residents	New applicant 2014

Trafford Carers Centre	We have been running a Carers Choir for our Carers based in Sale aimed at providing support for carers by enabling regular respite from caring, providing a social and support network group, enable regular access to up to date support information and knowledge on how to access further skills.	£3,000.00	Health and Wellbeing	Sale West – open to all Trafford residents	2013-14 £1710.54
Confidence after cancer	We will provide weekly group coaching sessions, starting in October in Sale consisting of meetings, where we will support women to work on their own recovery plan to wellbeing. They will set their own goals, which typically may be: returning to work, changing their job, volunteering. Funds are needed for staffing costs, room hires, equipment (workbooks and CDs).	£1,700.00	Health and Wellbeing	Sale Locality- open to all Trafford residents	2013-14 £2,860
Sale Arts Trail	To organise our second Art Trail in Sale connecting local musicians, poets, artists and makers with each other and with the local business and residential community. We will bring these groups together through a group show of all artists and makers to be held at Sale Waterside followed by an Art Trail showcasing the talent of the local creatives.	£2,935.00	Community	Sale Town Centre	New applicant 2014- newly established community group
Sale West Amateur Boxing Club	The club relies on volunteers who freely give up their time to help train the members they also go on training courses at weekends to develop their coaching skills at their own costs.. We would like to purchase equipment, e.g. sparring gloves, bag gloves, protective head guard's groin protectors, coaching pads.	£2,888.40	Community	Sale West	New Applicant 2014
Manor Court Social Group	We provide a service to over 60s living in assisted housing and local area, including social activities and help. We would like a music centre so that we can have afternoon tea, some games or a dartboard for a games afternoon. For the opening of the new lounge we would like a singer for our special afternoon tea.	£300.00	Community	Sale West	New Applicant 2014