

Small Community Capital Project bids 2010/11

Dartford Local Board recommendations Local Board met on 18th November 2010

Ref No.	Project	Applicant	Grant recommended
DAR/01	Field Shelters	Spirits Rest Bean Horse Sanctuary	£7,500
DAR/02	Working 9 - 5	Street Talk Dartford Detached	£700
DAR/03	St Vincent's Community Centre	St Vincent's Catholic Church	£12,000
DAR/04	Fencing	Hayden Youth Association	£0
DAR/05	Church Development Project	St Michael's & All Angels	£0
DAR/06	Centre for the Community	St Mary Greenhithe Development	£0
DAR/07	Bean Community Bus	Bean Community Bus	£7,500
DAR/08	Jubilee Field Playing Area	Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley Parish Council	£550*
DAR/09	Raising the Rec Part Two (upgrade changing rooms)	Halls Athletic Football Club	£550*
DAR/10	Office Equipment	Confident Children & Parents at Riverside Community Resource Centre	£0
DAR/11	IT Equipment	CRUSE Bereavement Care	£3,000*
DAR/12	Office Equipment	Council for Voluntary Service NWK	£0
		Total recommendation:	£31,800

* Both SCCP and LSG applications had been submitted, funding has therefore been split between both grant programmes, therefore the amounts shown include the revenue contribution.

Summary of Grant Applications

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/01

Applicant: Spirits Rest Bean Horse Sanctuary

Project Title: Field Shelters

Spirits Rest Bean Horse Sanctuary works with other animal organisations in the Dartford area to help horses and wildlife as there is no other facility able to step in. They also advocate animal welfare issues. There is a constant demand for their services over and above what they can currently accommodate. They often have to turn animals away. The sanctuary has been running for five years. Local play schools and groups benefit from the education from them. The Probation team use them for payback to the community and some of the probationers return to the sanctuary in their own time to help out. Children with learning difficulties learn by touching the animals. They are seeking funding to build shelters from the elements for the horses they rescue as some of them have ongoing health problems and many of them are elderly. If there is no shelter, a problem may be caused to the grazing area as the fields soon turn to mud. The RSPCA states that all horses should have shelter and water also this project would be moving towards providing adequate care. The horses and the landowner, Dartford Borough Council, would both benefit from the provision of these shelters. They are asking for funding of £7,000 which would meet the full cost of this project.

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/02

Applicant: Street Talk Dartford Detached

Project Title: Working 9-5

Street Talk is a detached youth service who makes contact with young people who do not take up statutory services as of right. They ensure that young people have contact with qualified and experienced youth workers. Provide a link between young people and other statutory youth services. Guide them to relevant agencies, engaging agencies and young people in local areas. They also enable young people to be informed and participate in local democracy. Street Talk also engage young people in recordable and accredited activities, specifically targeting those at risk of not being in education, employment or training (NEET). They also increase young people's awareness of pertinent issues. They are asking for funding to purchase a printer which will print up to A3 size colour posters which they can then use to advertise activities. Young people can use this to print their work such as CV's, Applications, business plans etc. They also wish to purchase a laminator to laminate posters which may be displayed in the open air, thus protecting them from the elements. They are asking for £700 which will meet the full cost of the equipment they wish to purchase.

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/03

Applicant: St Vincent's Catholic Church

Project Title: St Vincent's Community Centre

A number of organisations currently use the St Vincent's Community Hall. It is also a hub where the local community can come together whatever their backgrounds, ethnic origin or religion and meet socially. This will not continue if they are not able to refurbish the kitchen the kitchen is used for social functions and needs to meet health and safety requirements. The local community has benefited for over 30 years. The community as a whole will benefit from having a new kitchen. The current kitchen is in a state of disrepair. The existing facility was built in the 1960s and although the catering equipment has been replaced, the kitchen is as it was when first constructed. They are concerned that it does not meet current environmental health standards and may be closed down at their next inspection. The proposed plans would increase the size of the kitchen to create a separate preparation and wash up area to the cooking area. To achieve this, a structural wall would be demolished and the kitchen area extended in to what is a storage area. To comply with legislation new electrical, gas and water fittings would be installed. They are asking for £13,381.50 which is the full cost of the project.

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/07

Applicant: Bean Community Bus

Project Title: Bean Community Bus

Bean Community Bus provide a means by which all villagers regardless of age, physical infirmity or financial constraints, can participate in the many communal activities promoted by the Parish Council, school and various clubs. Whilst a polarised community there is a strong sense of belonging, which the bus helps to enhance. The organisation has been operating for 5 years on a non-profit basis, driven by volunteers. Their existing vehicle was purchased second hand and is a 16 sweater bus with a tail lift, with funding from Kent County Council and Dartford Borough Council. All residents of Bean Village are members of the project and as such able to use the bus for various activities, e.g. school for transport to competitions and other activities. On occasions as summer fete, Christmas Fayre, carols, pupil performances etc. The bus ferries the housebound residents to and from their homes. There continues to be a need in the community for transport which enables the housebound and infirm to get out with obvious improvement in their well being. Young persons groups will also benefit from the activities which the bus enables them to travel to. Many age groups, together, enjoy summer outings, particularly those for whom the annual summer holiday is not an option. The current vehicle is ageing and needs replacing to meet new emission rules for Greater London. They have raised £7,000 from fundraising, donations from the Parish Council, Mayors Fund and private sources. They are asking for £7,000 which is 50% of the total cost of their project.

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/08

Applicant: Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley Parish Council

Project Title: Jubilee Field Playing Area Improvement

The aim of the Sutton-at-Hone Parish Council is to provide an open space to benefit young people and the community in area that all can enjoy. They have, with the assistance of a volunteer group called Sutton Kids in Play (SKIP) raised over £30,000 to install play equipment in their play area (June 2010). This area is now used by families on a regular basis and also as a meeting place for teenagers in the area. All users will benefit from this improvement. They also have plans to improve the area by installing more play and exercise equipment plus a nature trail. They are seeking funding to purchase and have a Trim Trail installed, which will add to the pleasure this area now brings. They are asking for £3,500 which is the full cost of the project.

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/09

Applicant: Halls Athletic Football Club

Project Title: Raising the Rec Part 2

The mission of Halls Athletic is to provide the best footballing environment they can for their members and opponents and are motivated by including the local community into everything they do. As a minimum, the whole family gets to enjoy doing things together with their club. Raising the Rec is a two part project based at Stone Recreation Ground, London Road, Dartford, having relocated their football club in 2009. The club was formed in 1919 and celebrated their 90th anniversary by adding youth football to their senior set up that compete on the Kent County League. They initially planned to start 2 new teams last season, but swelled to 4, and now this summer has already grown further to 7 youth teams. The changing room facilities are in desperate need of maintenance and a few upgrades. It has been unmodified since the 1980s and alongside the ladies and gents toilets and referees area, the shower room also needs attention. Stone Recreation ground is accessible to everyone and their club open to all They are seeking funding to upgrade the changing room facilities and are asking for an amount of £9,900 which meets the full cost of their project.

Ref No. SCCG/DAR/11

Applicant: CRUSE Bereavement Care

Project Title: IT Equipment for Courses & Bereavement

CRUSE Bereavement Care aims to offer support to bereaved members of the local community during the grieving process. This is achieved by both group and one to one counselling sessions held by our bereavement volunteers. Their waiting list is increasing and because the time taken by each client varies from person to person, they have found from previous experience that the more volunteers they have the shorter the waiting list becomes. They are looking for funding to enable them to hold a training course within the next six months in order to recruit and train more bereavement volunteers so as to increase their capacity to deal with the number of clients requiring their help. These courses require IT equipment and they need a new laptop, data projector, screen and printer and are asking for £3,000 which will meet 66% of the cost of their project. They have received donations to cover the balance.