

Leith Chooses meeting 23 October 2024

Present: Abby, Bruce (minutes), Douglas, Jack, Sally, Susan

Apologies: Naomi

Actions are green-highlighted

1 Summary of applications

- Action: Tremaine to consider sending 'please bear with us while we consider eligibilities etc' email.

Organisation	Steering group comments on application	Level of concern	Asked for support	Amount requested	Boost requested	All CEC requirements fulfilled	Date all issues resolved, final version of application eligible
1. Lochend Football Academy	Clarity may be needed on "Lochend" as it may veer into Craigentiny/Duddingston	Eligibility question: geographical	?	£3,500	N		
2. Water of Leith Conservation Trust	It was discussed how WOLCT could perhaps break down their project a bit more so it's obvious which part of it the regeneration the £5,000 is actually going towards	Just information-request	?	£5,000	N		
3. Nepal Scotland Association	Action Tremaine: - Want more info on the end goal and good it will do for the Leith Community. - Want more info on hall hire: internal hall hire isn't allowed	Just information-request	Y	£5,000	Y		
4. North Edinburgh Performing Arts Training	Action Tremaine: As they are located in Muirhouse and list EH5 as an area of provision in the application, what proportion of activity will take place in EH6 (and a little bit of EH7)? i.e. will it be based at MCFB in Coburg Street?	Eligibility question: geographical	?	£5,000	N		
5. Rowan Alba	Action Tremaine: RA is based in Fountainbridge, so where will the social activities take place?	Eligibility question: geographical	N	£5,000	N		
6. Building Bridges	No concerns raised	None	N	£5,000	Y		2024_10_02
7. North East Edinburgh Counselling Service	Action Naomi: - concerns that we can't fund salaries, whether they will do any project working, whether they have necessary consents, permissions, insurance etc - Ask NEECS to remove all hints of personal information from project text (and hence use word-limit well)	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	N	£5,000	N		

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8. Super Power Agency	Action Naomi: Ask for removal of Craigentenny and EH7 6LR from application, and to find where proceeds of books-sales will go. Also suggest they allow some contingency funding	Eligibility question: geographical	Y	£1,572	N		
9. A.R.Ts Afternoon	Ask them to ensure the quotes will be valid as long as needed (particularly accounting for inflation), and to suggest they make better use of the word-count	For their benefit	N	£2,225	N		
10. Leith Runs Together	No concerns raised although did consider the fact the park permit isn't there yet. Will need to withdraw if they don't get permit.	Eligibility question: permissions	N	£4,800	N		2024_10_02
11. One Parent Families Scotland	Action Naomi: - Action: Naomi to ask them to clarify (perhaps in the project overview) how they will actually both meet the service users, and how they will all meet each other - Action: Naomi to ask them to delete 'staff' (in travel costs) because that's ineligible	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	N	£2,975	N		
12. Dr Bell's Family Centre	Action Naomi: They have given the same project blurb as last year; so ask them to expand on the Dads Activity in their project text to ensure it's different from last year's project.	Eligibility question: new project	N	£4,950	N		
13. AUGB	Action Naomi: - The date under the Treasurer's signature is incorrect as it should read 2024. - Can we ask them to reach out to other minority communities to also participate on the day?	Just information-request	Y (done)	£5,000	Y		
14. Hibernian Community Foundation	No actions – as agreed today, Bruce has tweaked the text	For their benefit	N	£4,720	N		
15. Norinemideyes Culture Connect Incorporated	Tremaine/Naomi: get them to cut down project text. Project manager and facilitator own-staff cost must not be LC-funded. They seem to be aiming for a lot. We can't fund work outwith LC area (They say 'Edinburgh and the Lothians'). So they should only ask for funding for activities in LC area	Quite strong concerns	?	£5000	Y		

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16. Broughton Primary School Parent Council	Improvement to CEC property may not be eligible but there are precedents of LC funding such things. So they should focus on non-property (community involvement) aspects of application. Also Tremaine to check if this clashes with another CGF application. Some costs (storage of stuff) may be ineligible.	Mostly info-requests	N	£3,794	N		
17. Citadel Youth Centre	More detail needed of what and where (why are transport costs needed), and how it differs from previous LC-funded projects. Concerns over other costs, e.g. volunteer costs	These concerns need resolved	N	£3,600	N		
18. Edinburgh Tool Library	- They already run such courses. Concern over staff costs and other costs, e.g. what are 'workshop costs'. Concern whether would be able to recruit the numbers they state, minorities. How can they confirm they will attract new participants? (Due to concern over whether previous LC-funded project is being done properly) - Tremaine to offer meeting – offer sent by ND	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	?	£5,000	N		
19. Creative Electric	- Need clarification over/breakdown of 'tutors and support staff' costs - Need proportion of ethnic minorities (staff and participants) to decide boost vote eligibility	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	?	£4,900	N		
20. Who Cares Scotland	Ask them for examples of what they might do. Need to be clear that LC funding will support only LC area inhabitants – drop 'Trinity' (maybe), state 'northeast Edinburgh', include other Leith schools	These concerns need resolved	N	£2,520	N		
21. Leith Primary Parent Council	They need to buy and USE a litter bin. Tremaine to offer a meeting	These concerns need resolved	Y	£4,768	N		
22. Norton Park SCIO	- Need more detail on the activities they might do. - Also, LC funding is only for LC-denizens	These concerns need resolved	N	£5,000	N		
23. Leith Community Growers	- Tremaine to de-redact this application - Growing an orchard for the people - ND to forward project texts and £4990 - Concern about permissions, shed-locations (LL is public good land) and potential vandalism of sheds - Q whether we can ask for comments on future maintenance	Eligibility question: permissions	Y	£4990	TBC		

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24. Sketchy Beats	Do we fund admin costs (Is this promotion?). Can't charge for venue costs. How many classes? Can we fund advertising. Where is other £1000 coming from?	These concerns need resolved	N	£5,000	N		
25. Himalayan Centre	- Project text is too long and vague - No receipts received for last year's report, which prevents them from being eligible* - Issues with delivery of current project. - Action: Naomi to tell them very hard	These concerns MUST resolved before we can consider this application.	Y	£5,000	Y		
26. Edinburgh Remakery	They should fund the other parts of the application	These concerns need resolved	N	£4,900	N		
27. Leith Festival Association	'core costs' are not eligible. What is 'LAYC'? - Project text too long	These concerns need resolved	?	£3,600	N		
28. ELREC	Is workshop facilitator salary cost correctly calculated	These concerns need resolved	Y	£4,469	Y		
29. Leith Walk Primary Parent Council	- Could round up amounts to allow for contingency - Slight concern over where it will be done - Who are the qualified staff?	These concerns need resolved	N	£2,631	N		

2 Previous year's awards

- It is likely that Sikh Sanjog will return the money they did not use. If so, and it comes back in time, it could be added to this year's pot.
 - Action: Naomi to ask for mini-report on what they spent.

3 Additional funding sources

(This section was after 4pm so was minuted by Jack)

- Common Weal Edinburgh North and Leith have contributed £299.01 to Leith Chooses' running of this year's event via Leith Links Community Council as part of their winding down. ACTION: Susan to send a thank you email.
- LeithLate have contacted Naomi wishing to donate towards this year's fund as part of their winding up, and Naomi will follow up with them for further details/amount.