

SUBJECT:	Community Development Grants
REPORT OF:	Officer Management Team - Director of Services Prepared by - Leisure & Projects Officer

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider a requests for a Community Development Grant for 2014-15 from the following organisations:
- Rennie Grove Hospice Care
 - Gerrards Cross Parish Council

2. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- We will work towards safer and healthier local communities
- Promote healthier communities
- Promote local communities

2.1 Links to the Council’s Sustainable Community Strategy have been outlined in 4.1 of this report.

3. Background

3.1 This year’s capital grants budget is £15,000. Members of the Community, Leisure and Communication Policy Advisory Group decided on 21st June 2007 that the allocation for capital projects would be merged into one pot with other capital grant programmes, to create a total fund incorporating Community Development, Playground, Village Hall and Environmental Community Grants

3.2 Community Development grants are aimed at clubs and organisations in the district, and are designed to help improve facilities and develop new initiatives. Grants can be awarded for up to 50% of the project.

4. Discussion

4.1 The Portfolio Holder has received the following applications:

Organisation	Details of Request	Sustainable Community Strategy	Sum Requested
Rennie Grove Hospice Care	Contribution towards purchase of computers	Help older people stay in their homes for longer Developing responsive activities and services that support the needs of all the community and encourage those who need it to access support	£970
Gerrards Cross Conservation	Contribution towards purchase of gardening	Supporting, encouraging and enabling community	£763.67

<p>Volunteers * Gerrards Cross Parish Council</p>	<p>tools</p>	<p>participation and volunteering</p> <p>Keep public places clean, tidy and litter free, working together to tackle fly-tipping</p>	
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5. Rennie Grove Hospice Care

- 5.1 Rennie Grove Hospice Care (previously known as Iain Rennie Hospice at Home) has provided 24/7 care at home for adults and children with life-limiting illness in Bucks and West Herts since 1985. Rennie Grove’s specialist nurses provide practical personal care and pain relief as well as essential emotional support for all those with end of life conditions. Their approach means that people have the choice to die at home, rather than in hospital. Last year, Rennie Grove looked after 368 patients in South Bucks, the Family Support Service and their volunteer helpers worked to support families and carers through very difficult times.
- 5.2 This project is to renew the desktop computers used by the staff based in the Buckinghamshire office. Although the office is based in Chalfont St Giles the South Bucks nursing team (12 nurses) is based there as well as the Locality Nurse Manager who oversees the team.
- 5.3 The staff use the computers to access the patient database in order to update information about patient care and medication. Access to the information is essential for patient safety and continuity of care. The desktop computers in use at present are reaching the end of their lives, some are 11 years old.
- 5.4 Rennie Grove Hospice Care has applied for £970, this is for the purchase of 4 new computers at £485 each. The total project cost is £1,940 with 50% being eligible for funding.
- 5.5 A condition of the application would be that where practicable, acknowledgment of South Bucks District Council’s contribution should be acknowledged.

6. Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers* (Gerrards Cross Parish Council)

- 6.1 Gerrards Cross Conservation Volunteers help provide the community with a pleasant and safe environment. Meeting every third Saturday the volunteers ensure that both the East and West Common areas of Gerrards Cross remain free of hazards, i.e. broken items, blocked footpaths and generally ensure the areas are clean and tidy.
- 6.2 The application is requesting funding to replace the tools the volunteers use which were recently stolen. The total cost to replace the stolen items is £1,527.34, Community Development grants fund 50% of the overall project, the total eligible to the applicant is £763.67
- 6.3 A condition of the application would be that where practicable, acknowledgment of South Bucks District Council’s contribution should be acknowledged.

7 Resources, Risk and Other Implications

- 7.1 The total sum of funding requested in this report amounts to a maximum of £1,733.67. The balance of the capital grants budget is currently at £13,250. If the maximum grant of

£1,733.67 is awarded, then £11,516.33 will be left in the budget for further applications up to 31st March 2015.

8. Recommendation

8.1 The Policy Advisory Group is asked to advise the Portfolio Holder on the grant requests outlined in this report and as to the level of funding that should be awarded.

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Background Papers:	None