

# Capacity Building Fund

## **CPP Management Committee – 17 August 2005**

This paper briefly describes the submissions to the Capacity Building Fund and makes recommendations.

### **Responses**

A total of 14 applications were received. Generally they were of much lower quality than expected and many did not follow the basic instructions contained in the guidance available to all potential applicants.

The table on the following pages summarises each bid and provides details of the response to key aspects highlighted in the guidance. The table also includes a recommendation of whether to support the project or not (including details of projects that may be of interest to AIE).

An initial assessment was made for each bid with additional discussion with AIE (who expressed an interest in reviewing submission with a view to providing some support).

### **Recommendations**

That the following bids are fully supported:

- Fundraising skills in the community (£5000)
- Funding road show (£3400)

That the Youth participation conference be partially supported (£2000?) with a suggestion they approach AIE for discussion about additional support.

That the following bids be directed to other sources of support:

- Helensburgh and Lomond Health Walks – possible candidate for Health Improvement Funding from the Health and Wellbeing Theme Group
- Fasadagh – to contact AIE for further discussions on this
- Investment in Excellence training – to contact AIE for further discussions on this for the Campbeltown element

The other seven bids either do not clearly meet the criteria for the fund or are of poor quality.

Approx half the Capacity Building Fund will remain unallocated and this process should be repeated later in the year to allocate the remaining funds.

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# Capacity Building Fund – summary of submissions

August 2005

Project (inc description)	Submitted by	Additional partners (yes/no who)	Expected benefits	Skills development (Yes/No)	Amounted requested (max £5k)	Comment	To fund or not?
<p><b>Fundraising skills in the community</b></p> <p>Development of skills to make successful funding applications</p>	Step Up Project	Not really – shared premises with Bute health Living Initiative	<p>Builds on existing links with groups.</p> <p>Develops skills and confidence of individuals and groups</p> <p>Facilitate networking</p> <p>Increase in amount of funds going to Bute</p>	Yes	<p>£5000</p> <p>In kind contribution from Step Up</p>	Based on identified need	Yes
<p><b>Funding road show</b></p> <p>To raise awareness of potential sources of support and provide targeted support to increase capacity of the voluntary and community sector.</p> <p>Format will include short presentations and a ‘drop-in’ approach with targeted support</p>	Argyll and Bute Council	Community Learning and Regeneration, Childcare, Partnership, Council, Federation of CVSs, AIE Communities Team, CAB, Volunteer Centre, HICCAP, Communities Scotland and funding bodies (e.g. Big Lottery Fund)	<p>Organisations will be better able to plan and raise funding.</p> <p>Funding bodies will meet with organisations and discuss their projects</p> <p>New bodies (like the BLF) will experience the geographical barriers of Argyll and Bute (and so be more sympathetic)</p>	Yes	<p>£3400 towards total project cost of £24311 (c£14k in kind)</p>	Based on identified need	Yes – Council and AIE able to contribute

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<b>Youth Participation Conference</b>  Activities aimed at 12-18 and 18+. Mix of presentations, workshops, outdoor activities and team building.	MAKI Youth Forum	Mid-Argyll Youth Project, Argyll and Bute Young Scot, Islay VIPs, Kintyre Youth Enquiry Service	Improved understanding of why/why not young people engage with public/voluntary/private sectors	Not clear	£5000  Transport costs via Youth Forum  £1700 to be sought from other sources	Brief description of evaluation  Whilst not clear cut as capacity building, this is engagement with a key group  No indication of 75% funding	Part fund £2k?  AIE interested in funding the remainder
<b>Helensburgh and Lomond Health Walks</b>  Training for health walk leaders (18 people)	Lomond LHCC	Lower Clyde Greenspace, NHS Argyll and Clyde, Job Centre	Target audience of people who are socially isolated or with health issues	Yes	£4150	Link to JHIP  Skills development very specific in narrow field  Evaluation unclear, but might be based on <i>Paths to Health</i>  No indication of 75% funding	No – may be more appropriate to bid to the Health Improvement Fund administered by the Health and wellbeing Theme Group

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<p><b>Fascadagh – promoting business inclusion in Argyll</b></p> <p>Company to promote social firms and entrepreneurial activity among disadvantaged in Argyll. Development activity/visit for five directors from Mid-Argyll Link Club</p>	Fascadagh	Communities Scotland	Enable directors to be involved with the Social Enterprise Academy	Not clear – developing knowledge or confidence?	<p>£1237.50</p> <p>Matched by contribution from Communities Scotland</p>	<p>No indication of 75% funding</p> <p>Not a large amount of detail – only used 1 page, but included a large amount of additional information about the company</p>	No, but AIE could be interested (would require additional information)
<p><b>Investment in Excellence training</b></p> <p>Delivery of training by CVS outreach workers</p>	Argyll CVS	No	Improved skills of community representatives (12 in Helensburgh and 12 in Campbeltown)	Yes	<p>£6404.40</p> <p>In kind contribution from CVS</p>	<p>Activity and expected outputs/outcomes not clear</p> <p>Exceeds maximum grant available</p> <p>No indication of 75% funding</p> <p>Evaluation process not clear</p>	No, but AIE could be interested for the Campbeltown part of the project (significant additional information required)

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<p><b>Millennium volunteering plus</b></p> <p>Pilot to assess the effectiveness of providing incentives to encourage young people to engage in volunteering. Cash would be used to create vouchers of up to £50 to purchase training or equipment.</p>	Argyll & Bute Volunteer Centre	Large number working with young people. (Not clear if they have agreed to be part of the project.)	Increased confidence and skills of young people to engage in economic and community activity	Yes	£5000	<p>Work in CPP pilot area</p> <p>Link with Millennium Volunteering Award</p> <p>Nature of courses that could be funded is not clear (and are they available?)</p> <p>Refers to equipment (not permitted in guidance)</p> <p>Evaluation not described</p>	No
<p><b>Partnership and projects forum for Islay, Jura and Colonsay</b></p> <p>Appoint a worker to establish the forum. Minimum 6 meetings in 12 months. Develop links with the CPP</p>	Islay and Jura CVS	Health Living Centre, Council and Colonsay	Share good practice Communication Project development Better networking Maximise resources	Not really	£4500  (Wages £3000 Costs £1000 Management £500)	<p>Is this a bid to support core costs?</p> <p>No indication of 75% funding</p> <p>Evaluation process not clear</p>	No

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<p><b>Rosneath employability project</b></p> <p>Training costs associated with development of new paths and open spaces</p>	Rosneath and Clynder Community Action Trust	<p>Local community, Council, Dunbritton Housing Association and 'others'</p> <p>Communities Scotland (£68,000) and Council/new Deal (£120,000)</p>	Local people – especially unemployed	Yes	£5,000	<p>Skills development is very specific</p> <p>Cash required to match Communities Scotland contribution</p> <p>Asking for £5k in project of nearly £200k. Is this really an appropriate use of CPP funds?</p> <p>No indication of 75% funding</p> <p>More than 3 pages</p>	No
<p><b>Understanding the structures</b></p> <p>To help partnerships in Kintyre improve their understanding of the community planning process and so improve engagement</p>	Argyll and Bute Council (Community Regeneration MAKI)	Campbeltown ADG (Chair), Kintyre Healthy Living Partnership, Voluntary Sector Policy Group, South Kintyre Community Learning Partnership	Improved understanding and community engagement	Not really	£4354 reduced to £2845 if pack not produced	Evaluation appears weak	No

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<b>DVD Project</b>  Production of a DVD by a group of young people	Cowal Youth Work Partnership	Various  8/10 young people will be recruited from Cowal Youth Forum, Dunoon Youth Centre, Cowal Youth Info Project, Dunoon Grammar School and the HELP Project	Young people develop video/DVD production skills.  Project may be a catalyst for involvement of young people in the Bute and Cowal CPP pilot	Yes	£2800	Not clear how this will develop capacity of young people as a group to engage with the CPP. Focus is on development of a particular skill	No
<b>Expansion of ADG to Rosneath and Garelochhead</b>  Training of target group in procedures of the ADG	ADG	List of agencies "expected" to participate	Promotion of role of ADG  Increased networking  More active involvement in community planning	Not clear	£3688	Evaluation process not clear  No indication of 75% funding  Not clear how this will create significant benefits	No
<b>Small capacity building grants</b>  A scheme to provide small capacity building grants	????	List of agencies "expected" to participate	Unclear	Not clear	£2900  £2500 for grants plus £400 admin	Evaluation process not clear  No indication of 75% funding  Does not add value – groups could have applied directly for funds	No

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<b>Community capacity building development project</b>  To identify strengths and weaknesses of Community Learning and Development Partnerships	Communities Scotland	No	Share lessons learned from different parts of Scotland	Not really	No figure given – work being put out to tender	Evaluation not described  Detail not clear  No indication of 75% funding	No