

**Interaction Partnership; Review of 2007/08 Community Chest Fund Awards**

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**1. Purpose of paper**

This paper provides a summary of expenditure from the partnership's Community Chest Grants Fund for 2007/08.

**2. Background**

On 6 June 2007, the Interaction Partnership launched its Community Chest Grants Fund with the aim of stimulating community and voluntary group activity in Golf Green and Pier wards. The partnership set aside £35,000 for the award of individual grants up to £2,500 to support local initiatives that;

- Encouraged and enabled greater community participation
- Developed the capacity and management standards of local groups and organisations
- Improved quality of life in key areas such as; health, community safety, local environments, opportunities for children and young people, training and employment prospects and community development

Applications to the fund were assessed against the following criteria;

- ❖ Their relevance to the Interaction Partnership's thematic priorities and clear evidence that there was a sufficient need, demand or interest for what was being proposed
- ❖ That the applicant's general aims and objectives were clear and that their project or activity was practical and would likely attract a good take up
- ❖ Their credibility in being able to demonstrate that an activity or project would bring clear and measurable benefits to residents living in both wards
- ❖ Their credibility in conveying that an activity or project would be delivered effectively and the grant award would be spent by 31 March 2008

## **Summary of grant programme**

Applications were assessed in early August by a 3 strong panel made up of representatives from the Interaction Partnership Management Team, TCVS and Gov't Office for the East of England. An evaluation template was devised to provide an objective means of assessing the merits of each application against the fund's key priorities and criteria. Each application was scored out of a total of 20 points and had to exceed a 52% threshold to receive a grant.

Listed below is a brief overview of the programme.

- Applications were received from 18 community and voluntary organisations.
- 12 organisations were awarded grants (table attached in appendix A)
- 3 applications were deemed to be ineligible to quality for a grant
- 3 applications were turned down
- The total of the grants awarded was £27,250

## Community Chest Fund 2007/8

<b>Community Chest Projects</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Help The Aged - CC18	Health, Safety	2,500	Targeted Handyvan service for 35 elderly/vulnerable residents in 2 wards
Family Support - CC11	Comm Dev & Health	2,500	Dev/enhancement of drop-in centres in 2 wards
T.R.E.E. - CC5	Emp, Safety, Env	2,500	Extension of comm gardening service in 2 wards
Salvation Army - CC15	Com Dev & health	2,500	Dev of lunch club facilities in Pier ward
Elim Pentecostal Church - CC14	Comm Dev	2,500	Dev of com laundry in Pier ward
Clacton Art Club - CC13	Com Dev	250	Publicity to encourage membership in both wards
Photographic Workshop - CC12	Com Dev	2,500	Photographic project involving local people in both wards
Jaywick Green Team - CC7	Env & Com Dev	2,500	Small scale env improvements in Golf Green ward
Inclusion Ventures - CC6	Children & YP	2,000	Provision of sports and leisure equipment for yth activities in Golf Green ward
Friends of Jaywick Library	Com Dev	2,500	Dev of local cmnty resources and library material
Jaywick Community Forum - CC3	Com Dev	2,500	Production of cmty newsletter & holding public mtgs
Tendring Furniture scheme - CC10	Emp and Incomes	2,500	Dev of resident training and employment opps & promotion of low cost furniture in 2 wards
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,250</b>	