

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People and Places (Introduced by the Executive Member for People, Councillor John Walker)	Executive Cabinet	25 th March 2010

CORE FUNDING 2010/2011

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To consider Core Funding Applications for 2010/2011.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the recommendations in Appendix A to this report be approved, subject to the Director of People and Places agreeing, and signing off, a Core Funding Agreement with each organisation awarded a Core Funding Grant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- Core Funding awards are provided to local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations whose activities contribute towards Chorley's Sustainable Community Strategy. This year, the Core Funding is an amalgamation of Chorley Council Core Grants, Chorley Partnership Funding and Central Lancashire Health Inequalities Grants. This streamlined approach enables less application and monitoring for groups, and a central admin base for partners. The report contains recommendations to provide support for local voluntary, community and faith sector organisations.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- To provide key local organisations with Core Funding for 2010/11 to enable them to continue with their work, which contributes towards the Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- Not to award Core Funding Grants in 2010/11

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region	X	Develop local solutions to climate change.	X
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances	X	Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	X
Involving people in their communities	X	Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

BACKGROUND

7. Core Funding is revenue grant aid to organisations that provide non-profit making services in the Borough that further the strategic themes in the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy.
8. Following a Core Funding Review that has taken place over 2009/10 to look at the grant sources provided through Lancashire, this year, the Core Funding is an amalgamation of Chorley Council Core Grants, Chorley Partnership Funding and Central Lancashire Health Inequalities Grants. This streamlined approach enables less application and monitoring for groups, and a central admin base for partners.
9. A condition of grant aid to all organisations that receive Core Funding is that they agree and sign a Core Funding Agreement. The Agreement specifies the service to be provided, the beneficiaries, the times the service is to be provided, performance measures and where appropriate conditions regarding safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults are required.
10. A letter and an application form were sent to previous recipients of core funding from Chorley Council, Chorley Partnership and the Central Lancashire PCT Health Inequalities Grants.
11. Eighteen applications were received, as detailed in Appendix A. If these recommendations are approved, 15 of the 18 would receive some form of funding, with two that are still being looked at and considered. The total allocation from these 15 applications is £150,685 from this Core Grant plus additional contributions from the PCT.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

12. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		No significant implications in this area	

COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF *****

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DIRECTOR NAME

DIRECTOR DESIGNATION

There are no background papers to this report.

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Sarah James	5348	2 nd March 2010	Core Funding 2010/11

Applicant	Background	Recommendation
Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility	<p>Chorley and South Ribble Shopmobility have requested £14,500 funding for 2010/11. This is an increase from 2009/10 when they were awarded £10,500 as a Chorley Council Core Grant and £450 from Central Lancashire PCT.</p> <p>The applicant contributes towards making Chorley a thriving town centre, reducing pockets of inequality and improving access to public services.</p>	<p>This applicant be removed from the Core Grants application process, and funds be found from the mainstream budget to support this essential service.</p>
'Improving Life Chances for Young People At Risk', The Arts Partnership	<p>The Arts Partnership have requested £7,000 Core Grant funding, and £7,940 for the Aspects Project for 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £7,000 from Chorley Council Core Grants, and £7,744 from Chorley Partnership funding.</p> <p>This applicant contributes towards positive activities for children and young people, increasing volunteering opportunities, getting people involved in their communities and developing the character of the borough. The funding is to assist with the delivery of a range of scheme and opportunities around social factors, such as employment skills, training, lifestyles, alcohol harm, obesity etc.</p>	<p>A Core Grant of £7,000 be awarded for 2010/2011, and a grant of £7,940 be awarded for the Aspects Project for 2010/11.</p> <p>Total Grant to be awarded is £14,940.</p>
'Chorley Discrimination and Racism Assistance', Preston and Weston Lancashire Racial Equality Council (PWLEC).	<p>The PWLEC have requested £7,230 funding in 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £1,500 from Chorley Council Core Grants.</p> <p>This applicant contributes towards reducing pockets of inequality and improved access to and take up of public services.</p>	<p>That no Core Grant be provided in 2010/11 as the application fails to meet the Funding Criteria.</p>
'Family Support', Homestart.	<p>Homestart have requested £20,000 funding in 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £5,125 from Chorley Council Core Grants, and £10,000 from Chorley Partnership</p>	<p>A Core Grant of £20,000 be awarded for 2010/2011.</p>

	<p>funding, and £700 from Central Lancashire PCT.</p> <p>The applicant contributes towards reducing pockets of inequality, getting people involved in their communities via volunteering and improving access to public services.</p>	
'Manage Your Money Better', CAB	<p>The CAB have requested £38,340 funding in 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £20,464 from Chorley Partnership funding.</p> <p>This applicant contributes towards most of the strategic objectives most notably reducing pockets of inequality.</p>	A Core Grant of £10,000 be awarded for 2010/2011.
'CABability', CAB	<p>The CAB have requested £32,000 funding in 2010/11. They did not receive any funding for this project in 2009/10.</p> <p>This applicant contributes towards most of the strategic objectives most notably reducing pockets of inequality.</p>	That Central Lancashire PCT will provide financial support for this service for 2010/11.
'Core Advice Services', CAB	<p>The CAB have requested £67,240, plus £18,200 to cover accommodation costs. In 2009/10, they were awarded £67,240, plus £18,200 to cover accommodation costs from Chorley Council Core Grants. This applicant contributes towards most of the strategic objectives most notably reducing pockets of inequality.</p>	A Core Grant of £75,000 be awarded for 2010/2011 (to include the accommodation costs).
Chorley and District Sports Forum	<p>The Chorley and District Sports Forum have requested £5,000 funding in 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £5,435 from Chorley Council Core Grants.</p> <p>This applicant contributes towards the delivery of positive activities for children and young people, reducing inequalities, involving people in their communities and improving health.</p>	A Core Grant of £5,000 be awarded for 2010/11.
'Chorley Pensioners Running Costs', 'Chorley Pensioners Association	<p>Chorley Pensioners have requested £350 funding in 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were</p>	A Core Grant of £350 be awarded for 2010/2011.

	<p>awarded £350 from Chorley Council Core Grants.</p> <p>This funding is requested for their general operating costs. The main areas of expenditure include room hire, speakers expenses, and attending regional and nation conferences. The Association addresses isolation amongst older people, involving people in their communities and improving quality of opportunity and life chances.</p>	
Chorley and South Ribble Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)	<p>Chorley and South Ribble Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) have requested funding for 2010/2011 of £4,165 to cover their rent of the Farmhouse to the rear of Astley Hall. In 2009/10, they were awarded £4,165 from Chorley Council Core Grants.</p> <p>The applicant supports the local voluntary and community sector, who, in turn, contribute to all strategic objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy.</p>	A Core Grant of £4,165 be awarded for 2010/2011.
'H Factor' Chorley and South Ribble Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)	<p>The CVS have requested £5,000 funding for 2010/2011 for the H Factor Project. This project has been funded via the Chorley Partnership in 2009/10 to an amount of £3,500.</p>	That Central Lancashire PCT will work with the CVS to arrange a health awareness event.
'Chorley Street Pastors', Ascension Trust.	<p>The Ascension Trust have requested £7,000 funding for 2010/11 for the Street Pastors Project. This project has been funded via the Chorley Partnership in 2009/10 to an amount of £5,000.</p>	A Core Grant of £7,000 be awarded for 2010/2011.
'Chorley Lifestyle Centre', Age Concern	<p>Age Concern have requested £7,600 funding for 2010/11 for the Chorley Lifestyle Centre. In 2009/10, the Chorley Partnership awarded the Lifestyle Centre £25,000 for refurbishment.</p>	A Core Grant of £7,600 be awarded for 2010/2011.
Groundwork Lancashire West and Wigan	<p>Groundwork have requested £27,000 funding in 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded</p>	More information has been requested from Groundwork regarding the details of this

	£22,000 for Chorley Council Core Grants, and £5,000 from the Chorley Partnership.	project, therefore it is requested that Cllr Walker be given the delegated authority to make the decision on this application when this information has been received.
Chorley Women's Centre	Chorley Women's Centre have requested £6,050 for 2010/2011. In 2009/10, they were awarded £4,460 from Chorley Council Core Grants and £1,499 from Central Lancashire PCT. The applicant contributes towards increasing volunteering opportunities, getting people involved in their communities and reducing pockets of inequality.	A Core Grant of £4,550 be awarded for 2010/2011.
'Evening and Saturday Dial A Bus Service', Central Lancashire Dial A Ride	Dial A Ride have requested £2,080 funding for 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £2080 from Chorley Council Core Grants. The applicant contributes towards reducing pockets of inequality and getting people involved in their communities.	A Core Grant of £2080 be awarded for 2010/11 provided NowCards cannot be used on the service. To develop this further with LCC and Central Lancs Dial A Ride.
'Health and Well-being for BME Older People and Families', Saheliyaan Asian Women's Forum	Saheliyaan Asian Women's Forum have requested £2,500 funding for 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £2,700 from Central Lancashire PCT. The applicant contributes towards reducing pockets of inequality and health inequalities and getting people involved in their communities.	That Central Lancashire PCT will provide support for this service.
The Chorley Help Hub	Help the Homeless have requested £6,500 funding for 2010/11. In 2009/10, they were awarded £650 from Chorley Council Core Grants. The applicant contributes towards reducing pockets of inequality and getting people involved in their communities through volunteering.	More information has been requested from Help the Homeless regarding the details of this project, therefore it is requested that Cllr Walker be given the delegated authority to make the decision on this application when this information has been received.