

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 11th SEPTEMBER 2013 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :	Shree Krishna Community Centre		
Description of scheme:	Refurbishment of the centre; a) upgrade toilet facilities, b) replace carpeting and c) improve the security of the building by fitting external shutters to the main doors. Funding for the project is being sought from WREN, however, under the Landfill Communities Fund, Waste Recycling Group Ltd can only donate 6% of the landfill tax they collect to WREN. Of this the government only allows Waste Recycling Group Ltd a 90% credit against this amount. In order to mitigate the losses incurred by participating in the Scheme, Waste Recycling Group Ltd requires project applicants to secure the help of eligible "Third Parties" who will reimburse them with an amount equal to 10% of the cost of the funding committed. In simple terms, £11 of Third Party Funding will release £100 of Landfill Tax Credits for the project. This RUCIS application is for the Third Party funding commitment to release the WREN grant if this is successfully awarded.		
Evidence of need:	There have been verbal complaints from yoga users on the poor state of the carpet and they have also reported that it smells. An internal health & safety risk assessment of the building also highlighted the need to upgrade toilet facilities as it is becoming increasingly difficult to fit toilet seats securely besides general wear and tear of the overall condition / appearance of the facilities. A letter of support from the Town Council has also been provided which endorses the application.		
3 years accounts received?	2011 - 2013 accounts have been received, along with a recent copy of a savings passbook covering the period 6th February 2013 to 8th July 2013		
Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended 31/03/13 -£1,336	Year ended 31/03/12 £2,260	Year ended 31/03/11 £337
Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended 31/03/13 £3,063	Year ended 31/03/12 £382	Year ended 31/03/11 No information in the accounts
Details of membership, fees etc:	There is an annual membership fee of £15; all classes / meetings are free of charge to encourage participation. Over 200 people per week use the centre.		
Details of usage:	There are approximately 20 volunteers who run the following activities; yoga sessions (45 people per week day), older asian ladies group (25 members meet once a week), Hindi and Classical Dance Lessons for children between 5 - 13 years old and a young persons group for children aged between 4 - 12. The community centre is open for any local voluntary group in the community to hire and is not limited to members of the Hindu community; the aim is to be of service and support across the whole of the local Leamington Community.		
Details of Organisations equalities policies:	The equality and diversity policy includes; "We will not discriminate against any individual or group. All members and the general public will be made welcome and treated equally, and be given the same quality of service, the same information and the same opportunity to ask questions and seek advice." Also; "Publicity and promotional material will convey the message that our services are available to everyone."		
3 quotes provided for schemes in excess of £10,000:	Yes - three quotes have been received		
Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?	Evidence		
Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities	The community centre is open to all members of the local community who are free to take part in all the available activities, this includes; yoga sessions (sport/fitness), dance lessons (arts/cultural) and the older asian ladies group which provides one of the few opportunities for these members of the community to socialise and participate in activities. With the improved facilities, the centre also aims to extend the activities on offer by introducing short courses / classes such as "healthy eating" and "healthy living" as well as encouraging other groups to hire the centre for meetings, parties and small gatherings.		
Reducing Obesity, particularly in children	Community centre activities such as the young people's group, dance and yoga lessons helps members of the community, including children, enjoy a healthy lifestyle and a sense of well-being. With improved facilities, the community centre are aiming to introduce short courses on areas such as "healthy eating" and "healthy living" including education classes for children.		
Engaging and strengthening Communities	The community centre is a member of the Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, they participate with the Sydni Centre with their Diwali show, they actively invite members of the local community to their own Diwali Festival celebrations and they hold an annual summer fete where members of the local Sikh community have participated. There are approximately 20 volunteers who give up their own time to run the various activities on offer. All of this activity helps to engage and strengthen the whole community.		
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour	The community centre works with children and young people via their young people's group, dance and yoga lessons. Provision of these facilities / activities helps towards reducing anti-social behaviour.		
Targeting disadvantage in rural / urban areas	The community centre lies within the Brunswick Ward giving people from a disadvantaged area access to free activities which can help to reduce anti-social behaviour, improve health and wellbeing and increase opportunities for the community to enjoy sports, arts and cultural activities.		
Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)	£12,392		
Funded by:	Status		
Town Council	£0	Letter of support from the Town Council; since 2007 the community centre has received a total of £6,500 in grants for a variety of projects, on this occasion the Town Council are encouraged that the community centre has applied to external funding bodies for assistance and wholeheartedly endorse the application.	
Own Funds	£0	Very limited funds due to a low membership fee and offering free activities and classes	
WREN	£11,028		
Total Rural / Urban Initiatives Scheme	£1,364		

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