

Tenants Project Fund March Panel Meeting

The Tenants Project Fund (TPF) Panel has been recruited from the Council's affiliated Community Groups. One member from 6 Community Groups attended a training course co-ordinated by the Community Foundation for Lancashire on Wednesday 3rd November where they examined the criteria for funding and also assessed two practice applications.

On Monday 16th May the Panel met for the third time to assess 21 new applications that had been received by the Community Foundation. Prior to the meeting the Community Foundation had pre-assessed each application to ensure the organisation was eligible for funding the application included all required information.

The Panel meeting was chaired by Nicky Steele, Director of Grants (CFL) and one BCH Officer attended as advisors. Below is a summary of the decisions agreed by the panel.

Panel Decisions

Organisation	Amount	Project	Decision	Conditions
enGAYge	£1000	To participate in this years LGBT Blackpool Pride (June 11 th). The group would like to purchase costumes for those members who have volunteered to participate in the opening parade and also for EnGAYge promotional material for the joint stall with BCH. The theme the group have chosen for the parade is 'famous LGBT people'.	Approve	None
Blackpool Advocacy	£7,700	The group wishes to continue to employ a sessional worker who will provide 12 hours per week support to young males who have or who are experiencing domestic violence. The project will offer 1:1 support – a chance for the individual to talk about their experiences in a safe environment; individual and group work sessions – these can be delivered in a range of settings such as schools, community centres and children's centres and will be tailored towards the age group; peer support sessions –	Approve	

		an opportunity to meet others with similar experiences; drop in sessions at a number of high schools; healthy relationship sessions – to enable young males to learn new ways of behaving avoiding violence and anti-social behaviour.		
Groundwork	£10,000	<p>The project is to provide physical improvements to the open green space behind the Blackpool Coastal Housing owned flats (numbers 105 to 115) on Scorton Avenue. Groundwork has been approached by the Tenants of these flats and Blackpool Coastal Housing to suggest improvements to the space behind the flats that is used as a communal garden for residents. Groundwork’s Landscape Architect has proposed the following landscape improvements that can be made to this space which will provide residents with a safer, cleaner, greener environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grub out existing poor quality shrub beds. • Create new raised planting beds from timber sleepers into garden slope in place of existing beds. • Create a flat paved area, cut out from slope and bounded by the raised beds, at each end of the block of flats. Paved area large enough to be used by tenants take a carousel washing line or benches. • Plant raised beds, low maintenance shrubs and flowers. 	Approve	None
Mereside Link-up	£10000	Mereside Link-Up wish to move into a redundant church building (on Grizedale Rd) and develop a community café, drop-in and meeting place. The centre will be designed to be the hub of the community to reduce isolation and improve cohesion where signposting and support will be available.	Approve (Limited to £7500)	Must be religion neutral

		<p>The centre will offer the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A café selling light refreshments at an affordable price • To run a second hand shop over two days a week initially • Provide a base for their 'Care and Share' project run by a member of the Management Committee. (project which collects and distributes donated household items free of charge to those in need) • To offer rooms to hire for community groups • To be a base for special community events through the year • Regular ecumenical worship • A quiet 'Prayer & Share' room 		
Lancashire Police	£7280	<p>The group is applying for BMX equipment and tuition for local young people over the summer months at the BMX track on Bowness Avenue. Local youths that had been engaging in anti-social behaviour have come together to decide on activities and projects that will benefit them and it is through their efforts that the track has been secured and built.</p> <p>The project will be run during the summer school holidays and there is already a bike club in the process of being established by the local youths to ensure that they maintain their activity once the appropriate training has been given.</p>	Approve (Limited to Bike & Safety Equipment - £2,600)	Must be adequately insured & safely secured
Fylde Coast Womens Aid	9,562.41	They want to make a difference in the lives of women and children living in Blackpool, who have either suffered or are currently suffering the effects of domestic abuse. Domestic abuse can result in physical injury, mental health problems, alcohol related problems and complications in pregnancy.	Approve	None

		Survivors of domestic abuse are a vulnerable and marginalised group; often they are unable to talk about what is happening to them and in many cases do not recognise that their diminishing health is the result of abuse.		
				TOTAL FUNDED = £38,362