

Glasgow Communities Fund - Phase Two 2023-26 – Funding approved – Declarations of interest.

3 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 4th August 2022 (Print 2, page 279) agreeing the approach for Phase Two of the Glasgow Communities Fund (GCF) which was due to begin in April 2023, there was submitted a report by the Director of Community Empowerment and Equalities providing an update on the implementation of the GCF and seeking approval of grant recommendations from the agreed North East programme, advising

- (1) that the approach to implementing Phase Two of the GCF was supported by an operational framework that incorporated learning from the GCF Phase 1 and from an Ipsos Mori review;
- (2) that the total budget allocation for the GCF from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026 was £55,871,742 and it had been agreed to commit to the 3-year budget allocation, as set, meaning that it would be fixed in the budget;
- (3) of the GCF city-wide and sector allocations that had been approved by the City Administration Committee on 12th January 2023 and that the funding recommendations for the North East Sector, North West Sector, and the South Sector would be considered at the relevant Sector Partnerships at their meetings on 19th and 20th January 2023,
- (4) that the application process had gone live on 8th August 2022 with a closing date of 12th September 2022 and applications were required to be submitted online using a Smart Survey platform that enabled mandatory supporting documents to be uploaded by applicants as required;
- (5) that 436 applications with a total value of £136,589,926 had been assessed using the methodology, as detailed in the report, however set against an available budget of £49,323,573, this equated to 64% more than available funds;
- (6) that it was proposed that the applicants, as detailed in Appendix 1a to the report be granted funding from the GCF city-wide award from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026;
- (7) that those applicants not recommended for funding, as detailed in Appendix 1b to the report would be given formal confirmation of their unsuccessful GCF application as soon as possible and a mechanism to provide feedback was being developed, with the aim of providing feedback by the end of February 2023; and
- (8) that an Equality Impact Assessment which outlined the next steps in relation to the monitoring process of the Fund would be developed in partnership with strategic leads from across the Council family, other funders and the Third Sector.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the progress to date on the implementation of the Glasgow Communities Fund;
 - (ii) the applications not recommended for funding from the North East programme allocation in Appendix 1b;
 - (iii) concerns which had been raised by members of this Partnership regarding the extent of meaningful community engagement and the time allowed for scrutiny of the proposals, and hoped that officers would consider these concerns when reviewing this phase of the Glasgow Communities Fund with lessons to be learnt for the next phase; and
 - (iv) the commitments given by officers and the City Convenor for Communities, at the meeting of the City Administration Committee on Thursday 12th January 2023, that
 - (A) all unsuccessful applicants to be offered support and advice by officers in accessing other sources of funding, with priority to be given to organisations who previously received funding from the Glasgow Communities Fund; and
 - (B) all successful applicants be offered ongoing training and capacity-building support to ensure diversified and sustainable funding streams;
- (b) approved the North East programme of recommendations from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2026 in Appendix 1a;
- (c) expressed its gratitude to all community organisations, charities and volunteers whose work brought so much value to communities in the North East of Glasgow;
- (d) thanked, in particular, the volunteers who took part in the North East Sector review panel as part of the Glasgow Communities Fund process; and
- (e) requested that future reports to update on this support process be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership;

In terms of the Governance Framework, the following members declared an interest as detailed below and took no part in the discussion and decision thereon in respect of that application

- (I) Michaela Collins - PEEK: Possibilities for Each and Every Kid ;
- (II) Councillor Doherty - Glasgow East Arts

- (III) Councillor Cannon - Royston Youth Action
- (IV) Robin Ashton - Glasgow Kelvin
- (V) Councillor Burke - Glasgow East Alcohol Programme and Women's Aid.