

KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA PARTNERSHIP
NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND
REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YEAR 5 PROGRAMME
ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS

26th April 2005

This paper:

Updates the KCP on the process undertaken in deciding further allocations of the Year 5 NRF Funding Programme and the outcome of that process.

This paper recommends the KCP to:

- Support the Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust with funding of £39,500
- Support the Race Equality Partnership with funding of £20,500
- Support ADKC with a grant of £15,000
- Reserve a further £35,000 to commission work that meets overall KCP priorities – to be decided at a future meeting.

FOR DECISION

1. Background

- 1.1 On 28 January 2004, the KCP agreed a programme for NRF in Years 4 and 5 (2004/05 and 2005/06).

In addition to this, at the KCP meeting of 26th January 2005, the KCP then agreed to the principle of 5% over-programming for Year 5 and invited suggestions from members as to how this funding might be allocated.

2. The Amount to be Allocated

- 2.1 The grant for 2005/06 was £1,080,670. Thus far, an amount of £1,090,000 has been allocated and agreed by the KCP in previous meetings as indicated in 1.1 above.

The table below shows the total amount that was still available to allocate for the Year 5 NRF Programme and how this figure was arrived at.

Source of Funds	Amount	Notes
Grant	£1,080,670.00	Grant
Over-programming	£54,033.50	5% of £1,080,670
105% Allocation	£1,134,703.50	Grant plus 5%
Total allocated so far	£1,090,000.00	Includes NOVA £20k
Balance to Allocate	£44,703.50	£1,090,000 minus £1,134,703
Tabernacle to reallocate	£49,400.00	
Carry Forward	£11,594	
Tabernacle Reimbursement	£5,300.00	
Total Balance to allocate	£110,997.32	

- 2.2 The amount above includes the grant that was allocated to the Tabernacle project and has become free as a result of the organisation going into voluntary liquidation. This funding has only very recently become available for re-distribution and thus makes the total funding for allocation greater than originally discussed and envisaged.

3. The Process for Allocation

- 3.1 At the meeting of the KCP on 16th March 2005, a scoring panel was set up, comprising officers and members of the Partnership. Suggestions for further work were submitted for a deadline of midday, Thursday 7th April.
- 3.2 The panel scored six proposals: two (Race Equality Partnership and Environmental Improvements) which had been candidates for carry-forward and four submitted by KCP members:

ADKC - Information, Advice and Policy Support Worker	-	£23,420
Chamber of Commerce - Business Seminars	-	£10,000
Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust - Staff / Running costs	-	£45,594
MRCF – Community Development Worker	-	£20,000
Race Equality Partnership - Staff / Running costs	-	£20,500
RBKC – Environmental Improvements	-	£10,000

- 3.3 Following the submission of these proposals, the panel individually scored each one using the scoring system used in previous allocations of the NRF grant. The Panel then met to discuss aggregate scores and recommendations for funding.

Results of Scoring Panel (Totals were out of a possible 500)

Dalgarno NT	-	302
REP	-	278
MRCF	-	274
ADKC	-	264
Business Seminars	-	238
Env. Improvements	-	200

4. Recommendations for Allocation of Funding

- 4.1 The Panel recommends that funding be allocated to two highest scoring proposals i.e. the Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust and the Race Equality Partnership and the fourth highest scoring project put forward by the ADKC.

The Panel also thought very highly of the MRCF Project, that scored third, but recommended that this project was better suited to CEN priorities than NRF and thus funding could be sourced from the Community Empowerment Network funding. A representative of the Kensington and Chelsea Social Council, who distributes this funding was on the panel and has agreed to take this suggestion forward.

- 4.2 The three proposals suggested for funding from the NRF monies demonstrated very successfully how they intend to address the priorities set out in the original NRF local prospectus.

The Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust proposes to further develop a range of high quality services for the residents of the Dalgarno neighbourhood. These services are all designed to address the priorities identified in the prospectus i.e. Learning Arts and Leisure, Community Safety, Work and Business and Health and Well-Being. It will facilitate the local delivery of services by a range of statutory and voluntary sector partners, and will also increase the share of the NRF programme spent in the St. Charles ward.

The Race Equality Partnership focuses on the Safer Communities priority and addresses every issue raised under that priority, with a specific focus on addressing the needs of the BME community. The proposal also addresses other priorities in the NRF prospectus by aiming to build strong links with a range of mainstream providers such as health, education and housing through its programme of activities. The REP had some difficulties getting established in Year 4, and consequently underspent its grant. This allocation would allow it an opportunity to become established, and demonstrate its worth to local partners.

The ADKC proposal clearly addresses the issues of disability and inclusivity in Kensington and Chelsea which the KCP have made a commitment to addressing but as yet, have not progressed and is an NRF priority.

4.3 The Panel recommends that the amount of £39,500 be awarded to the Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust, £20,500 be awarded to the Race Equality Partnership and £15,500 be awarded to ADKC.

4.4 In addition to the funding recommendations, the Panel also recommended the following conditions:

For the Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust, there needs to be a clear plan for long-term sustainability.

For the REP, the panel would like to see clear detail provided through monitoring and reporting about how the REP has, and will continue to, progress and develop the work of the Racial Harassment Forum (from which the partnership has evolved).

ADKC will need to clarify the outcomes of the project that will be achieved with the NRF Grant recommended.

4.5 The total of these awards is £75,500 and this leaves a sum of approximately £35,000 still to be allocated. The actual allocation of these funds could be made at future KCP meetings but we recommend that the KCP decide at this meeting the principle on which they will be allocated. The Panel suggested the following two options:

4.5.1 To allocate funds according to the results of the scoring panel,

4.5.2 To reserve the funds remaining to be used for strategic development of work that meets overall partnership objectives as opposed to individual member priorities. A condition of this option would be to stipulate this proposal by a joint bid between two or more agencies representing both the voluntary and statutory sector. The issues addressed in the proposal would also need to be those already identified as priorities at previous meetings such as addressing issues of knife crime or issues around health and obesity.

4.6 The panel recommends that Option 2 is followed for the following reasons:

4.6.1 The NRF cannot be used as a general purpose grants budget, and needs to be seen to deliver Partnership priorities which also contribute to achieving central government targets. Although the Panel saw merit in all of the proposals before it, it felt it needed to be rigorous in assessing applications in this light. It would however suggest that other funding sources could be explored to support the other proposals: i.e. business sponsorship for the Environmental Improvements proposal and potential in-year underspend for the Chamber of Commerce Business Seminars.

4.6.2 Strategic proposals around issues of health and/or crime would pick up on priorities identified at the last KCP meeting, and ensure further work funded directly addresses Government floor targets,

4.6.3 This option would leave a legacy of excellent partnership working in the last year of the NRF Programme.

5. Conclusions and recommendations

5.1 The NRF Programme to date has had a great impact on local neighbourhood renewal priorities, successfully addressing key issues of deprivation across the borough. Funding further work in the way recommended will ensure the last year of the programme continues and enhances the achievements of the programme.

5.2 The KCP is therefore recommended to:

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- Support ADKC with a grant of £15,500
- Reserve a further £35,000 to commission work that meets identified KCP priorities on either knife crime, or obesity– to be decided at a future meeting.

FOR DECISION

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Background Papers used in the Preparation of this Report:

None