Appendix B for Item 9 The Community & Leisure Capital Grant Requests.

Appendix B

SSDC Community Grants Policies

1	Corporate Priorities	Grants criteria and priorities will be linked to the Council's Aims & Key Targets in the Corporate Plan. These are published in the application pack and incorporated into the assessment and scoring system. Specific criteria linked to specialist work areas (eg. Sports, Arts, and Leisure and Play Provision) are published on separate sheet in grants pack.
2	Area Priorities	Area Committees set their own priorities for the year and publicise these to applicants. Area grants should reflect local priorities within the broad district-wide framework.
3	Area or District-wide?	An organisation should be considered for a District-wide grant if: 40% or more of the organisation's activity is benefiting people in 2 or more SSDC areas It is unique in the district and no equivalents exist in the areas. It may have a local base but plans to develop quickly across the district. District-wide organisations receiving core funding should apply to the areas separately for local project work. Where new local projects involving district-wide organisations crop up through the year they should be supported by the area committee on a one-off or pilot basis (say 1-3 yrs). If this project then becomes part of core activities, this should be built into a Service Level Agreement.
4	Repeat Funding & Service Level Agreements (SLA's)	 Grant funding is for one year only; A second grant application for the same project will not be considered within 3 years of the first award; All organisations requesting repeat funding should have a Service Level Agreement with SSDC; SLAs will be based on: a) an agreed set of measurable targets against which performance will be monitored; b) monitoring of the continued health of the individual organisation; c) value for money being demonstrated; will be: d) for 1 year if SSDC wishes to support the organisation's core running costs on an ongoing basis, but will consider funding annually or e) for 3 years if an organisation is: (i) assessed to be a key or substantial partner making a significant contribution to corporate and strategic priorities and/or (ii) is delivering services on a long-term basis as delegated by the council. f) 3 year SLAs will be reviewed in the 3rd year of operation; at least one year's notice will be given if future funding levels are to change.
5	Funding/costs	Up to 50% of the total project costs is available (up to 75% for safety

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		Capital grant applications should include a strategy for maintenance of
		equipment to applicable standards, and a strategy for replacement (or
		otherwise) if appropriate
		Proper signage to buildings/facilities will be a condition of grant.
		Capital projects will need to have incorporated disabled access and an
		access audit will be required where relevant.
		Requests for capital funding of over £12,500 are beyond the remit of the
		Community Grants programme. A Capital Appraisal will be required and
40		referred to the relevant Committee for approval separately.
18	Rent	Organisations occupying SSDC owned property should be assessed
		and treated in the same way as any other organisation.
		They should all know the full rent payable.
		They should apply for a grant in the normal way and include rental costs
		in their budget.
		SSDC support should reflect the value placed on the work of the
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19	Rate Relief	All organisations eligible to 100% Rate Relief apply directly to Business
		Rates. Charitable Arts and Sports organisations who are entitled to 80%
		Rate Relief can apply to Area Committees for a grant to meet the 20%
20	<u>Offer</u>	shortfall. Assessments are made using an adopted set of criteria.
20	Offer letters/grant	All grants offered by SSDC will be based on a set of conditions, which will be presented in Committee reports, to include the following:
	conditions	Projects must start within 6 months of the grant being offered or as
	conditions	otherwise specified in the offer letter
		A project update will be provided every 3 months
		Other monitoring arrangements as specified
		Publicity options (eg photos)
		Return signed acceptance slip
		Grants can only be paid for a single year and a second application is
		not allowed for the same project within 3 years (unless SLA)
		Any changes to the project should be notified to SSDC
		Share good practice with other organisations
		All other funding sources are secured
		Grants only payable upon receipt of invoices or receipts which provide
		evidence of the costs of project/purchase
		Evidence of relevant permissions being obtained (eg. planning
		permission)
21	Loans	SSDC will help applicants access loans from other sources where
		possible, and consider loans only when alternative forms of borrowing
		are not available or at a prohibitive cost. All loans will incur interest
		Village Halls can borrow up to £5,000 through the District-wide Village
		Hall Loans Scheme
		Loans of up to £5,000 can be approved by Area Committees
		Loans exceeding £5,000 will require a full appraisal & business plan
		Loans are offered at the appropriate Public Works Loan Board rate for
		the period of the loan
		The maximum repayment period will be 10 years and repaid in
		instalments in accordance with the agreed payment reschedule
		The maximum amount of a loan shall be £150,000. Any requests above
		this are beyond the remit of the Community Grants programme and will
		be considered separately by Full Council.
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