

£eith decides

local money for local projects by local people

Thank you for your interest in this exciting new method of distributing community grants. We want to give you as much support as you need to prepare for the Event. This will include giving you information about the criteria.

What is £eith decides ?

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership has given £16,600 to support the **£eith decides** pilot which will pilot a new way of allocating community money. The difference will be that people who live and work in the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership area will be invited to an event on 30 October 2010 to vote on which projects should be given money. It is the first time this has happened in Edinburgh.

How much can my group apply for?

Your application can be for as little as you need or up to £1,000. Groups can make more than one application, but each application must be for different projects.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

If you are a new group or have never applied before there are two important points you need to remember.

- (1) Your group must have its own bank account with at least two signatories required to sign cheques
- (2) Your group must have its own constitution. If you do not have a constitution, you may still be able to apply as we can help. Please contact us.

What kind of things can we apply for?

Examples could include:

- Cost of outdoor pursuits.
- New play equipment for parent and toddlers.
- Equipment for you group. For example, sports, arts, dance
- Contribution towards a small community event.
- Sessional staff to run courses or support your project.
- Small scale environmental improvements. For example, bulb planting.

There will be others. If you are not sure, please contact us.

Are there any other criteria or conditions?

Yes - The project must::

- be completed by 30 April 2011.
- be a new project that has not started.
- be for the benefit of people living in the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership area.

What kind of things would not be acceptable?

- Any political or religious activity – applications can be accepted from Faith Groups provided they are for local community work.
- Routine maintenance or repairs.
- Routine running costs including salaries, electricity, rent / rates, postages, telephone.
- Your project cannot have started – no applications will be accepted after the programme / project has commenced.
- Applications from schools would not be accepted as this would normally be the responsibility of a Council Department. However, parent councils / associations can apply as long as it is not for mainstream provision.

If you are not sure about any of the above, contact us.

How can I apply?

Fill out the application form and send this to Loraine Duckworth, Partnership Development Officer, Leith Neighbourhood Partnership, North Edinburgh Local Office, 8 West Pilton Gardens, Edinburgh, EH4 4DP. Your application must be made no later than 23 September 2010.

Your application will be checked to see if it meets all of the criteria. You may be asked for a bit more information.

What happens next?

If your application meets all of the criteria:

- Brief information about your proposed project will be publicised to the Leith community.
- You will be invited to give a short presentation at the **feith decides** event on 30 October 2010.
- People from Leith will vote on who will get money on that day.

If your project is successful in getting money:

- You will be sent a “Letter of Offer” in November 2010.
- When you reply to this letter, the money will be put into your bank account.

When the project is finished, you must tell us about it. For example, was it a success / what did people say about it? Also, receipts for the money you spent must be sent in.

Normal rules for the award of Council Funding will apply. This is nothing to worry about. If you have any questions, please contact us.

And finally

We want you to be as prepared as possible for the big day on 30 October. If your project application meets the criteria, you will be invited to present your project at the event on 30 October. We really want your application to succeed and are happy to give you help with this.

For help with your application contact, Jackie Mearns or Martin Black, Community Learning and Development, Leith Community Education Centre, 12 Newkirkgate, Edinburgh, EH6 6AD. Telephone 0131 554 4750 or e-mail Jackie.mearns@edinburgh.gov.uk or Martin.Black@ea.edin.sch.uk.

Wishing you success.

The **Leith decides** steering group