

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Wednesday, 3 June 2021

Regeneration Capital Grant Fund applications

Executive/routine Wards	Executive 1 – Almond; 2 – Pentland Hills; 4 – Forth; 7 – Sighthill / Gorgie; 13 – Leith; 17 – Portobello / Craigmillar
Council Commitments	1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 13, and 15

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee agree that the listed projects be submitted to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) for consideration.

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Regeneration Capital Grant Fund applications

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) is now open again for applications. The following projects are recommended to be put forward for consideration: Craigmillar high street; Lauriston Castle community hub; Leith Theatre; MacMillan Hub, Pennywell; Pentlands Community Space; Portobello Town Hall; Ravelston Park Pavilion community hub; Saughton Gardens community hub; The Story Box and West Shore Road creative hub.

3. Background

- 3.1 The RCGF, delivered in partnership between the Scottish Government and COSLA, supports locally developed, place-based regeneration projects that involve local communities, helping to support and create jobs and build sustainable communities.
- 3.2 Since 2014/15, £11.7m has been awarded from the RCGF to the Council for nine projects. Awards have ranged from £750,000 to £1,900,000. Appendix 1 provides a list of these projects.
- 3.3 The RCGF is available, on a competitive basis, to local authorities, or to Urban Regeneration Companies (URCs) or other Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) (where local authorities exercise their functions through these arrangements).
- 3.4 Applications to the fund are made on an annual basis. Projects are expected to detail how they are considering and contributing towards the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2045 and should be focussed on:
- 3.4.1 Areas that suffer from high levels of deprivation and disadvantage;
 - 3.4.2 Demonstrating clear community involvement;
 - 3.4.3 Delivering large scale transformational change with strong regeneration outcomes; and
 - 3.4.4 Encouraging additional investment and addressing market failure.
- 3.5 The RCGF generally does not fund housing, retail, hotel, public realm, infrastructure, and flood defence projects.

- 3.6 Projects must also demonstrate how they complement, support or contribute to the Place Principle; Scotland's Economic Strategy; Town Centre Action Plan and Town Centre First Principle; local authority local economic development, regeneration; local development and strategic development plans; and climate change.
- 3.7 Projects must be able to start on site by December 2022.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The RCGF is currently open for applications, with a deadline of 17 June 2021.
- 4.2 Council officers have identified 10 projects that are judged to be appropriate for submission to the RCGF. These projects are set out in Appendix 2. Further information on each project is available on request.
- 4.3 The Committee is recommended to agree that these projects be put forward to the RCGF. The projects do not require to be ranked/prioritised.
- 4.4 Some of these projects are also candidates for funding from the new Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP). Should any projects ultimately be awarded funding from both the RCGF and the PBIP, it is anticipated that the PBIP funding for the project(s) in question would be reallocated as appropriate.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Should the Committee agree that the projects be submitted to the RCGF, officers will make applications prior to the deadline.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no additional financial requirements arising out of this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The projects proposed to be put forward for the RCGF include several community-led or orientated projects.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 ["Scottish Government Town Centre Fund Update and Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Applications" – report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee, 11 June 2020](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Successful applications to the RCGF for 2014/15 to 2021/22.
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – Projects recommended for submission to the RCGF for 2022/23.

APPENDIX 1:

Successful applications to the RCGF for 2014/15 to 2021/22

Project	Neighbourhood¹	Funding	Round
Castlebrae Business Centre	Craigmillar/Niddrie	£1,900,000	2014/15
New Civic Heart for Pennywell / Muirhouse	Muirhouse	£1,520,000	2016/17
Castle Mill Works – Creative Industries Incubator	Fountainbridge	£1,925,764	2016/17
Leith Walk Studios, Street Market and Community Partnership Service Hub	Leith/Easter Road	£750,000	2017/18
Broomhouse Community Hub	Broomhouse	£801,600	2017/18
Duncan Place Resource Centre	Leith	£1,197,765	2018/19
Powderhall Stables	Broughton Road/Powderhall	£1,425,040	2020/21
Nourishing Leith Hub	Leith	£944,744	2021/22
Granton Station	Granton/Waterfront	£1,236,150	2021/22

¹ Per the Council's "Natural Neighbourhoods" designations.

APPENDIX 2:

Projects recommended for submission to the RCGF for 2022/23

Project	Description	Neighbourhood
Craigmillar high street	Public realm and shopfront enhancements to consolidate the regeneration of Craigmillar local centre.	Craigmillar/Niddrie
Lauriston Castle community hub	Restoration of the derelict Lauriston Castle gardens glasshouse as a community hub.	Davidson's Main
Leith Theatre	Restoration of the historic Leith Theatre as a cultural venue.	Leith
MacMillan Hub	The creation of a new creative and community hub in Muirhouse/ Pennywell in partnership with North Edinburgh Arts.	Muirhouse
Pentlands Community Space	The conversion of a former public convenience into a community hub and affordable home	Juniper Green
Portobello Town Hall	Restoration of the derelict Portobello Town Hall.	Portobello
Ravelston Park Pavilion community hub	Converting Ravelston Park Pavilion into a community hub and nursery.	Ravelston/Murrayfield
Saughton Gardens community hub	The conversion of the disused former boiler house at Saughton Gardens into a community hub.	Stenhouse/Saughton
The Story Box	The creation of a new consolidated storage hub for the Council's museums and galleries collection at Granton Waterfront.	Granton/Waterfront
West Shore Road creative hub	The creation of a new creative hub on West Shore Road at Granton Waterfront.	Granton/West Pilton

Further information on each project is available upon request.