

## SMALL DISADVANTAGED AREAS FUND

## Application Fund



**Closing date for this fund:** 1 December 2010

<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Help Notes</b>
Q1 <b>Name of Local Committee:</b> <i>Mole Valley</i>	The name of the Local Committee submitting the bid
Q2 <b>Name of recipient organisation:</b> Dorking LINKS Play Farm	This is the name of the organisation which will carry out the activities funded or hold the funds on behalf of a partnership
Q3 <b>Contact person:</b> Debbie Harrison (LINKS Community Development Worker) <b>Title:</b> Mrs <b>First Name:</b> Deborah <b>Surname:</b> Harrison <b>Position held in the organisation:</b> Community Development Worker <b>Contact address:</b> Lockinver, Ridgeway Road, Dorking Surrey <b>Post code:</b> RH4 3AP <b>Telephone:</b> 07766 521508 <b>Fax:</b> <b>E-mail:</b> debs@centralsurreycvs.org	This is the person we will contact if we need information about this application
<b>What are you seeking funding for ?</b>	
Q4 <b>Describe the area where the funding applied for would be spent:</b> The Dorking LINKs area (inc. Chartdown, Goodwyns and North Holmwood) rose to become the highest area of need, lacking in facilities and services in Mole Valley in the 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation. In particular the Goodwyns super output area rates as the top area for deprivation in Mole Valley and as the 27th area most in need countywide rising from its 49th place in 2004. Significantly Goodwyns has the 8th highest deprivation score for education and skills countywide. Other areas of concern include income (19th) employment (24th) Health deprivation and disability (51st) living environment (46th) Income affecting children (37th) The Chart Downs area also saw a rise from its 186th place on the IMD 2004 to a place of 106th on the IMD 2007 with areas such as education and skills, barriers to housing and income deprivation. The aim of the LINKs partnership and action plan is to improve the quality of life in the area to the south of Dorking	Give details of the neighbourhood or locality which is being targeted by this proposal

<p>encompassing Chart Downs, Goodwyns, Rough Rew and North Holmwood thereby maintaining and developing a 'sense of community', and to enhance, strengthen and consolidate the existing local infrastructure and services. LINKS Play Farm is a key priority in The LINKS Action Plan.</p>	
<p><b>Q5 Provide evidence of the local needs which the funding would address</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are currently no opportunities for people in the local area to access growing food and caring for animals.</li> <li>2. Local police have identified their concern about anti social behaviour in the area particularly highlighting the need for more provision for 7 - 12 year olds.</li> <li>3. Health inequalities statistics show that obesity is higher than average for the district. The LINKS Partnership asked for feedback from local residents and it was felt that there was a need to encourage the children to be able to engage in activities that reflect their local environment.</li> <li>4. Many children do not travel off the estate into the surrounding countryside and therefore are not learning to play in the natural environment. The Play Farm will bring the communities natural environment to them.</li> <li>5. There are currently no projects offering an unstructured accessible play farm in the Mole Valley District Council area.</li> <li>6. A survey that took place in August 2010, of 78 local residents showed that 99% would like the LINKS Play Farm to be further developed.</li> </ol>	<p>Provide data, e.g. Index of Multiple Deprivation, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and details of any local consultation which support your application for this area.</p>
<p><b>Q6 Describe the project or activities you are seeking funding for:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Creation of a non-profit making community farm, located in a large paddock in the centre of the LINKS Community Partnership area, which is the highest in the indices of multiple deprivation in the Mole Valley District Council area on the outskirts of Dorking, Surrey.</li> <li>2. The farm will feature a range of small, medium and large animals including rabbits, pigmy goats, a cow, sheep and miniature horses with appropriate shelter/accomodation.</li> <li>3. There will be an allotment type growing area for the community to explore and engage with the natural environment.</li> <li>4. A large 90x24ft polytunnel will provide further opportunities for innovation and exploration using natural materials such as the propagation of plants, making of bat/minibeast/bird boxes etc</li> <li>5. There will be sand and water areas.</li> <li>6. The farm will also promote recycling and feature a pond in the woodland area for children to pond dip, explore minibeasts and bird watch etc.</li> </ol>	<p>Briefly describe the proposed actions and the activities that will be undertaken; explain how the project would offer something new to the area</p>
<p><b>Q7 What outcomes and outputs will you be aiming to achieve and how do they help SCC achieve its strategic priorities ? Please also say what SCC services are involved</b></p>	<p>An outcome is the direct difference your project will make. The outcomes</p>

<p><i>and the named contact(s).</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Community will enjoy new approaches to growing food and caring for animals that is both affordable and accessible to them. This will underpin the County Council's commitment to reducing carbon footprints, sustainability and increasing local resilience.</li> <li>2. The Community will be able to develop new volunteering and work experience opportunities for local residents. This will support the priority of sustainable communities</li> <li>3. Children and Young People will be part of the on going planning and development of the project.</li> <li>4. Children will have new and different ways of choosing and controlling their play environment.</li> <li>5. The Community will have greater understanding of the natural environment encouraging healthier lifestyles.</li> <li>6. There will be a greater sense of civic pride and community ownership of the local environment. It will help to increase the local communities feelings of self worth and will increase confidence.</li> <li>7. An area will be used to encourage unstructured interaction with the natural environment - raw materials, animal and plant life. It will be sited in the local community where there is a highlighted, real need for provision.</li> <li>8. Such an opportunity in housing estates deepen children and young people's sense of belonging to society and increase distinctiveness and local identity</li> <li>9. Through experiencing natural materials children and young people and the wider community will be given the opportunity to explore their imaginations and develop skills and sensory experiences, reducing stress, and increasing physical exercise within in a safe environment.</li> <li>10. We believe that our project is the best way to meet needs as it is innovative and accessible. The use of nature will encourage the community to experience an environment which is healthy and different to the environment that they live. It will be non-threatening.</li> <li>11. Disabled people have the same need for these experiences as other citizens. The Play Farm will provide the motivating challenge of appropriate experiences for people with different abilities. The Play Farm is designed to ensure that all people are included and have equal opportunities to experience the project.</li> <li>12. We believe that the project has the potential to influence 6,457 peoples lives.</li> </ol>	<p>and quantifiable outputs you specify will form part of our funding agreement with you and progress against these must be detailed in the report which you will be required to submit at the end of the funding period.</p>
<p><b>Q8 How would you involve residents in the project ?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The LINKS Partnership has developed an Action Plan which reflects the needs and aspirations of the local community. The Action Plan is reported on regularly and local stake holders and residents are expected to influence it.</li> <li>2. The three Police Neighbourhood Panels in the area</li> </ol>	<p>Describe how you would establish a relationship with residents and voluntary organisations</p>

<p>have identified the need for more activities and provision for children and young people and this is reported back to the Mole Valley Community Safety Partnership (previously Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. St John's Community School is committed to the 'Growing School's' initiative and is planning to encourage local children to discover the environment through play. The school recognises that the Play Farm will be of enormous benefit to their pupils - nearly all of whom live in the surrounding estates.</li> <li>4. Many local residents do not have access to a garden of their own and a number are volunteering to develop the Play Farm whilst learning on site how to grow produce. These same residents have volunteered to support the running of a LINKS Play Farm club on Saturdays for children and young people. This Club can begin once funding is secured.</li> <li>5. Learning providers (WEA/East Surrey College) are keen to run courses in growing and the environment on the Play Farm for local residents.</li> <li>6. The project is currently run and steered by residents of Dorking and volunteers come from the LINKS area. The project is one of collaboration and will only develop with the engagement of the local community including both individuals and groups.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Q9 The fund is available for one year only; how will any project initiated during this period be sustained in the longer term ?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This fund would make a key contribution to the infrastructure and security needed on the Play Farm to enable residents of all ages to fully participate in and benefit from activities on the site.</li> <li>2. The project is being run by members of the local community with the support of 11 volunteers in the interim period. As the project grows it is envisaged that more volunteers will step forward to support different parts of the project.</li> <li>3. The project will continue to apply for funding opportunities as they arise.</li> <li>4. As the project develops there is real potential to set a part of it up as a social enterprise selling produce from the farm to the local residents..</li> <li>5. Continued partnership working with residents being the key stake holders, supported by the many agencies involved in the LINKS Partnership will ensure that the Play Farm is well maintained and supported.</li> </ol>	<p>Explain how you intend to develop local capacity to sustain the project after the funding ends.</p>

<p><b>Q10 How will you measure your success in carrying out the activities and achieving the outcomes you have set out above ?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A member of our team is a Charity Evaluation Service Outcomes Champion who will be giving guidance on the measurement of our outcomes.</li> <li>2. There will be benchmarking activities at the start of the project and targets will be set for each of the outcomes. A member of our steering group will have responsibility for monitoring the outcomes at timely intervals (no greater than 6 monthly intervals)</li> <li>3. Some of the monitoring will be done through quantitative measurement and some through interviews with stakeholders and beneficiaries.</li> <li>4. It is recognised that there may be beneficial outcomes from the project that have not been anticipated and we will be flexible enough to build these in to our monitoring and evaluation procedures and report back to our funders.</li> <li>5. It is intended to use customer satisfaction surveys and short evaluation forms for visitors. We also hope to speak to our visitors about their experience of our project.</li> </ol>	<p>We don't want to create reporting burdens so do keep systems simple, realistic and informative.</p>
<p><b>Q11 Please set out the project timescale and key project milestones:</b></p> <p>We will be meeting as a steering group on a monthly basis and will expect our monthly targets to be reported back on.</p> <p>Month 1 = Agreed timescale for infrastructure implementation.          Month 2 = On going use of the growing areas and completion of polytunnel for winter use.          Month 3 = Infrastructure and security provided          Month 4 = Introduction of play equipment          Month 5 = Saturday Clubs underway. Animal plan agreed          Month 6 = Animals on site. Growing facility used 100%</p>	<p>We will be requiring a brief quarterly update on progress and these milestones will form the basis of that update</p>
<p><b>Q12 Who are your key partners and how are you developing a shared approach to the area ?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United House</li> <li>• National Trust Residents</li> <li>• SCC Youth Services</li> <li>• St John's School</li> <li>• St John's Church</li> <li>• See Action Plan for complete list (tabled)</li> </ul>	<p>Please list the partner organisations you are working with and the strategic and local objectives you wish to achieve; explain how partners' contributions will represent an integrated solution to the needs of the area.</p>

<p><b>Q13 Provide details of reports received by the Local Committee which have contributed to an understanding of disadvantage in your borough/district as a whole and in this area in particular.</b></p> <p>Local Committee in Mole Valley receives regular update reports through formal and informal meetings on safer and stronger communities, services to adults and children and the key priority places in Mole Valley.</p> <p>The most recent update on the Key Priority Places for the Mole Valley area was presented to a formal Local Committee on 23 September 2009.</p> <p>These priority places in the district have been identified by all partners in the Local Strategic Partnership as the 'Links' area (Chartdowns/ Goodwyns, south of Dorking) and Leatherhead Common (north Leatherhead</p> <p>Members have also received regular updates on the partner activity in these small disadvantaged communities through the Local Committee member links with the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). These meetings have been held in the communities identified here.</p> <p>The Community Safety Partnership has also focused partner activity in these areas of need and receive regular updates on work delivered.</p> <p>Data is shared with members on a regular basis and outcomes measured wherever possible. Work in these small areas of need can take some time to see visible outcomes due to its longer term 'preventative' approaches.</p>	<p>Demonstrate that the Committee has developed an understanding of the profile of disadvantage locally and of the opportunities for joint working and leadership.</p>
<p><b>Q14 What has the Local Committee done in the past to support multi-agency activity to respond to the needs of disadvantaged communities ?</b></p> <p>Local Committee in Mole Valley has supported these communities in many ways over the years, though demands on funding more recently have made financial support more challenging.</p> <p>In north Leatherhead, since 2008, funding has been given from Members' Local Allocations to north Leatherhead youth projects, furniture and equipment, a drama festival and football club, amounting to over £8000.</p> <p>In Links area, The Local Committee met recently at St John's School in Goodwyns to receive an update and see the work underway. Local Allocation support has been given by the divisional member at the outset of the work in this area, before 2008. Community safety partnership funding has supported the community development worker, as has the county council self-reliance funding before 2008.</p>	<p>Describe any projects supported in high-need areas and initiatives which have increased the influence of their residents on local services and opportunities.</p>

**Financial Questions**

**Q15 How much are you applying for ?**

**£94,724.50 to cover:**

1. Fencing and site security
2. Animal Enclosures
3. Animal Housing
4. Play Equipment

Please see attached sheet for costing at [Appendix 1](#).

This should be the total amount of money you are requesting from this fund.

**Q16 How will this funding help the project or initiative ? What are the implications of not receiving the funding you have requested from SCC ? What are the implications of receiving part of the funding you have requested from SCC ? (Please keep answer brief)**

Should the funding for the fencing not be provided, the lack of security of the site will mean that no other work can commence.

Opportunities to obtain this level of funding would advance the project to a degree that would otherwise take a very long time.

**Q17 What resources are available from other partners in the project and how far are these dependent on SCC funding?**

This is a key priority place for partners; with contributions to the site and community development initiatives with funding or other support. Community volunteers and experts have also given time and commitments for the future.

Mole Valley Housing Association - £2,000 and support of wider projects, United House supp electricity an water to site (in kind £6,000), CSP £3,000 for the community development worker.

The district council has given financial support to the development of the community facilities on the St Johns school. CVS has offered 'in kind' support. None of this is dependent on future SCC input.

**Q18 Has the area received financial support from any part of SCC (including Local Committee allocations and funding from the former self-reliance budget) in the last 2 years? If yes, please give brief details.**

Name of Funding	Name of Manager	Amount	When
Self Reliance		£10,000	2008/09

This information helps SCC to continue to monitor its support to Surrey organisations and promote collaboration between departments.

**Completing this form does not guarantee success when applying for funding  
All successful projects will be required to complete an evaluation form outlining the outcomes of the project**

**I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained within this Application Form and the enclosed supporting documentation is accurate.**

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**Organisations and Status:** Community Development Worker

**Signature:** Debbie Harrison

**Date:** 20 August 2010

**Bids should be submitted electronically to [lynne.martin@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:lynne.martin@surreycc.gov.uk)**

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