# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM INNOVATION WARD ......Bournville..... **TITLE** Community Matters Surgeries Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below. (Tick all those that apply) **City Core Priorities LIF Priorities** Children - a Great • Citizens' Independence & City to Grow Up In Well Being Jobs & Skills a great · New approaches to investment City to succeed in Housing a great Active citizens & communities City to live in stepping up Health a great City Clean streets to lead a healthy & active life Improving local centres What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship? Our innovative idea is to provide peer-to-peer support for micro community organisations. This support will be delivered mainly by volunteers with experience of setting up and running micro community organisations - making use of the vast reservoir of experience and skill within the ward. The support will be delivered via the model of Community Matters Surgeries. These surgeries, delivered by volunteers, are supported by a paid Surgery Manager and will be augmented with support from Get Grants so that there is specific support around fundraising. The surgeries and the "homework" sessions that partner them will be designed and hosted by existing community organisations in the Ward. Time Frame - is it:-One off event/programme Implement and complete within 6 months (2016) Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

#### How will the innovation be implemented?

At each Surgery there will be volunteer surgeons, staff from appropriate organisations (BCC, funders etc) and Get Grants staff.

The Home Work sessions will be supported by the Surgery Manager and the local organisations.

What outcomes will the proposal achieve? What will success look like and how will its impact be measured? How will you ensure legacy/ continuation and what learning will the project provide?

For the LIF funding to have a lasting impact it needs to ensure the community has more skills and resilience than before the funding.

Birmingham, as a city (not just the council), has failed to provide appropriate support to micro community organisations for many years.

The consequence of that is that grant funders (eg the Lottery, Comic Relief, Children in Need) receive fewer applications from organisations in Birmingham and too many of those applications are of insufficient quality to be accepted.

The outcomes of this project will be:

- the number of new and existing micro community organisations supported at the surgeries
- the number of volunteer surgeons recruited to support the sessions
- the amount of money raised by groups supported by the process.

## Success will look like:

- more groups
- more effective and sustainable groups
- a network of support for those groups that last beyond the project
- a shared "library" of resources

The legacy/continuation of the project will depend on the willingness and capacity of volunteers in the ward to continue beyond the end of the project.

Have you considered other sources of funding and whether the project can be used to leverage further funding from elsewhere (please specify funding sources)?

There is no other funding that can be accessed for this project as there is very little funding available for infrastructure support for community organisations.

The project can be used to lever in funding for the groups that benefit from the surgeries.

## What resources will be required?

- Capital
- Running costs
- People power volunteers

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(approx. 200 hours x £20 an hour)

Amount required from LIF £10,000

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? Gifts in kind for loan of venues and marketing costs

Yes, the equivalent of £4,000 in volunteering time and support

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Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

- The proposal has been discussed at several ward meetings and community meetings.
- The proposal has been circulated to all the groups who also submitted LIF proposals.
- The proposal has been circulated specifically for comment to:
- Friends of Bournville Park
- Save Stirchley Library
- Stirchley Market
- Bournville Hub/Busy Parents Network
- Bournville Model Boat Club
- Inter alia

## Discussed at

Ward meeting Bournville

**Date** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors			
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Internal use only			
Received: Date			
Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date			
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