

## **Update on £20,000 Supporting Communities Funding Distributed by WHALE Arts as Community Anchor Organisation for Wester Hailes – £18,000 Funds Allocated Locally and £2000 Funds Remaining for Covid Recovery Activity led by Local Groups.**

This forms part of a wider initiative across South West Edinburgh called Go Beyond which has been coordinated by the teams at Space and Broomhouse Hub, Big Hearts and WHALE Arts with community funds going into each of Broomhouse, Gorgie/Dalry and Wester Hailes for use by community organisations and groups providing Covid response and recovery activity – <https://wearegobeyond.org/>

WHALE Arts received £20,000 from Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund to distribute to organisations, projects and community groups in Wester Hailes in May 2020. This is Scottish Government Funding which is being distributed and administered by National Lottery Community Fund.

These are small grants of up to £2000 to be used by organisations and groups to support the community of Wester Hailes during the recovery phase of Covid-19.

The fantastic news is that £18,000 has now been allocated to 13 organisations and groups in Wester Hailes.

And at this stage there is still £2000 remaining which has been left to support groups locally.

Funding allocated locally at 15<sup>th</sup> July:

- Edible Estates – Building wooden shelters at Canal View Primary School.
- About Youth – A partnership with Bridge 8 Hub to get young people accessing outdoor activities on the canal.
- Calders Residents Association – Purchasing outdoor toys, clothes, bereavement counselling and a thank you event for volunteers.
- Grass Roots Remedies – Grass Roots Remedies Co-op – producing & distributing free herbal remedies locally.
- Dove Centre – Fuel costs for distributing food locally and provision and delivery of activity packs for people locally.
- Wester Hailes Litter Picking Group – Purchasing litter grabbers, bags and other items such as fishing magnets to accommodate more litter picking across the area.
- Hailesland Gardeners – Purchasing plants, stones, equipment and other such items for a new volunteer-led gardening group.
- Open Heavens Church – Buying and sending out board games to families in the area.

- Holy Trinity Church – Buying equipment to move worship as well as the CAP debt services online.
- Murrayburn and Hailesland Community Park Association – Purchasing play and art materials for families locally.
- The Health Agency – Development of the Willow Garden as a space for people to visit and enjoy post-lockdown.
- With Kids – Continuation of play therapy for vulnerable children where their therapy was cut short by lockdown.
- Mums Into Business – Start-up and development grants for mums running small businesses locally.

We are now looking for groups and organisations to get in touch if they would like to access funds from the £2000 remaining.

The grants have to be spent by the end of September 2020 (as this is when WHALE will need to report back to Scottish Government / National Lottery Community Fund).

If you receive funds they will require a paragraph or two from you by the end of September 2020 on how you used the money to improve lives during Covid-19 lockdown.

If you are from a residents group that does not have a bank account or a suitable way to make purchases online note this in Question 4 in the form below as WHALE can make purchases for smaller un-constituted groups if required.

To note interest in receiving a small grant please complete [this online form](#) by 5.00pm on Friday 21 August 2020.

If you have any questions please contact WHALE Arts' Chief Executive Leah Black on [leah@whalearts.co.uk](mailto:leah@whalearts.co.uk) or give her a call on 07773 553 445.

Leah will be on leave between 29 July – 13 Aug so please contact Fabien Merville or Verity Combe during this time to discuss the funding ([fabien@whalearts.co.uk](mailto:fabien@whalearts.co.uk) or [verity@whalearts.co.uk](mailto:verity@whalearts.co.uk) or 0131 458 3267