

## 1.2 Physical Opportunities

Group Name and Background	Project Title and Description
<p><b>Ashton Centre</b> The Ashton Centre was established in 1991 and over the years it has developed into a multi-purpose focal point for the local community, volunteers, public and private sectors. The overarching aim of the organisation is to act as a proactive agent and provide a catalyst for change and a recognised fulcrum for social and economic regeneration. The work of the centre currently focuses on four core areas: reducing unemployment and supporting economic evolution, education and training, community development and social and physical regeneration</p>	<p><b>Ashton Centre Refurbishment</b> The work involves a complete and recommended overhaul of the fire systems, the repair and renewal of toilets, the painting of access corridors, replacement of reception furniture and repair of tiles on floors, along with the painting of the boardroom and staff room.</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £13,635.00 and the group received funding from Urban II to the tune of £12,235.00 ie. almost 90% of the total project costs</p>
<p><b>Carrick Hill Residents Association</b> The group was formed in 1983 to address the lack of adequate housing and community infrastructure. The main aim of the association is to promote community involvement within Carrick Hill and to provide an educational, recreational and social base for the community. Any activities offered in the centre are as a direct response to the need of the local community.</p>	<p><b>Community Fitness Suite Refurbishment</b> The main aim of the project is to refurbish and renew equipment in a community gym within the Carrick Hill Community Centre</p> <p>The total cost of the project is £24,128.63 and the group received funding from Urban II to the tune of £22,922.20. This amounts to 95% of the total project cost.</p>
<p><b>Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum</b> The C.C.R.F. is an umbrella group for community organisations in the Cliftonville area. The group's main activities include developing community economic development/social economy projects, regeneration work and housing redevelopment, community development, interface work and community relations.</p>	<p><b>New Premises Refurbishment</b> This project sought to refurbish and upgrade newly acquired vacant premises in Clifton Park Avenue. This includes carrying out internal and external renovations, installing an adequate security system and the purchase of capital equipment.</p> <p>The total cost of the project was £39,660.00 and the group received £37,667.00 from the Urban II, 95%of the total cost</p>
<p><b>First Step Drop-In Centre</b> The group was established to assist the relief of poverty, advance education through Christian values and provide facilities for local people who are in need of these as a result of their youth, age, poverty or infirmity.</p>	<p><b>Centre Refurbishment Project</b> The project will upgrade and modernise the existing facilities of the centre. This will enhance the usage of the facility and attract potential new users.</p> <p>With a total cost of £20,071.95 the group have received an offer of £16,305.88 from the Urban II programme.</p>

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<p><b>Lower North Belfast Community Council</b>  L.N.B.C.C. is an umbrella organisation supporting the community and voluntary sector in the Lower North Belfast area from Duncairn Gardens to the Whitewell Road along the Shore Road. They provide a range of support services, both through it's own resources and in partnership with other organisations, which are based around advice and employment services, capacity building programmes and community relations work.</p>	<p><b>Service Development Project</b>  The group are seeking to purchase and install a range of essential new office and ICT equipment for both it's advice centre and general office. This will enable the group to provide an enhanced service to local people, the community and voluntary sector.</p> <p>With a total cost of £31,723.15 the group have received an offer of £30,136.99 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Mount Vernon Community Development Association</b>  The main aim of the organisation is to provide a better quality of life for the inhabitants of the Mount Vernon estate. This is done by the identification of local needs, and addressing these through speaking with statutory agencies and other service providers. The group offer a range of training information to the community and a weekly advice service is also available through L.N.B.C.C. 's Outreach Advice Worker.</p>	<p><b>Mount Vernon Community House Enhancement</b>  This project aims to enhance the exterior and interior of the local community house by installing a special play surface area on the current paved play yard alongside the provision of an interior wooden floor, which will prevent injuries from falls. The group also wish to purchase small items of equipment, which will enable them to run and develop social and educational programmes.</p> <p>With a total cost of £33,451.99 the group have received an offer of £31,779.39 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>New Lodge Housing Forum</b>  The New Lodge Housing Forum is an umbrella group covering 9 different residents group throughout the New Lodge area. The forum represents over 60 people and deals with various statutory bodies and organisations on a range of issues in fields such as environmental issues, street cleansing and general housing queries.</p>	<p><b>Forums Office Refurbishment</b>  The group have requested grant aid towards the purchase of equipment and furniture to replace second hand and outdated equipment and furniture that the group have been using for the last two to three years. This will enable the forum to offer their various user groups a higher level of professionalism and a better level of services.</p> <p>With a total cost of £20,579.16 the group have received an offer of £19,550.20 from the Urban II programme.</p>

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<p><b>North Belfast Partnership</b>  The North Belfast Partnership is one of five area Partnerships initiated by the Belfast Regeneration Office, with an overall responsibility to co-ordinate strategic regeneration activities in North Belfast.</p>	<p><b>Meetings Resource Centre Outfitting</b>  The purpose of the project is to equip and furnish a new meeting/seminar/training/conference room in the proposed new partnership premises in North City Business Centre.</p> <p>With a total cost of £17,632.61 the group have received an offer of £13,797.84 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Star Neighbourhood Centre</b>  The group is a local community resource which opened in 1990 and is located in the New Lodge area backing onto Duncairn Gardens. The principle aim of the group is to improve the quality of life of local residents by providing much needed services to the local community. Current provision includes a crèche, after schools project, a youth outreach project, secondary after schools project, senior citizen's women's group, a children's play park and both football and boxing clubs.</p>	<p><b>Star Refurbishment Project</b>  The centre aims to improve the physical appearance of the premises by painting both the interior and exterior, laying a new wooden floor on the ground floor and improving the current security/fire measures within the facility.</p> <p>With a total cost of £13,241.95 the group have received an offer of £12,579.85 from the Urban II programme ie 95% of the total project costs.</p>
<p><b>Star Neighbourhood Centre</b>  (See Above)</p>	<p><b>Star Expansion Project</b>  The Star Expansion Project involves renovation and expansion of the existing building by way of a two-storey extension to the rear of the building. This will enable the Star to provide additional childcare places both in the crèche and the after-schools project. In addition there will be increased space for the young people of the youth outreach project to meet.</p> <p>With a total cost of £207,561.42 the group have received an offer of £140,186.42 from the Urban II Programme i.e. 67.54% of the total project costs.</p>
<p><b>Vine Centre</b>  The Vine is an established community development organisation committed to economic and social regeneration in the Crumlin Road/Oldpark area. The group provide a range of various activities including an advice shop, study support centre, women's projects, adult training, youth work and other projects involved in capacity building and reconciliation.</p>	<p><b>CASE Creating Architecturally Safer Environments</b>  The project aims to provide an architecturally designed security railing which will be installed on the centre roof and will stop young kids from climbing onto the roof, along with the painting of exposed metal work on the exterior front walls of the centre.</p> <p>With a total cost of £10,503.09 the group have received an offer of £9,977.94 from the Urban II programme.</p>

**174 Trust**

174 is a Christian Community Development organisation based in former church premises which have been transformed into a much used community centre. The Trust run a number of different projects (inc pre and after school clubs) as well as providing a 'home' for more than 12 other autonomous groups from a Naiscoil to Older People's Social Dance.

**Centre Refurbishment**

The main aim of the project is to update their security system and install new windows, after a recent break-in, along with the modernising of the cafe via the replacement of old catering equipment with modern kitchen appliances and the installation of a proper extraction system.

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<p><b>Lower Oldpark Community Association</b>  The association is a community-based organisation and has been in existence since 1972. The association seeks to promote community participation and self-help and to increase opportunities for local residents to tackle social, personal, economic and cultural barriers thereby enhancing their quality of life.</p>	<p><b>Avoca Street Training and Development Centre</b>  Installation of a new heating system, security measures and outfitting of ICT suite within the centre.</p> <p>With a total cost of £17,989.77 the group have received an offer of £17,989.77 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Ashton Centre Development Ltd.</b>  The Ashton Centre was opened in 1991 and is now a community co-operative. Currently the work of the centre is concentrated on four main areas: Reducing unemployment and supporting economic evolution; education and training; community development and; Social and physical regeneration</p>	<p><b>Outfitting IT Suite</b>  Purchase of 12 network computers a printer and a photocopier to fit out existing training room.</p> <p>With a total cost of £30,902 the group have received an offer of £16,256.16 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Wheatfield School and Community Learning Centre</b>  The partnership is an amalgamation of community-based groups, BELB and School Board of Governors, and their objective combines the aim of developing people skills within a decaying interface community with an educational focus. Given the central role and resource of the school in the community the key players in the area have joined together to maximise use of this existing facility.</p>	<p><b>Wheatfield School and Community Learning Centre</b>  To equip the computer for the use of the school/community outreach programme. Improving access to IT education for young parents and the disadvantaged.</p> <p>With a total cost of £ £27,517.05 the group have received an offer of £16,256.16 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Corner House Cross Community Centre</b>  The ethos of the centre is one of self-help and mutual support. It aims to respond to need through provision of a programme that includes adult education classes, childcare provision, a drop-in facility, after-schools projects, a homework club, girls groups, women's groups, cross community projects, advice/support services, youth projects. Over the last two years the groups have establish links with the Probation Board and training agencies like Workforce to develop courses on car maintenance and catering programmes for young people at risk from paramilitary groupings, from self-harm and from their peers and families. Other projects include young people coming through the juvenile justice system and participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award.</p>	<p><b>Corner House Cross Community Educare Project.</b>  The project aims to create a more attractive and user-friendly community facility that will improve conditions for the existing user groups and encourage new users. The project will also result in production of a video about the young people of the Newlodge and Tigers Bay areas.</p> <p>With a total cost of £ £17,000.00 the group have received an offer of £16,150.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>

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<p><b>Tar Isteach</b> The organisation is involved in the provision of welfare rights advice, emotional support and counselling, youth development, training programmes for ex-prisoners, victims, and long term unemployed in North Belfast.</p>	<p><b>Tar Isteach renovation and refurbishment</b> The main aim of the project is to develop the offices and improve the facilities and physical appearance of the premises. This will provide a much needed morale boost to the local community and enable Tar Isteach to deal with more public queries and provide a better service.</p> <p>With a total cost of £17,200.00 the group have received an offer of £17,200.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Cancer lifeline</b> Cancer Lifeline is a self-help group which is committed to befriending, caring, listening and supporting those affected by cancer and their families. Cancer Lifeline was formed in October 1999 in response to the lack of accessible support, advice or guidance to those diagnosed with cancer. It aims to help people and their families in North Belfast to cope emotionally, physically and mentally with living with cancer.</p>	<p><b>Refurbishment of Cancer Lifeline Project base</b> The project aims to refurbish and improve its existing premises so that it can continue and enhance the services it offers. By refurbishing the premises, the group will be able to offer an enhanced and wider range of services to its user groups. Given the location of the premises on an interface and the nature of some of the external works, it will also reduce blight in the area.</p> <p>With a total cost of £39,550.00 the group have received an offer of £39,550.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Women's TEC</b> Based on Duncairn Gardens the TEC aims to provide information and facilities to advance women's involvement in sectors of training and employment that have a low level of female participation and specifically targeting women who are socially and economically disadvantaged. The Women's TEC has continued to grow and develop its training provision and now has a bank of female tutors who deliver training in electronic /electrical engineering, joinery, systems management as well as painting &amp; decorating, tiling and interior design.</p>	<p><b>ICT Upgrade</b> The project has three elements: development of an interactive website, equipment for provision of conference support services (pilot) and upgrading of the existing IT facilities.</p> <p>With a total cost of £30,847.68 the group have received an offer of £29,305.30 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Ardoyne Association</b> The Association is the umbrella group for five community association sub-groups. These are Housing &amp; Environment, Health &amp; Welfare, Education &amp; Leisure and Social &amp; Economic, Crumlin &amp; Mountainview Residents Association. These sub-groups are thematic groups of local residents aiming to influence and lobbying for resources, community provision and community &amp; youth development.</p>	<p><b>Advice Centre Refurbishment</b> The project aims to provide a modern attractive advice centre for the local community. It intends to achieve this by carrying out a range of repair and refurbishment works to its existing premises. This includes improving existing external frontage, renewing floor covering, installing smoke alarms, renew toilet and kitchen facilities.</p> <p>With a total cost of £39,926.50 the group have received an offer of £39,926.50 from the Urban II programme.</p>

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<p><b>Ardoyne Fleadh</b> The main aims and objectives of the Ardoyne Fleadh Project are to provide a sustainable programme of activities, events and projects which will enable the participation of all sections of the community, with outcomes which will provide social, economic and educational opportunities for personal and collective development and encourage, involve and empower local people, the wider community and visitors, in the regeneration of the area and towards an increase in their quality of life.</p>	<p><b>Ardoyne Fleadh Cheoil</b> The project aims to carry out the necessary repairs and improvements to create a modern and accessible centre for Ardoyne Fleadh and its associated activities.</p> <p>With a total cost of £36,000.00 the group have received an offer of £34,200.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Ardoyne Youth Club</b> As parish youth workers based in Ardoyne Youth Club, the group work to create appropriate settings that facilitate the growth and development of the young people of Ardoyne and the surrounding areas. Activities are done in partnership with young people as they seek to meet their political, social, personal, cultural, spiritual and physical needs.</p>	<p><b>Senior Member Room Refurbishment</b> To refurbish a discussed showering facility within Ardoyne YC that has laid obsolete for four years. These will be transferred into dedicated youth facilities that will provide an opportunity for social educational &amp; recreational participation for young people.</p> <p>With a total cost of £34,390.00 the group have received an offer of £34,390.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>McCracken Cultural Society</b> The McCracken Cultural Society has been set up in recent years in the lower Antrim Road/New Lodge Road area. The aims are to promote education, culture and the arts through craft, music, history, drama, dance, song, storytelling and the Irish language, to all creeds, classes, background and abilities.</p>	<p><b>Refurbishment of the McCracken House</b> The aim is to promote education, culture and arts through the medium of the Irish language. This will improve the cultural and educational environment and quality of life in this highly disadvantaged area.</p> <p>With a total cost of £174,480.00 the group have received an offer of £40,000.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Parkside Community Association</b> Parkside Community Associations main objective is to work towards creating a sense of normality and stability on one of the worst interfaces in Northern Ireland, the Limestone Road. The groups seek to engage residents in a number of activities: Arts and Crafts/ single identity programme/ Educational; Parents as co educators, computers for beginners/First Aid/ Diversionary youth projects for all age groups.</p>	<p><b>Parkside At Play project</b> The aim is to convert an unused area at the back of existing premises into a safe and secure play area for young children. This will enable local parents to avail of the IT and development courses available in the confines of the centre.</p> <p>With a total cost of £10,000.00 the group have received an offer of £10,000.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>

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<p><b>Groundwork NI</b> Groundwork NI is an independent not-for-profit organisation, which is working in partnership with the public, community and private sectors and aims to bring about sustainable environmental regeneration. Groundwork NI exists to promote and facilitate a people-led approach to environmental regeneration, it is committed to developing real partnerships that enable practical action, within and for local communities.</p>	<p><b>Tigers Bay Physical and Environmental Regeneration Proposal</b> This project is a community led environmental regeneration initiative designed to transform a run down, overgrown, unmaintained and derelict area of open green space along North Queen Street in Tigers Bay, that has also suffered from a legacy of violence and rioting, into a multi-sports facility and landscaped community recreational amenity.</p> <p>With a total cost of £160,231.00 the group have received an offer of £127,608.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>123 House</b> 123 House is a cross community family support centre based on the Cliftonville Road in North Belfast. The group attempt to combat some of the most severe indices of social deprivation that exist within Northern Ireland. Unprecedented levels of sectarian violence have compounded this over the past 30 years. 123 provide direct services and support within a cross community context providing a non-threatening, non-stigmatising facility. They take a holistic approach, which aims to ensures they can respond to their children and families throughout their life cycle.</p>	<p><b>123 House – The Makeover</b> The project seeks to recreate the image of 123 House, enhance the built environment and ultimately improve the provision of community services to a disadvantaged community.</p> <p>With a total cost of £102,000.00 the group have received an offer of £91,200.00 from the Urban II programme.</p>
<p><b>Artillery Steering Group</b> The project intends to renovate and provide a dedicated space within the Artillery Youth Centre for a fully equipped multi-media training suite to be used by young people from the area. The facility will be available to all youth providers in the greater New Lodge area who work with the target age group of 15-25 year olds.</p>	<p><b><u>The Hub @ Artillery</u></b> The project aims to refurbish an existing facility within the existing building and purchase the necessary equipment to meet the training needs, thereby providing: Increased capacity within the 18-25 year old population of greater New Lodge and beyond. Reduction of anti-social activity in the area. Reduction in street violence by redirection of energies within target group.</p>