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Acis finds a home for community funding

Lincolnshire based housing association Acis Group has again provided a helping hand to local communities through their Community Fund scheme.

Acis, who own and manage over 5,000 homes across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire, provided charitable organisations and groups with the opportunity to apply for a small grant for use in the local community for projects or initiatives.

Acis received a record number of applications during the application period from 1st to 22nd April 2010, more than doubling their previous best haul. Seven projects across West Lindsey were successful with their bids and will receive up to £2,000 worth of funding each.

The successful applicants include Big Mouth, a youth forum based at Connexions in Gainsborough; YaSIG, who offer alternative education services and activities to young people aged 13-24 via motorbike and horticulture workshops; Fairplay Scotter, a project run by Community Lincs that aims to provide an activity for up to 70 disengaged youths; Act Now, an amateur drama group for adults with learning difficulties; Cherry Willingham Primary School, who operate a breakfast club providing local families with affordable childcare; Caistor Goes East, an annual community street party organised by a volunteer led organisation; and Pass It On Home Start, a pass-it-on shop that supports individuals and families that are experiencing debt or financial hardship.

Rachel Wood, Community Cohesion Manager for Acis who heads up the Community Fund, said:

"Acis is delighted to be able to support local charitable organisations and groups in this way. The Community Fund provides a great opportunity for some excellent initiatives to gain funding which can often be very difficult

to obtain, especially in the current economic climate. It is also a fantastic way for us to get involved with the local community.”

A total of more than £10,000 worth of funding has been provided by Acis to the successful projects during this latest round of applications. The Acis Community Fund has also funded two further projects in Sheffield. Acis will be inviting applications again in October.