

<b>PITCH DATE</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2007
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>Homestart MAJIK</b>
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<b>Project Description</b>	<p>Home-Start Mid Argyll, Jura, Islay &amp; Kintyre will provide a programme of family support primarily through a home visiting service to families at home with young children in the communities of the geographical area of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay. The project aims, through early intervention, to help parents to build on their strengths as parents and make effective use of local services which will benefit them and their children. The project will also consider whether a range of additional services might more appropriately support families in the smaller more isolated communities with few resources to support parents.</p> <p>Funding will be spent on salary costs, employee expenses and volunteer training plus consultancy costs to undertake an evaluation of the impact of the service in year 3 of a 5 year proposal. This is a Big Lottery Fund Bid with Sure Start and other misc. funding.</p>
<b>Feedback from Hub</b>	Homestart MAJIK is an emerging social economy organisation with a council SLA and it fits with many strategic objectives by targeting families at risk. It is developing a robust business plan and management committee which includes users of the service. To strengthen its role the organisation would benefit by developing and demonstrating a good working relationship with Homestart Lorne and proposing a development of its work that embraces lessons learnt to date. This is vital if the project is to compete for BLF money. In addition the project needs to work with BLF to ensure that these points are adequately addressed and to consider funding options if the BLF bid is unsuccessful.
<b>Recommendations</b>	For noting

<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	<b>Money Management Unit (MM)</b>
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<b>Project Description</b>	The MM project will tackle debt problems by focussing on prevention, not crisis intervention throughout Argyll & Bute, focussing on young people in the under represented age range 17 – 30 years. It will provide financial management skills and offer practical coaching in the use of smart budgeting techniques and will work in partnership through a reciprocal referral with other agencies within the Argyll and Bute Advice Network, including ABCAB and Housing Association. It will be part funded by the Council with additional funding is being sought from housing associations and from BLF.
<b>Feedback from Hub</b>	Financial inclusion is high priority from national government and represents a high proportion of clients to local advice agencies. It addresses many related agendas such as mental health, drink and drug related conditions and is targeted at young people. The project has strong partnership working links through the AB Advice Network but needs to clearly demonstrate why ABC is best placed to deliver this work and to make clear the partners contributions. It also needs to better quantify the need and how it can provide intervention that will meet clients need esp. young people (such as when a young person is buying a car).
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