



Committee and date
Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley
and Claverley Local Joint
Committee

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Consideration of the second round of Funding Applications

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Summary

Nine organisations have submitted bids requesting funding from both the Community Chest and also the Larger Grant Scheme. The total value of applications submitted to the Larger Grant Scheme exceeds the budget available for this round of bids and therefore a recommendation is contained within the report for the £16,000 that the committee set aside for local priorities to be added to the amount available for this round of applications.

Recommendations

- A. That the £16,000 retained by the Committee to spend on local priorities is added to the balance available for the second round of applications.
- B. That the Committee consider the applications received in light of the Community Regeneration and Support Officers' recommendations for the Community Chest and the Larger Grant Scheme
- C. That the Committee confirms grant approvals or rejections and any terms and conditions for each application considered.

Report

Allocation of resources

- 1. Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley Local Joint Committee have a devolved budget of £71,000 which the Committee has allocated as follows:-

- i. Community Chest - £10,000
 - ii. Larger Grant Scheme - £45,000 (to be split into 3 bid rounds of £15,000)
 - iii. Local Priorities - £16,000
2. The closing date for Round 2 funding applications was 2 November 2009 and within the relevant period nine applications were received. One for the Community Chest in the sum of £365 and eight from the Larger Grant Scheme totalling £36,889.
 3. The Committee has agreed that the £45,000 allocated to the Larger Gant Scheme should be equally split between the remaining meetings of the Committee. At the time of the allocation there were three meetings remaining enabling funding applications to be considered to the value of £15,000 for each Round.
 4. The applications for Round 1 and which were considered and approved at the Committee's September meeting totalled £13,087.50 leaving a carry forward of £1912.50 to this meeting. The amount available for Round 2 is therefore £16,912.50.
 5. There is therefore a shortfall should Members wish to follow the Officers' recommendations of £14,197.50.
 6. The recommendation that appears within the report suggests that Members may wish to consider adding the £16,000 retained to spend on local priorities to the funds allocated and carried forward. This would recognise the clear focus from work by the Committee so far that promoting local tourism opportunities is a high priority, and that the Haydn Festival, Children's Festival and Promoting Bridgnorth Package all focus improving tourism spend for the area. This will result in £32,912.50 of available funds from which to consider the applications received.

Consideration of Applications and update on previous grants awarded

7. Members are referred to Appendix A which details the grants awarded by the Committee in previous meetings and provides a progress update on each project.
8. The Committee has also received letters of thanks from many of the projects. There has been some delay in the projects receiving their cheques whilst the payment processes were established. This has now been rectified for future successful applicants
9. As Members are aware an assessment pro forma has been developed for use in the initial consideration of these applications by the Community Regeneration and Support Officers. All of the projects have therefore been assessed against the following criteria:

Eligibility

- Projects will be delivered in the eligible area
- Project meets approved financial/grant criteria

Assessment

- In the local area
- Percentage match funding
- One application per applicant per year
- Is for £500 or less (Community Chest) or £7000 or less (Larger Grant Scheme).
- Is not for profit
- Denominates need
- Delivers local community benefit
- Assures that application can deliver project
- Demonstrates sustainability
- Demonstrates no adverse environmental impact
- Provides benefit to wider community in the Committee area.

Applications summaries and officer recommendations

Community Chest

10. C5 Play Sand – Alveley Parish Council

This application is for replacement sand for the new play area. As this is the play area's first year, the Parish Council had not budgeted for the amount of sand required. The Parish Council have applied for funding to assist them until the end of this financial year, as for future years this will be precepted for.

Project Cost £950
Amount Applied for £365
Officer Recommendation: Fully fund £365

Larger Grant Scheme

11. Contribution towards English Haydn Festival – Haydn Festival Trust

This week long event brings not only top class musical performances to Bridgnorth, Worfield and Acton Round but also includes a special concert to which all local schools are invited. Local businesses – hotels, bed and breakfasts, restaurants and shops all benefit from the visitors that the concert attracts. This is the 18th year of the concert.

Project Cost £94,749
Amount Applied for £6,490
Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £6,490

12. Countryside Explorer Bus – Cleobury Country Ltd

This application is to reinstate the Countryside Explorer Bus service on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter until the end of October. This is a bus route that runs from Cleobury to Bridgnorth, 4 times a day passing through Neen Savage, Sottesdon and Sidbury, Kinlet, Highley, Chelmarsh and Eardington stopping at the local tourist attractions.

Project Cost £23,220

Amount Applied for £2,500

Officer Recommendation: Fund 50% as does not fully meet criteria and would be dependent on the successful applications to other Local Joint Committees and Parish Councils.

Grant £1,250 (payment only to made when all other funding secured.)

13. Children's Festival 2010 – Children's Festival (Bridgnorth) Ltd

This application is for a contribution towards the 2 day event based at Oldbury Wells School in Bridgnorth. The festival is an annual event that has been running since 2006 and now has an attendance of 5,000. There are in excess of 100 local volunteers that work to make a successful festival and now local young people are being mentored in event and financial management as well as stewarding and security.

Project Cost £22,000

Amount Applied for £7,000

Officer Recommendation: Fully fund £7,000

14. Refurbishment of Claverley Village Hall – Claverley Village Hall Committee

Claverley Village Hall has been repaired for the past 15 years purely by the fund-raising of the committee and from the income that the well used hall generates. The hall, though, now needs funding for several big projects. The committee is working with the Community Council of Shropshire to help with these projects and are looking to this Committee for assistance with some of the smaller projects. The floor needs replacing to be non slip, following a Health and Safety review, new tables are needed to replace some broken and unsafe ones and to enhance the recent decoration. In addition the committee would like to showcase village scene pictures.

Project Cost £3,711

Amount Applied for £2,783

Officer Recommendation: Fully fund £2,783

15. Promoting Bridgnorth Package – Bridgnorth Town Centre Management Partnership

The Bridgnorth Town Centre Management Partnership (TCMP) is applying for money towards differing means of promoting Bridgnorth and the surrounding areas. The package includes the production and distribution of 2 tourist leaflets, to promote through a website and to standardise the promotion banners and advertising panels for events within the Town. The TCMP have successfully run food festival and winter fair in the past and recently launched the Food and Ale Trail.

Project Cost £6,745

Amount Applied for £4,745

Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount applied for as the bid did not meet all criteria. Fund £3,559 Community Regeneration to offer assistance to group for finding additional funding

16. New Roller and Junior Team Equipment and Clothing – Alveley Cricket Club

Alveley Cricket Club are looking to replace their 30 year old roller which has broken down, with a re conditioned one. They are also applying for new clothing and equipment for their growing junior team.

Project Cost £5,974

Amount Applied for £4,480

Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount applied for as the bid did not meet all criteria. Fund £3,360 Community Regeneration to offer assistance to group for finding additional funding

17. Replace Flat Roof – Quatford Village Hall Committee

Quatford Village Hall had a major refurbishment in 2007 internally and externally which has increased the usage of the hall – but they now urgently need to reconstruct a flat roof which is leaking and so damaging the internal decoration of the hall.

Project Cost £10,000

Amount Applied for £5,000

Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount applied for as the bid did not meet all criteria. Fund £3,750. Community Regeneration to offer assistance to group for finding additional funding

18. Emergency Repairs – Quatt Village Hall Repairs

The Village Hall Committee had a grant from Shropshire County Council for a new kitchen, meeting room and store room – this work has not yet started, as wet rot has been discovered in the toilet flooring and is migrating into the skirting boards and the stud walls. This needs to be removed and repairs done to prevent it spreading into the main flooring and also to that the disabled toilet can once again be used.

Projects Costs £5,187

Amount Applied for £3,891

Officer Recommendation: Fund 75% of amount applied for as the bid did not meet all criteria. Fund £2,918. Community Regeneration to offer assistance to group for finding additional funding

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Funding applications

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

There are no environmental implications that arise from the recommendations within this report.

Risk Management Appraisal

All funding will need to be evaluated against agreed criteria and in accordance with agreed financial procedures.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Decisions on the allocation of funding will be taken by the committee as local representatives of the community

Cabinet Member

Councillor Gwilym Butler

Local Member

All members of the Local Joint Committee

Appendices

Appendix A - List of funding applications and progress reports