



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

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Consideration of Funding Applications

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Summary

Seven organisations in total have submitted bids requesting funding from both the Community Chest and also the Larger Grant Scheme.

Recommendations

- A. That the Committee consider the applications received in light of Officers' recommendations for the Community Chest and the Larger Grant Scheme
- B. 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:-

Community Chest - £10,000 providing small grants up to £500 (subject to the criteria agreed by the Committee and which are referred to later within this report).

Larger Grant Scheme - £61,000 providing funding for projects over £500 with grant applications not normally exceeding £5000 (subject to the criteria that are referred to within this report).

2. The closing date for Round 1 funding applications was 12 April 2010 and within the relevant period seven applications were received. Four applications for the Community Chest in the sum of £1700 and three from the Larger Grant Scheme totalling £10,661.
3. This is the first round of applications for the financial year 2010/2011.

Criteria for Consideration of Applications

4. As Members are aware an assessment pro forma has been developed for use in the initial consideration of these applications by 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 £5000 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.
- That applications from Town and Parish Councils with a precept below £5000 be considered only in exceptional circumstances and that funding applications from Town and Parish Councils with a precept above £5000 should not be considered.

Applications, summaries and officer recommendations

Community Chest

C1 Friends of Bridgnorth Library

Project Cost £ 400

Amount Applied for £300

Previous Applications to LJC – 2009/10 - £500 towards a projector

This application is for Bridgnorth Endowed School to be part of the Literature Festival in June 2010, with the grant helping towards the costs of providing a poet for the event.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £300

C2 Friends of St Leonards Primary School

Project Cost £3,300 + VAT

Amount Applied for £500

Previous Applications to LJC – None

This application is to assist with the re siting of play equipment at St Leonards Primary School and towards the provision of grass matting so that two pieces of equipment currently not safe to use, can be fully utilised for the summer

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £500

C3 National Play Day at Lodge Lane Bridgnorth

Project Cost £ 750

Amount Applied for £400

Previous Applications to LJC – None

National Play Day is 4 August 2010 and to celebrate and promote the newly installed play equipment at the Lodge Lane play area in Bridgnorth, this has been chosen as one of the sites for this year's celebrations. This is a free family day out. As there is no local group that can apply for this funding directly the application has been submitted by the Outdoor Recreation Service of Shropshire Council who are also contributing towards the event.

Officer Recommendation: For the Committee to consider

C4 Beckbury Acorns Nursery

Project Cost £ 690

Amount Applied for £500

Previous Applications to LJC – None

This application is towards new equipment for the nursery for its new outdoor classroom and also to provide multi cultural experiences for the Children that attend the nursery.

Officer Recommendation: Fully fund £500

Larger Grant Scheme

1 Bridgnorth Table Tennis Club

Project Cost £1,928

Amount Applied for £1,446

Previous Applications to LJC – None

The grant application is towards the purchase of new table tennis tables and equipment, so that the best coaching can be given.

Officer Recommendation: Defer – as awaiting further information, concerning the sustainability of the group and their commitment to using their own funds.

2 Bridgnorth Musical Theatre Company

Project Cost £ 27,250

Amount Applied for £5,000

Previous Applications to LJC – 2009/10 - £4200

The Company are looking for a contribution towards their February 2011 production of The Merry Widow

Officer Recommendation: Fully fund £5,000

3 Kaleidoscope Theatre

Project Cost £5,620

Amount Applied for £4,215

Previous Applications to LJC – None

This application is to assist with replacing the Company's sound equipment – much of which is 24 years old and has become unreliable

Officer Recommendation: Fully fund £4,215

5. Members will be aware that it has been previously agreed that successful applicants will be expected to report back to the Committee on their achievements. The purpose of this is to ensure an effective use of the funds and to promote better understanding of what is being achieved through the Local Joint Committee. Advice is offered to successful applicants within their offer letters and in addition an evaluation form for each project is included. This is being sent to projects that are already completed and for those underway. A copy of the evaluation form is attached for Members' consideration at Appendix A.
6. Some recipients have already reported on the success of their projects and reports and photographs of how the grant funding has been spent are to be displayed at the meeting.

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 – Evaluation Form