



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

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Consideration of Funding Applications

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Summary

Three 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.
- C. That all Committee members help publicise the availability of LJC funding and advise the Community Regeneration Officer, Vicky Turner of any groups with potential projects.

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 2 funding applications was 11 June 2010 and within the relevant period three applications were received. Two applications for the Community Chest in the sum of £800 and one from the Larger Grant Scheme totalling £4842.

3. This is the second 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

C5 Bridgnorth & District Camera Club

Project Cost £ 349

Amount Applied for £300

Previous Applications to LJC – 2009/10 £428 towards display boards

This application is for studio lighting. Since their successful grant application last year the membership of the group has grown by 30%, and in respect of which their Chair states “I’m sure the funds you awarded last year, helped enormously to promote the club”.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £300

C6 Alveley Band – 20th Year Celebration

Project Cost £2,690
Amount Applied for £500

Previous Applications to LJC – None

Alveley Band is celebrating its 20th year with a series of concerts. To mark this occasion they have new music, additional conductor costs and would like new uniform, and have asked the LJC to assist them.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £500

Larger Grant Scheme **4 Bridgnorth Bowling Club**

Project Cost £6,457
Amount Applied for £4,842

Previous Applications to LJC – None

The grant application is towards the purchase of a new mower for daily use to keep the green at a match playing standard. The application was based on the most expensive of three quotes.

Officer Recommendation: Fund £3,942 which is 75% of the lowest quote
Reason for not fully funding: Still some use in existing mower and the majority of members are from Bridgnorth.

Budget Update

5. Members are referred the Appendix which sets out the applications to date, the grants awarded and also the remaining budget for the financial year 2010/2011.

Promotion of Grants

6. This round of grant applications is particularly small. In part this reflects a number of applications who have not managed to meet the deadline and will come forward for the next meeting. However, it's really important that the committee makes best use of funding to benefit groups in the area. Committee members are therefore asked to support Vicky Turner, Community Regeneration Officer, by alerting her to potential projects in their area. These could be small, new community groups looking for help with set up costs, or more well established groups wanting to develop their services.

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 - Budget Update