



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

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Consideration of Funding Applications

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Summary

Five 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 3 funding applications was 6 September 2010 and within the relevant period five applications were received. One application for the Community Chest in the sum of £345 and four from the Larger Grant Scheme totalling £10,196.
3. This is the third 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 2010 / 2011

C7 Six Parishes Friendship Club – Day Trip

Project Cost £ 465

Amount Applied for £345

Previous Applications to LJC –None

This group was formed in 2004 and is made up of members from, Beckbury, Badger, Kemberton, Ryton & Grindle, Stockton and Sutton Maddock who enjoy trips out. These trips are usually to local places of interest and the group would like a contribution from the Committee towards the cost of coach hire for a day out.

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £345

Larger Grant Scheme 2010/2011

5 Bridgnorth Players – Portable Lighting

Project Cost £3,772

Amount Applied for £2,012

Previous Applications to LJC – None

The grant application is from a local drama group, to assist with the purchase of portable lighting, so that they can deliver more productions each year and also take the productions to smaller venues.

Officer Recommendation: Recommend approval subject to applicant giving commitment that additional venues will be included in the 2011-2012 programme as a result of purchase of the new equipment.

6 Astley Abbots Village Hall – Floor Repairs

Project Cost £2,585

Amount Applied for £1,939

Previous Applications to LJC – None

Astley Abbots Village Hall Committee have worked tirelessly to get their hall to a hallmark quality standard, however the floor now needs urgent repair work so that the hall can continue to fulfil its commitments

Officer Recommendation: Fully Fund £1,939

7 Bridgnorth Town Plan

Project Cost £9,245

Amount Applied for £1,245

Previous Applications to LJC – £500 in 2009/10

Bridgnorth Town Plan Steering Group, continue to gather the opinions and ideas from the town and the local parishes to enable them to produce an action list of priorities for the town. The questionnaire is currently being printed and is due for distribution during October and November

Officer Recommendation: Defer application until next meeting as at this stage it is not possible to determine need. Reconsider at that time, when more information, regarding committed expenditure and the final cost will be available.

8 English Haydn Festival

Project Cost £84,437

Amount Applied for £5,000

Previous Applications to LJC – £3,600 in 2008/09 and £6,900 in 2009/10

This six day event brings many visitors in to Bridgnorth and also the smaller churches in the area. Last year the schools concert was reintroduced. The overall cost has reduced for the 2011 Festival, with the applicant seeking the maximum available LJC funding, a reduction from the amount sought last year.

Officer Recommendation: The project meets criteria for support. If the Members are minded to support the project, it should be with the clear expectation that the Festival seeks to significantly further reduce its dependence on the LJC funding over the next year.

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. The number of applications within Round 2 and now the applications for Round 3 are relatively small in comparison with the applications that had been submitted to the Committee at the same stage in the Committee's cycle last year. Members are therefore asked to support Vicky Turner, Community Regeneration Officer, by notifying her of any potential projects within their local area.

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