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Bridgnorth, Worfield,
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Joint Committee

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Funding guidelines for 2011 - 2012

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Summary

Because of the budget savings required across the public sector, funding for all Local Joint Committee delegated grants for 2011-2012 has been reduced by 50%. This means that £35,500 is going to be available in this area for the next financial year (plus any underspend from the current year).

In light of this reduction, and in recognition of lessons learnt from the pilot LJC and its first two years of operation, revised guidelines are proposed. If agreed these would be shared with potential applicants as the basis for decisions taken from the next (June 2011) meeting onwards.

Recommendations

- A. That the guidelines indicated in this report be adopted as the basis for decision making for LJC grants during 2011 - 2012

Report

1. Grants to the Local Joint Committee are assessed by officers against a set of criteria. These are to ensure value for money, efficient and effective use of public funding and that spend is in accordance with the priorities for this area, as identified by LJC members.
2. For the forthcoming financial year (2011-2012) £35,500 will be available to the Committee, plus any underspend from the current financial year. A small amount of dedicated arts funding is also being devolved to each LJC but this will be the subject of separate guidance to be brought forward at the next meeting.

3. It is proposed that the following revised guidance is used to advise applicants for the coming financial year. These have been amended (shown in italics) to reflect the tighter financial settlement, experience with allocations over the past three years and to encourage a reduced dependency on regular revenue funding from the Committee. The result should be to enable support to be given to as many organisations as possible.
4. These changes will have a significant impact on the success of applications received over the past three years. A large number of applicants have made annual requests for revenue funding, for example in support of events and festivals.

Eligibility

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

Assessment

- In the local area
- *At least 25 % match funding from applicant fund raising for larger grant scheme*
- One application per applicant per year
- *Applicant cannot come back for funding for the same project in subsequent years*
- *Is for £750 or less (Community Chest) or £3,000 or less (Larger Grant Scheme).*
- Is not for profit
- Demonstrates need
- Delivers local community benefit
- Assures that application can deliver project
- Demonstrates sustainability with evidence where relevant on how any future revenue funding costs will be met in future, e.g. through fundraising
- 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.

Other requirements

- *All applicants should acknowledge the support of the Local Joint Committee in any marketing and publicity they develop, and should do their best to ensure media coverage reflects this*
- *A short report should be provided to the Community Action Officer on what the project has achieved not later than 12 months after award of the grant*

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

None