



<u>Committee and Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
The Severn Loop LJC 27. 5 th March 2014 Darwin Community Centre, Fellmongers Hall Frankwell Shrewsbury SY3 8JY.	<u>Public</u>

FUNDING REQUESTS TO THE SEVERN LOOP LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

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1. Summary

1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Severn Loop Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.

1.2 A total of £12,950 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for the 2013/14 year. In addition, there is an allocation of the community arts budget of £1,610 and a carry forward of £739 unspent funding from 2012/13. The total budget available to the LJC is therefore £15,299. Eight applications for funding have been received for consideration by the March meeting of the LJC. The total value of these applications is £12,980.

1.3 To date the Committee utilised its delegated funding authority to support eight projects leaving £14,644 for allocation.

2. Recommendations

2.1 To consider the funding applications received and agree levels of support or otherwise possible, in accordance with the funding guidelines previously agreed, and the delegated powers approved by Council on 23rd June 2011.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action proposed minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area. Comments made in this report include those received as a result of consulting with stakeholders including Shrewsbury Town Council, Destination Shrewsbury, and Shropshire Council Arts Officers.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

5. Additional Information

- 5.1 To date nine applications for funding have been received for the 5th March 2014.
- 5.2 A summary of applications received is provided below. Further details are contained at Appendix A to this report.

	Project	Total cost £	Amount requested £
A	Belle Vue Community Arts Festival	4,480	1,500
B	Shrewsbury Summer Season Ltd	5,100	1,600
C	Shrewsbury Showground Disabled Wet Room	3,250	2,000
D	Hermitage Community Garden, water supply	3,000	2,000
E	Darwin Community Centre, Roof Repairs and painting	4,625	4,000
F	Heritage Characters from Shrewsbury and WW1	3,300	1,830
G	Bear Steps Event	800	800
H	Shrewsbury Action Against Racism- Cultural Awareness Day 2014	3,200	1,200
	TOTAL	33,835	12,980

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p> <p>6 x LJC applications as detailed in Appendix A of this report</p>
<p>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</p> <p>Gwilym Butler</p>
<p>Local Members. Shropshire Council; Anne Chebsey, Andrew Bannerman, Mansel Williams. Shrewsbury Town Council; Andrew Wagner, Alan Townsend.</p>
<p>Appendices</p> <p>Appendix A – Project application details</p>

APPENDIX A

A. Belle Vue Arts Festival

Project Detail :

This festival is growing in success year on year and is very valuable in bringing the community together around a range of art activities.

This year's festival has the theme of "Light" and will provide a large range of opportunities for the community to get involved including lectures, local history exploration, photography, poetry and prose.

The project is requesting support towards the cost of the event.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£4,480
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£1,500
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B. Shrewsbury Summer Season Ltd

Project detail

This is a very well established promotional vehicle supporting a very wide range of events and activities in the Shrewsbury area and plays a key role in supporting these events individually and the town as a centre of culture.

The application is requesting support towards the cost of a new website, the design and print of 10,000 leaflets, administration and marketing and PR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£5,100
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC	£1,600
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C. West Midland Showground, Disabled Wet Room

Project detail

This project is to provide a disabled wet room facility at the Showground. This has been requested by many users of the facility including Riding for the Disabled. The facility will also facilitate an increase in the number of touring caravans who are visiting the ground.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS £3,250

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE LJC £2,000

D. Hermitage Community Garden Water Supply

Project detail

This project is to provide a vital supply of water to this very well used community garden. Currently users have to carry water from their properties so this is desperately needed.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS £3,000

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £2,000

E. Darwin Community Centre, Roof repairs and exterior painting

Project detail

This project is to provide essential repairs to this extremely well used and vital facility. The roof is proving particularly difficult as it is causing the cancellation of some activities within the building, including the playgroup.

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS £4,625

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £4,000

F. Bear Steps Event

Project detail

This is a new event that is being organised by businesses in the Bear Steps area to promote this unique area of town and to encourage visitors. The event will specifically create a "Covent Garden" style festival atmosphere of celebration that will coincide with the St Alkmunds Church Fete.

Funding is requested towards the costs of the event, and specifically the cost of a suitable tent and a band.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £800

AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC £800

G. Shrewsbury Heritage Ltd, Heritage Characters Project

Project Detail

This exciting project will create a variety of re-enactment scenes at various venues to depict Shrewsbury's History and in particular characters linked to WW1 as part of the 100th anniversary of the war breaking out.

These scenes will provide a huge opportunity for local involvement in local history.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£3,300
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£1,830
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F. Shrewsbury Action Against Racism: Cultural Diversity Day 2014

Project Detail

This well established event provides a vital role in improving public understanding of local cultural diversity, the need for tolerance and sharing stories, contributing to cultural and social cohesion in the area and provides a focus for information about local equality initiatives and services.

The event adds long-term value to other equality, diversity and anti-discrimination work in and around Shrewsbury.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	£3,200
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AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM LJC	£1,200
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