

EXTERNAL BIDS UPDATE

Summary: To present an update on progress in applying for external funding.

Recommendation: That the report be noted.

Officer Ref: Simon Smith, Project Development and Business Planning Officer

Background

Introduction

1. At its meeting of 19th July 2018 the Executive Committee agreed to have a table summarising progress in applying for external funding included as a standing item on the Executive Committee’s agenda. This table is included below;
Appendix ‘A’.

Appendix ‘A’: External Bids Summary

Project & Funder	Stage & Value	Board Role	Financial & staffing Impact
<p>Treescapes arising from the Ashes</p> <p>Formerly Trees Outside Woods</p>	<p>NLHF rejected bid in December 2018. Woodland Trust not resubmitting.</p> <p>Mark Connelly met local partners to discuss next steps on 9th May now focussing on local fundraising</p>	<p>Set up and co-ordinate local delivery partnership.</p> <p>Develop proposal for a local appeal and sponsorship</p>	<p>Staff time – Land management Officer</p>
<p>The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p>	<p>NLHF response to EOI received 8th May 2019. Key comments (edited for brevity);</p> <p>“We will not be inviting you to make an application at this time. The project would benefit from further development, in particular how it would deliver the mandatory outcome to reach a wider range of people.</p> <p>We are interested in exploring your ideas with you further and would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss how we might be able to help you develop your project.</p>	<p>Lead partner</p>	<p>Unknown</p>

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	This has been circulated to the Evenlode Catchment Partnership with a request for a couple of people to join a visit to NLHF.		
Cotswolds Stone NLHF	Expression of Interest form drafted and currently with stakeholders. Aim to submit 23rd May. Value unknown	Lead partner	Unknown
Engaging with Young People National Lottery Community Fund (formerly Big Lottery) & others	Following a successful pilot with Young Gloucestershire over 2018 new bids are being developed by Young Gloucestershire. They are currently working on an Awards for All application and building a partnership for a larger application.	Partner – delivering countryside activities	Rural Skills programme can accommodate different scales if successful. Bought in activity provision at smaller scale Part time officer & project/activity costs at larger scales.
National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative. Capital works that enhance landscapes impacted on by National Grid's pylon lines.	Both expressions of interest passed for full stage application and both submitted by the deadline of 10 th May. Historic tower restoration, prominent drystone wall restoration and large scale limestone grassland restoration. Project value £544,360 Bid ask £390,000 If successful project delivery starts January 2020. If both successful there is £210,000 still available for the Cotswolds. A second call for projects for different power lines (Upper Coberley to Cirencester & Eastington) was issued in early May with a 14 th June deadline. Details and downloads from	Only the Board can submit applications. Effectively facilitating the funding of local projects. If we don't do this there will be no spend in the Cotswolds.	The Board will not be developing the detailed proposals or delivering the projects. Match provided by project proposers There will be some officer time in supporting project proposers, managing the application process & if successful monitoring and co-ordinating delivery. This is a capital scheme only and will not contribute towards our costs (we have asked!).

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	the news section of the Board's website.		
<p>Network Rail Electrification Mitigation</p> <p>£500,000 total</p> <p>£250,000 for "line-side planting"</p> <p>£250,000 for "enhancing the AONB within the rail corridor".</p>	<p>Negotiations complete and funds arrived in April 2019.</p> <p>Delivery planning commenced</p>	Managing the funds	We can recoup committed staff time and on-costs from the funds.
<p>Southill Solar Ltd</p> <p>£10,000 a year minimum grant to support the AONB Management Plan objectives in mitigation of the construction of a solar array.</p>	<p>First payment arrived April 2019.</p> <p>Payments are for £10,000 to £15,000 a year depending on the profitability of the array and running for 25 years.</p>	Grant recipient	£10k benefit with minimal staffing impact