

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. The Executive Committee considered an update on external bids at its meeting of 19th July 2018. At the meeting it was agreed to have a refreshed and slightly extended version of the summary table included as a standing item on the Executive Committee's agenda. This table is included below; **Appendix 'A'**.

Update on Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

2. The HLF website has news concerning the acceptance of project enquiries and it also provides some insights into likely future priorities. The below was taken from their website (<https://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/our-strategy/changes-our-grant-making>) on the 21st August 2018;
3. "In late January 2019, as we publish our new Strategic Funding Framework, we will open our new funding portfolio. This will be a simpler and more flexible funding offer, with a single open programme for all types of heritage project, and new resources and digital guidance on our website to support applicants. We will offer grants from £3000 to £5 million, with proportionate processes and requirements at different levels of grant.
4. We will strongly encourage applications for projects that will engage a wider range of people with heritage, and also welcome the types of projects we previously supported through targeted programmes, such as those focusing on landscapes.
5. More detail about application requirements will be published in January. We will not be able to give you detailed advice or comment on project proposals until then. If you wish to continue to work on your project with a view to applying next year, we suggest you think through the general principles of what makes a strong, viable, and inclusive heritage project."
6. It is currently not possible to submit an expression of interest, project enquiry form for their general fund through the online portal.
7. "The expression of interest form applies specifically to the programmes; First World War: then and now and Resilient Heritage (for grants of £10,000 or less only)."

Appendix 'A' - External Bids Summary

Project & Funder	Stage & Value	Board Role	Financial & staffing Impact
BATHSCAPE HLF	Round 2 application submitted June 2018. Delivery stage starts Oct 2018 if successful. Value of £2,200,000	Strategic & delivery partner	Current investment of £16k matched by contract of £13,500. If successful total investment of £21k will bring total benefit of £34k. Support existing budget & Cotswolds Trails & Access Officer
Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands Esmee Fairbairn Foundation (EFF)	Round 2 application submitted. Value of £292,000 Being considered by the EFF Board in September.	Board owned project	No draw on Board budgets. Bid anticipates £30k call on Hare trail income. £5k secured from Medlock Trust. £45k from a private sector donation. £211k requested from Esmee Fairbairn. 1 FT Project Manager & a part time (.75) Project Officer
Magnificent Meadows HLF	Round 1 application submitted June 2018. Value of £580,000 nationally & £17,000 locally for development stage. 13 month development stage to start in November 2018 if successful. Delivery stage value £6,100,000 nationally & £500,000 locally.	Local delivery partner & on project board.	No development stage impact. Delivery stage cash contribution of £91,299 Recovery of hosting costs* of £103,848. 2 FTE. Conservation Officer and Community Project Officer.

<p>Treescaping arising from the Ashes</p> <p>Formerly Trees Outside Woods</p> <p>HLF</p>	<p>Round 1 application form submitted 15th August 2018</p> <p>1 year development phase starting in April 2019 (exc. appointment) and a 4 year delivery phase (2021 – 2025).</p> <p>Value of delivery stage, £4,800,000 nationally £700,000 locally.</p>	<p>Co-ordinating local delivery partnership</p>	<p>Development stage 0.5 FTE Officer. Investment of £2k £7k recovery of hosting costs.</p> <p>Delivery stage. 1.8 FTE posts; a part time PO (0.8) and 2 part-time Assistant PO's. Delivery stage cash contribution of £20k + shortfall to find from local appeal & landowner contributions.</p> <p>Recovery of hosting costs of £92k</p>
<p>The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley</p> <p>HLF</p>	<p>Project enquiry form, written in August 2018. Currently with partners.</p> <p>Will be ready for refresh and submission when scheme reopens in January 2019.</p> <p>Value unknown, Est at £2,000,000</p>	<p>Lead partner</p>	<p>Unknown</p>
<p>Cotswolds Stone</p> <p>HLF</p>	<p>Wider stakeholder workshop & additional partner meetings held in August 2018. Further meetings with quarry company & Geology Trust set for September.</p> <p>Will be ready for project enquiry refresh and submission when scheme reopens in January 2019.</p> <p>Value unknown</p>	<p>Lead partner</p>	<p>Unknown</p>

* Hosting costs recovery may vary between funders but it usually includes a percentage of; premises costs, supplies and services and governance costs apportioned to the project staff.