**EXTERNAL FUNDING BIDS UPDATE**

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

**Recommendation: That the report be noted.**

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**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’**.
2. The Heritage Lottery Fund has relaunched itself as the National Lottery Heritage Fund on the 30th of January. The grant schemes, decision making processes and priorities have changed. In brief there is a single grant scheme with more local decision making and a major focus on nature, communities, and on ensuring everyone is able to enjoy heritage. More details can be seen here <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/new-look-national-lottery-heritage-fund-unveils-plans-next-five-years>

**Appendix ‘A’ - External Bids Summary**

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| Project & Funder | Stage & Value | Board Role | Financial & staffing Impact |
| Treescapes arising from the Ashes  Formerly Trees Outside Woods  NLHF | Round 1 application form submitted 15th August 2018.  Bid not approved at December HLF Board but Woodland Trust have been invited to meet with NLHF in February.  Any new proposal may be different from the original. | Co-ordinating local delivery partnership | Unknown |
| The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley  NLHF | New expression of interest based on earlier project enquiry form, being drafted to fit new NLHF priorities and documentation. Aim to submit in March  Evenload Catchment Partnership developing a catchment strategy which will aid developing project details.  Value unknown, Est at £2,000,000 | Lead partner | Unknown |
| Cotswolds Stone  NLHF | Project Enquiry Form drafted. Currently with stakeholders. Will have to be redrafted to fit new NLHF priorities and expression of interest documentation. Aim to submit in early May.  Value unknown looking at £250,000+ grant category | Lead partner | Unknown |
| Engaging with Young People  Big Lottery | Following a successful pilot with Young Gloucestershire over 2018 new bids are being developed by Young Gloucestershire.  Small scale bids to buy in days of activities are being submitted now.  A couple of larger bids that would buy in a years’ worth of activity are planned to be submitted in April.  A stakeholder meeting will be convened in late Feb/early March to explore a proposal to the  Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. This would be a 5 year partnership programme. | 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. | Call for expressions of interest from the target area’s community throughout Dec 2018 and Jan 2019.  5 received & one enquiry for a future call. 2 too distant from the pylons. 3 taken forward by the Board within 2 projects.  Historic tower restoration, prominent drystone wall restoration and large scale limestone grassland restoration.  Project value £466,617  Bid ask £344,713  If successful full applications from early March to early May  If still successful project delivery starts January 2020.  Even if successful £200,000 possibly more still available for the Cotswolds. Next call end of June deadline | 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 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!). |

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