

EXTERNAL 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’.

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>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p>	<p>NLHF rejected bid in December 2018. Woodland Trust not resubmitting.</p> <p>NLHF did say they were open to sub-regional bids</p> <p>Mark Connelly meeting local partners to discuss next steps in early May including local fundraising</p>	<p>Co-ordinating local delivery partnership</p>	<p>Unknown</p>
<p>The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p>	<p>New expression of interest based on earlier project enquiry form, drafted to fit new NLHF priorities and documentation. Submitted 5th March. Should hear by 1st May.</p> <p>Evenlode Catchment Partnership developing a catchment strategy which will aid developing project details.</p>	<p>Lead partner</p>	<p>Unknown</p>

	<p>Tentative timescale is a development stage application in May 2020 with a full application in September 2021 followed by 4 years delivery.</p> <p>Value unknown, Est at £2,000,000</p>		
<p>Cotswolds Stone NLHF</p>	<p>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 May.</p> <p>Value unknown</p>	<p>Lead partner</p>	<p>Unknown</p>
<p>Engaging with Young People</p> <p>National Lottery Community Fund (formerly Big Lottery) & others</p>	<p>Following a successful pilot with Young Gloucestershire over 2018 new bids are being developed by Young Gloucestershire.</p> <p>They are currently working on an Awards for All application and building a partnership for a larger application.</p>	<p>Partner – delivering countryside activities</p>	<p>Rural Skills programme can accommodate different scales if successful.</p> <p>Bought in activity provision at smaller scale</p> <p>Part time officer & project/activity costs at larger scales.</p>
<p>National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative.</p> <p>Capital works that enhance landscapes impacted on by National Grid's pylon lines.</p>	<p>3 projects from local people taken forward by the Board within 2 expressions of interest.</p> <p>Historic tower restoration, prominent drystone wall restoration and large scale limestone grassland restoration.</p> <p>Project value £466,617 Bid ask £344,713</p> <p>Both successful. Project proposers now working</p>	<p>Only the Board can submit applications.</p> <p>Effectively facilitating the funding of local projects.</p> <p>If we don't do this there will be no spend in the Cotswolds.</p>	<p>The Board will not be developing the detailed proposals or delivering the projects.</p> <p>Match provided by project proposers</p> <p>There will be some officer time in supporting project proposers, managing the application process & if successful monitoring and co-ordinating delivery.</p>

	<p>up full applications for early May</p> <p>If still successful project delivery starts January 2020.</p> <p>£255,000 possibly more still available for the Cotswolds. Next call to be issued in early May with a late June deadline</p>		<p>This is a capital scheme only and will not contribute towards our costs (we have asked!).</p>
<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>	<p>Managing the funds</p>	<p>We can recoup committed staff time and on-costs from the funds.</p>
<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>	<p>Grant recipient</p>	<p>£10k benefit with minimal staffing impact</p>

* 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.

Supporting Paper(s):

None, other than Appendix ‘A’ outlined above.