

Item 13, Appendix A External Bids Update

Project Funder & Board Lead	Stage, Value & What the Bid will Deliver	Board Role	Financial & staffing Impact
<p>A national body for National Trails</p> <p>The EOI to the Green Recovery Challenge Fund (Defra via NLHF) was unsuccessful</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) - on hold due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</p> <p>Lead; Ed Macalister-Smith</p>	<p>Bid to establish a single entity to support the Trails (England and Wales). This is about to get to application stage, Awaiting final draft from a working group of Trail Chairs.</p> <p>The key remits of the proposed national body will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy – to act as the Champion for National Trails. • Policy and strategy – to advise NE/Defra and work with NRW on long term policy and strategy for National Trails. • National fundraising – negotiating to secure the funding needed from The UK and Welsh Governments without undermining the ability of individual trails to bid for grants and other funding. • Marketing and promotion – proactively influence the National Trails website and branding. • Information exchange – sharing experiences, information and funding opportunities with all family members. • Training – offering training courses and providing information on training opportunities. 	<p>It is an equal partnership for the mutual benefit of all National Trail Partnerships and Steering Groups</p> <p>The Board is accountable for the Cotswolds Way National Trails Partnership</p>	<p>A new national organisation will hold the funds and employ any staff. Staffing implications for CCB should be limited to liaison on issues which CTAP would be doing anyway.</p>
<p>Big Chalk</p> <p>Defra</p>	<p>The NAAONB is co-ordinating the development of project proposals for AONB delivery of the Colchester Declaration.</p>	<p>Development and delivery partner</p>	<p>Too early to tell. Likely to be similar to the partnership working in developing the Magnificent</p>

<p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>On hold due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</p> <p>Lead; Simon Smith</p>	<p>Simon has been leading on the development of a “Big Chalk” project idea in conjunction with a group of the appropriate national landscapes. One of five NAAONB national nature recovery pilot projects, it focusses on habitat connectivity across calcareous landscapes from the south coast to the top of the Cotswolds and Chilterns.</p> <p>The Big Chalk National Landscapes are meeting in early December</p>		<p>Meadows bid’s.</p>
<p>BATHSCAPE Access Work</p> <p>One element of a bigger landscape programme</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>Lead; Mark Connelly</p>	<p>Creation of recreational routes for a variety of audiences within the setting of Bath</p> <p>Successfully tendered for in December 2019 following approval of a project proposal form by CEO, Chair and Vice-Chair (with amendments). The first use of this new process.</p> <p>Currently negotiating contract. Contract value just under £90k</p>	<p>Delivery partner</p>	<p>Will involve Trails and Access Officer though tender designed to utilise additional human resource for specific additional tasks.</p>
<p>Engaging with Young People</p> <p>Lead James Webb</p> <p>Trusts & Foundations Corporates</p> <p>Thames Water</p>	<p>Engaging young people in outdoor activities.</p> <p>Young Gloucestershire still keen to work with us on initiatives to increase opportunities for disadvantaged young people, especially around outdoor activity, skills and employment. Agreement to collaborate on funding applications towards turning the 2018 Pilot into a Programme.</p> <p>Outline proposal submitted and costs requested for an Education/ rural skills programme in the Thames Water region of the Cotswolds</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>Lead/ Delivery partner TBC but likely to be towards Education Officers (1.5 FTE) salaries</p>

	for disadvantaged young people.		and on-costs over three years from mid-2021
<p>Connecting More People with Nature in the Cotswolds</p> <p>Green Recovery Challenge Fund (Defra via NLHF)</p> <p>Lead Simon Smith</p>	<p>EOI unsuccessful</p> <p>The £40 million scheme received applications & EOIs totalling £368 million</p>	Lead and Delivery partner	NA
<p>National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative.</p> <p>Capital works that enhance landscapes impacted on by National Grid's pylon lines.</p> <p>Lead; Simon Smith</p>	<p>Landscape projects in mitigation of National Grid power lines</p> <p>Window 6; both of our full applications have been passed by National Grid to go for Ofgem approval. Ofgem have indicated that they will work on this in the new year. This was originally due in early Jan 2020.</p> <p>Restoring Cheltenham's Escarpment Grasslands; Landscape and habitat restoration at Leckhampton Hill and Ravensgate Common. Project value £246,900, bid ask £183,000</p> <p>West of Winchcombe Landscape Enhancements; dry stone walling across Nottingham Hill. Project value £255,780, bid ask £173,580</p> <p>Window 7; Full application for Hampnett to Chedworth Boundary Restorations (dry stone walling) submitted 10th October. Project value £287,444, bid ask £199,999. Now with Ofgem.</p> <p>Last contact for these 3 projects 15 September 2020. No new news</p> <p>Window 9; Project proposal for the restoration of the Bridgeman Landscape at Lodge Park was approved by the Executive Committee at its May 2020 meeting.</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 does not develop the detailed proposals or deliver the projects</p> <p>There is officer time in supporting project proposers, managing the application process & if successful monitoring and co-ordinating delivery. The required level of detail and supporting information for full applications is high so the call on Development Officer time is not insignificant.</p> <p>Match funding is provided by project proposers</p> <p>If successful payments will be annually and in advance so there will be no negative impact on cash flow.</p>

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