

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'.
2. The purpose of this paper is to provide a concise snapshot of progress across significant areas of project development. More detailed descriptions of projects in development and their potential impacts will be provided through the project proposal process at the appropriate time.
3. Likely project proposals to be brought to the Executive Committee as a result of the below are;

The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley	May
Lodge Park Landscape Enhancement Scheme	May

Supporting Papers:

Appendix 'A' – Bids External Bids Summary

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Project & Funder	Stage, Value & What the Bid will Deliver	Board Role	Financial & staffing Impact
Colchester Declaration National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)	The NAAONB is co-ordinating a national NLHF bid for AONB delivery of the Colchester Declaration. It is early days but the Board has been included in the thinking to date.	Development and delivery partner	Too early to tell. Likely to be similar to the partnership working in developing the Magnificent Meadows bid's.
BATHSCAPE Access Work One element of a bigger landscape programme National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)	Creation of recreational routes for a variety of audiences within the setting of Bath 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. Currently negotiating contract. Contract value just under £90k	Delivery partner	Will involve Trails and Access Officer though tender designed to utilise additional human resource for specific additional tasks.
The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)	Landscape Partnerships type project undertaking landscape restoration works and public engagement activities at selected areas within the Evenlode Valley. EOI submitted in July 2019 was well received though more work is needed to establish a better fit with the NLHF mandatory outcome “A wider range of people will be involved in heritage”, define the project area and identify match funding for the development stage. Project working group met for the first time on 9th December & again on the 14 th Feb with a focus on identifying new audience for next EOI. Research undertaken including positive meeting with Oxford City Council who have joined the working group.	Lead partner	Investment of Project Development Officer's time to take it to development stage proposal submission. If successful NLHF will fund a development stage to take it to full submission Under the new NLHF system we must be confident of delivering a development stage application within 12 months before submitting a revised EOI.

	<p>Project area was the subject of a Board site visit in October & four Board Members with a particular interest in this project have been identified. All will be sent the EOI & discussions need to be held to identify one to join the working group.</p> <p>Project proposal form likely to go to May Executive Committee following redrafting of EOI</p>		
<p>Engaging with Young People</p> <p>National Lottery Community Fund (formerly Big Lottery) & others</p> <p>Possibly NLHF small fund</p>	<p>Engaging young people in outdoor activities.</p> <p>Young Gloucestershire are including us in a number of bids around outdoor activity staffing and costs. Last contact with them was end January 2020.</p> <p>Young Gloucestershire in touch with Active Gloucs and MIND Gloucs & now sit on the Gloucs Naturally Healthy Leadership Group. Looking at National Lottery Community Fund.</p> <p>Young Gloucestershire bid to Comic Relief under their Sport/Activity and Mental-Health pot was unsuccessful.</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>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. Waiting on final outcome which was 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>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</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. National Grid panel keen to pass to Ofgem in February following further photography & mapping.</p> <p>Window 8; We were thinking of applying to the 14th January deadline with the National Trust to help restore the Bridgeman Landscape at Lodge Park This project was first reserve from the last call. The £600,000 limit per protected landscape combined with the outcome of the existing 3 proposals would limit this application to £50k if our other bids are successful.</p> <p>National Trust have decided to try for window 9 instead (June EOI and funding from April 20201). They have been advised that this will come from the next Ofgem price control period (T2) where the £600k limit will be reset, making way for a bigger bid.</p> <p>In preparation for this a project proposal form will be brought to the Executive Committee in May.</p>		<p>insignificant.</p> <p>Match funding is provided by project proposers</p> <p>This is a capital scheme only and will not contribute towards our costs (we have asked!). If successful payments will be annually and in advance so there will be no negative impact on cash flow.</p>
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