

Appendix A; External Bids Update

Project & Funder	Stage, Value & What the Bid will Deliver	Board Role	Financial & staffing Impact
<p>A national body for National Trails</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>On hold until October due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</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>Simultaneously a consortium based on protected landscapes</p>	<p>Development and delivery partner</p>	<p>Too early to tell. Likely to be similar to the partnership working in developing the Magnificent Meadows bid's.</p>

<p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) On hold until October due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</p>	<p>covering a large interpretation of the Wessex area has been looking at collaboratively delivering nature recovery.</p> <p>The Development and Special Projects Officer has been leading on the development of a “Big Chalk” project idea in conjunction with a group of contacts from the appropriate AONBs. It focusses on habitat connectivity across calcareous landscapes from the south coast to the top of the Cotswolds and Chilterns.</p> <p>Originally an exercise was undertaken in March for the Colchester Declaration Steering Group looking at a big delivery project. Defra have expressed interested in funding this work in the short term with a focus on nature recovery planning. Currently compiling responses from the Big Chalk AONBs for a revised proposal.</p> <p>Big Chalk was also submitted as a project idea for ELMS Tier 3 piloting through the National Association (an opportunity that came with 2 days’ notice).</p> <p>Further down the line Big Chalk could lead to bidding for Nature Recovery Area Funding expected to be launched in spring 2021 and/or a bigger National Association NLHF bid.</p> <p>This work and its context will be more fully outlined in a presentation to the Board in October.</p>		
<p>BATHSCAPE Access Work</p> <p>One element of a bigger landscape programme</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage</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>Delivery partner</p>	<p>Will involve Trails and Access Officer though tender designed to utilise additional human resource for specific additional tasks.</p>

Fund (NLHF)	Currently negotiating contract. Contract value just under £90k		
<p>The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>On hold until October due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</p>	<p>Landscape Partnerships type project undertaking landscape restoration works and public engagement activities at selected areas within the Evenlode Valley.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Research undertaken including a positive meeting with Oxford City Council who have joined the project working group. Revised version of the EOI has been written in consultation with the working group.</p> <p>Project area was the subject of a Board site visit in October 2020 & four Board Members with a particular interest in this project have been identified. All have been sent the EOI.</p> <p>Reviewing the project following a new timeframe and funding landscape.</p>	Lead partner	<p>Investment of Project Development Officer’s time to take it to development stage proposal submission.</p> <p>If successful NLHF will fund a development stage to take it to full submission</p> <p>Under the new NLHF system we must be confident of delivering a development stage application within 12 months before submitting a revised 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</p>	Partner – delivering countryside activities	<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>

	Sport/Activity and Mental-Health pot was unsuccessful.		
<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 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 June 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>The expression of interest has been prepared and is ready for submission when the window is announced.</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>