

Parish Liaison Briefing Note
LSP Performance Reward Programme
Small Grants Funding Programme

Background

Performance Reward Grant (PRG) £1.3m has been paid by government due to completion of the Local Area Agreement (LAA 1)

LAA 1 (2007-2010) was a 3-year agreement between the Council, partners and Government that set out key outcomes for our local area.

The LAA was managed and monitored by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). LSP partners were responsible for delivering the targets.

The funding has been split in to two categories, £1million has been ring fenced to be invested in delivery of the LSP aims through the following Theme Partnerships:

- Community Safety Partnership
- Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership
- Environmental Sustainability Partnership
- Sustainable Growth Alliance Partnership
- Children's Trust
- Health & Wellbeing Partnership

The Small Grants Funding Programme has a fund of £300k available for investment in local communities.

Purpose of the Small Grants Funding Programme – This Fund is for projects that support the delivery of the [Sustainable Community Strategy](#) by building capacity in the community. These projects will enable community groups to gain the confidence and skills to participate more fully in society and to involve the local community in having a voice in local decision making.

Funding amount – The total budget is £300,000 over 2 years. There is a 50/50 capital and revenue split. This means £150,000 will be available for capital expenditure and £150,000 for revenue expenditure. Each application can be up to £5,000. Applications can be for capital expenditure, revenue expenditure or a mixture of both:

Capital expenditure is money spent on buying assets such as buildings, vehicles, office furniture, computers and equipment; works involving new construction or refurbishment.

Revenue expenditure is running costs such as staff salaries, training and travel costs, rent and rates, maintenance, insurance and office stationery.

Funding Criteria

Projects are invited which can demonstrate how they influence and make a difference to their local communities e.g.

- increasing the capacity within communities for volunteering opportunities,
- improving local technology or increasing the infrastructure for communication networks,
- working to improve the capacity of locals business within the communities,
- supporting families or members of a disadvantaged group (e.g. older people, those with mental or physical disabilities) to become more involved in the community and improving their lifestyle.

This list is not exhaustive but provides a guide to the type of projects which can be awarded funding from this programme.

Organisations applying:

- must have a formal constitution / set of rules, though they do not need to be registered charities;
- must demonstrate evidence of community support;
- can do so at any time throughout the lifetime of the programme;
- must acknowledge Bath & North East Somerset Council support where possible;
- agrees that the ways in which the grants have been spent may be publicised, including on the Council's website;
- will be required to complete a monitoring and evaluation forms to show how, and when, results have been achieved as a result of receiving this money;
- will be required to return any unused funding to Bath & North East Somerset Council if it is not spent within a year;
- accepts that no grants will be awarded for a project which is already funded;
- will need to provide bank account details - grants cannot be paid into an individual (personal or business) account;
- understand B&NES Council will not process incomplete, or illegible, applications or those where the requested supporting documentation is missing. Any incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant unprocessed and as such will not be put forward for consideration for a grant until returned completed;
- are encouraged to apply in partnership with other groups, but one group will be required to take a lead for contact and payment purposes.

The fund opened for receiving applications on 1 April 2011.

Further information on the fund, together with full guidance and application form can be found on the website by visiting cef@bathnes.gov.uk, or by contacting the Funding and Programmes Team on 01225477278 or 01225477669 email cef@bathnes.gov.uk.

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