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**Neighbourhood Portion of
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath**

**PROJECT EXPRESION OF INTEREST AND APPLICATION
FOR FUNDING FORM**

SECTION 1: FOR COMPLETION BY THE PROJECT APPLICANT

1) Contact Details:

Name:	Shirley Ward
Organisation:	Weston Free Church (Moravian)
Phone number:	
E-mail address:	

2) Project Details:

2.1 Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath
No
2.2 Description of your project – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum 300 words)
Community Garden at Weston Free Church (Moravian) Weston Free Church sits on the roundabout at the foot of Lansdown Lane. There is an area of lawn outside the church that is never used, and which could be turned into a garden for the enjoyment of the community. The entrance will be through an existing gate, so that the main access will be from the wide pavement on the roundabout. This is at a popular spot with a lot of passing footfall, including families going to and from

WASPS school twice a day. The Love Weston Café is located in the building on Fridays. The garden will be used by people of all ages as a place for relaxation and to meet friends.

There is an existing tree on the site. The plan includes creating a paved surface, with box-planters and benches to form a community space. It will be suitable for wheelchairs. The planters and benches will be made of recycled plastic, so that the maintenance costs are very low. The benches will be secured, to avoid theft. The planting will also include the existing grass verge outside the garden.

2.3 Reasons for supporting this project (maximum 300 words)

This project enables the unused space outside Weston Free Church to be re-purposed as a valuable community facility. It fulfils one of the major needs in the community – for community gardens where local people can relax and meet.

The works will include support by volunteers, and the garden will be maintained by the Greener Weston group.

2.4 Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project? (include a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the funding)

This is a new project. It is submitted in parallel with the application from All Saints Weston for a community garden at Weston Hub.

The costs are...

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| • Levelling, and laying paving slabs | £1,500 |
| • 4 benches and fixing kits | £1,379 |
| • 3 square planters | £353 |
| • 3 rectangle planters | £644 |
| • Topsoil for planters | £150 |
| • Plants | £450 |

Amount requested

£ 4,476 inc VAT

2.5 Target Start Date

The estimated start date for work is between July and September 2021, with the actual dates depending on the end of lockdown and the availability of suppliers.

2.6 Target Completion Date

The work will be completed by February 2022 at the latest.

2.7 What milestones and targets have you included in the delivery of this project?

- Milestone 1 Preparation of site
- Milestone 2 Laying of paving
- Milestone 3 Installation of planters and benches
- Milestone 4 Planting

**2.8 If planning permission is required for this project has it been granted?
If Yes - please include the dates and reference numbers for these permissions.**

No planning permission required

3) Criteria

- 3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of the new developments from which the funding has been generated? (You may consider this on a ward basis, a locality basis or a city wide basis.)**

The Royal United Hospital is at the heart of Weston Village and is the largest employer in our area, with many local people working at the hospital. Recent development projects have included the new RNHRD and Brownsword Therapies Centre opened in September 2019; and plans for the new Dyson Cancer Centre have now been approved. The ongoing growth of the RUH is good news for all, but due to the increased number of staff and visitors, and the increase in traffic, it does create more pressure on our local facilities and amenities.

- 3.2 How does the project provide links to the locality in the area where development has taken place? (if your project has city wide impact you will need to demonstrate how the broader community in the city will benefit)**

The project provides a new amenity for people who live and work in the Weston area. The application is being made by the Weston Free Church, who will supervise all the works using local contractors, with some help from volunteers where appropriate.

- 3.3 Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project?**

This application has emerged from a series of public consultations in Weston Village held in 2019 by the local Community Association Future Weston. This included 3 large public meetings, followed by work within groups.

This identified a number of important needs in the Weston community, including...

- The development of green spaces and the environment
- Places for families and children
- Places for young people and for sport
- The need for friendship, especially among older people
- The benefits of building a village community

This application was originally made in February 2020. Since then, the lockdowns have added to the importance of building community resilience as we go forward and rebuild our communities following the pandemic.

3.4 The project must show that it either:

- Supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.

Please explain how the project fits with these requirements

Development along the key routes into Bath add additional pressure onto existing infrastructure within the village communities.

The subject that makes up this application will improve the infrastructure for different groups within the Weston community.

4) Project Contact Details:

Contact details for the project (if different to person completing the form)	
Project Name	Community Garden at Weston Free Church (Moravian)
Project Location	Weston Free Church (on the roundabout at the bottom of Lansdown Lane)
Locality or Ward which will benefit from this project	Weston

5) Funding:

5.1 Total Cost of Project:	£4,476
5.2 Amount of funding sought from Neighbourhood Portion of CIL Fund:	£4,476
5.3 Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding? (include below the sources, dates funds agreed/expected and the amounts)	No
5.3.1 Volunteering Hours:	50 hours
5.3.2 Additional Funds which have already been agreed:	N/A
5.3.3 Funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:	N/A

5.4 Please provide and breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project

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6) Bank Details (for successful projects)

6.1 Details of the Bank Account into which the funds from the Neighbourhood Portion of CiL should be paid:

Bank name:		Sort code:	
Account name:		Account number:	

6.2 If the project is being delivered internally, internal code is required below:

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SECTION 2: FOR COMPLETION BY STRATEGY & PERFORMANCE

Project Form Validation Decision (Officer decision)

SECTION 3: FOR COMPLETION BY BATH CITY FORUM WORKING GROUP

Project Expression of Interest Recommendations (Working Group decision)

SECTION 4: FOR COMPLETION BY BATH CITY FORUM

Recommendations received (Bath City Forum decision)

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SECTION 5: FOR COMPLETION BY SUPPORTING COUNCIL SERVICE AREAS

Recommendations received on project delivery (Officer decision)

SECTION 6: OUTCOME OF THE COUNCIL CABINET DECISION

Recommendation (Cabinet decision)

SECTION 7: PROCESS LOG

	Process start date	Date agreement reached
Expression of interest and Officer Validation		
Bath City Forum Working Group recommendations		
Bath City Forum recommendations		
Service Area recommendations		
Submission to Council Cabinet for agreement		
Grant Funding Agreement Signed		
Payment of Funds		

SECTION 8: COMPLETION STATUS

Confirmation from the monitoring officer that the project has been completed satisfactory

Publication through @bath_forum and the B&NES Council website once the project is completed
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