



B O S T O N B O R O U G H C O U N C I L

REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE
DATE:	5 AUGUST 2020
SUBJECT:	BTAC SMALL GRANT SCHEME
REPORT AUTHOR:	MADDY EYRE, LOCAL COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND BTAC GRANT ADMINISTRATOR
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

In accordance with the Committee's Small Grant Scheme, this report presents the applications made to the Small Grants Working Group in Round 3 of the financial year 2019/2020, however takes into account changes that have now occurred as a consequence of the covid-19 outbreak and the lockdown situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee endorse the recommendations made by the Working Group in respect of **eligible** applications where the applicant has confirmed they are able to deliver their project following the covid-19 outbreak.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee's policy is to consider each eligible application in light of the recommendations made by the Small Grant Working Group.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

NA

1. REPORT

- 1.1 6 applications were received in Round 3 of the Boston Town Area Committee Small Grant Scheme; of the 6, all were eligible for consideration.
- 1.2 In the light of the covid-19 outbreak and lockdown, the original committee meeting where applications were to be endorsed was cancelled and in effect putting these applications on hold. When a new meeting date was mooted all 6 applicants were contacted to establish whether, should they be awarded funding, their projects would be able to go ahead. They were given 3 options:

Option 1: Allow their application to be submitted for decision at the August Meeting – if it is approved funds to be transferred to their respective accounts for their project to be delivered straight away OR at a later stage when they feel able to do so.

Option 2: Keep their application on hold until later in the year, when they have a better idea of how they intend to move forward with their project into next year.

Option 3: Withdraw their application from the scheme and resubmit another time when they feel able to do so.

Applicants who choose option 2 have been assured that the funding allocated for Round 3 19/20 would remain available when they re-submit.

1.3 4 out of the 6 applicants have chosen to go with Option 1 to be endorsed at this meeting.

Please see Table 1 below indicating all 6 applicants and which option they have chosen. Table 2 shows the decisions of the Small Grant Working Group, at their meeting of 27th February 2020, taken before lockdown, which still stand for endorsement.

TABLE 1

Applicant	Project	Amount requested	Option taken
Boston Samaritans	To purchase branded promotional materials to aid awareness raising of their services across Boston.	£706.67	Option 1 to be considered August 2020
Centrepont Outreach	To purchase equipment and appropriate licences to run an afternoon film club at their centre on Red Lion Street for the town's homeless and volunteers.	£754.00	Option 2 – to be considered later in the year.

Lincoln Diocesan Board of Education	To contribute towards the cost of an arts/performance based project exploring ideas of faith and identity in 3 schools and their wider communities	£1,000.00	Option 2 – to be considered later in the year.
Lincolnshire Community & Voluntary Service – English Language Co-ordination Project	To contribute towards the cost of continuing to provide a single point of access website to enable people to find appropriate English language courses – formal and informal from a number of Boston providers	£1,000.00	Option 1 to be considered August 2020
Boston Hakusan City 20/21 Exchange Programme	To contribute towards costs of providing the visiting Japanese students and their chaperones with souvenirs, trips and activities while they are here and contribute towards their Farewell Ceremony.	£1,000.00	Option 1 to be considered August 2020
Wyberton Football Club	To contribute towards the purchase of a mower to enable them to keep maintenance of their grounds in-house.	£1,000.00	Option 1 to be considered August 2020

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The value of each grant sought is set out in Table 1. The Committee's current Small Grant financial position is set out on the finance pro-forma that accompanies this report. Stipulating that any remaining funds to be ring-fenced for the remaining Round 3 applications currently on hold until later this year.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Priorities supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Boston Town Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all, including those protected characteristics identified within the Equalities Act 2010

There are no equalities implications within this report. All equalities implications will be managed alongside each individual applicant through the monitoring process of project delivery.

CONSULTATION

Applications have been reviewed by the Small Grant Working Group with their comments set out within Table 2 to be circulated at full committee.

APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Grant Applications	Application summaries are available to BTAC Members on request from the Small Grant Scheme Administrator.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

<i>Name of body</i>	<i>Date</i>
BTAC Small Grants Scheme Working Group	27 th February 2020

FINANCE PROFORMA

BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROFORMA FOR EXECUTIVE APPROVAL OF THE RELEASE OF RESOURCES (CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS)

FROM: Rachel Chatterton

THIS PROFORMA PROVIDES THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE ATTACHED

REPORT: Boston Town Area Committee
REPORT DATE: August 2020

OPTION 1	£ Year 1 2020/21	£ Year 2 2021/22	£ Year 3 2022/23	£ Year 4 2023/24	£ Year 5 2024/25
Revenue Round 3 recommended awards	£3,706.67				
Total Revenue Cost	£3,706.67				

Funding required:		Considered by: BTAC	Date: August 2020
Total capital cost	£0		
Revenue cost	£3,706.67		

Financial Services Comments

The committee has available funds of £5,655 for small grant applications carried forward from 2019.20.

If all applications are successful the committee will have remaining funds of £1,948.33 to be ring-fenced for applications from Round 3 not submitted at this meeting.

This does not affect the budget for 20.21 of £9000.

Risk

None

Procurement

Value for Money Efficiency

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