

Appendix 1

GRANT APPLICATIONS AND COMMISSIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT TEAM (EEP) 2018-20

Background paper 8.2; EDS Report Dec 2018

Summary of grants and commissions being investigated by EEP as of 1 Dec 2018

Of the applications currently under review none commit the Council to additional staffing or match funding outside of existing budgets.

Reaching Communities National Lottery Grant (Lead Officer: Felicity Towns EEP)

Amount c. £150k over five years

A five-year project funding is being developed to deliver new activities whilst also covering some 'core' costs. Initial ideas have already been discussed with Lottery representative (Aug 2018) and the Council has been invited to proceed:

- Develop environmental education sessions for a range of age groups that focus on raising aspirations, building confidence and developing transferrable skills e.g. working together, team building, problem solving, risk assessments, communication and increase respect, ownership, interest and understanding of the environment and local woodland/ green spaces, meeting other people and sharing experiences, 'learning through outdoor play', gaining skills linked in with forest careers and sustainability. Current 'working copy' of application attached.
- Although not the main aim of the project it is hoped that the project will improve health and wellbeing of participants and reduce loneliness and social isolation.

Grow Wild funding (Lead Officer: Felicity Towns EEP) Amount c£1-2.5k – for conservation related activities, tools etc

Tesco Bags of Help (Lead Officer: Felicity Towns EEP) – up to £5k - for Forest School activities

National Forest Company (Lead Officer: Kate Allies EEP) – up to £10k for extending Rosliston Rangers conservation group pilot scheme to full launch from April 2019, (a pilot is currently running, funded by the National Forest Company, which started on 9 October). Please note the EEP will be looking for further opportunities to fund Rosliston Rangers.

South Derbyshire Partnership (SDP) Funding (Lead Officer: Kate Allies EEP) - up to £2,25k for 2018-19 and up to £4,8k for 2019-12 for activities to support the Environmental Forum including free tree scheme, link businesses with conservation volunteering opportunities and conservation activities / conservation and survey training for individuals, parish councillors etc

Further opportunities to fund the Environmental Forum and Swadlincote Cultural Partnership are being sought. The SDP funded the Cultural Partnership up to April 2018.

Fund tbc, possibly Willshees (Lead Officer: Kate Allies EEP): Providing more food

waste reduction work in schools - building on the international success of the Fab Food programme. In discussions with Willshees as a potential commission.

Fund tbc: Environmental art/ mindfulness/ wellbeing activities (Lead Officer: Felicity Towns EEP) – costs to run pilot activities up to £5k

Fund tbc: Extending activities for Swadlincote Heritage Trail (Lead Officer: Kate Allies EEP): - to include local grown heroes (i.e. today's inspirational residents/ businesses), more work with pupils, potential trail extension outside urban core. Could be series of small-medium grants depending on consultation outcomes. Likely to be over £30k.

How does the project fit with the Council's Corporate Plan, other Plans and Strategies?

Projects are designed to engage people with the natural and built environment, providing educational opportunities to help improve it, increase civic pride, encourage schools and community groups to work together, raise people's confidence in terms of what they can achieve and raise aspirations amongst younger people. It is also aimed to increase interest in science related subjects amongst pupils e.g. through hands on activities and provide free-to-user and self-led activities that are accessible to all.

FUN is very important and is incorporated into all the EEP Team's project work.

The main areas of the Corporate Plan/ Service Plan that the EEP Team support are:
Progress – improving the local area, particularly linking to The National Forest to make South Derbyshire a better place to live work and visit; also improving the skills of the local workforce.

Place/ People – expanding the offer the Council makes to people relating to cultural activities and events; developing the workforce by improving and extending the provision of education and training/ raising aspirations. Increasing participation levels.

All opportunities have improving physical and mental well-being as an additional outcome.

Will the Council become the Accountable Body and if so, what obligations does this place on the Council, for example, administratively, financial, audit, monitoring, etc

The Council would be the Accountable Body for such funding applications.

Administration would be undertaken as part of monthly monitoring with the Council's Finance Team. Overall it is not expected that such funding would increase this workload.

Who are the partners in the Project and what are their respective roles in its delivery?

The Council is the lead partner in these project. Other partners include Forestry Commission, Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV), Derbyshire County Council (Environmental Education Service -Forest School only; Family Learning/ Library Service – various projects), Burton Conservation Volunteers, Nature's Woodland, Heartwood Community Woodfuel, Rosliston Community Group, Forest Education Network other Council departments, National Forest Company.

The role of partners will be to deliver parts of the project as required.eg. TCV will deliver some training. Their costs are included in project applications plus management time for the

Council to administer the work.

Is any match funding required from the Council either in cash or in-kind and how is this calculated.

In kind/ staff time from EEP team (and support from Accounts) is required.

EEP staff time costs calculated using a simple spreadsheet which includes rent and other core costs.

Scale of hourly rates is £35-55/hr depending on type of project; usually £40-£45.

Will the Council be required to employ new staff and at what cost? *Note: If staff are likely to be employed for more than 2-years, then potential redundancy costs will also need to be considered – please consult with HR).*

No – the grants listed above are to secure existing staff roles

Are any financial implications contained within Council budgets or are there any on-going revenue implications for the Council?

No on-going revenue implications if successful - but if the EEP Team fails to attract enough grant money in any particular year there are redundancy implications for EEP team

Other factors to consider such as risks, benefits and opportunities, who else is bidding and timescales.

Liaising with grant providers to ensure time spent on applications is time well spent Liaising with partners to make sure duplicate bids not submitted.

Liaising with Council specialists at the outset to ensure the applications provide suitable funding opportunities and to make sure there are no duplicate bids within the Council.

Liaising with other officers within the Council to agree costs and making sure that where relevant their objectives are factored in.