



Funding Update

As you will know, the funding process for Community Partnerships (CPs) is live, with budget allocations provided by each CP for 2019/20 projects, with outcome proposals being submitted / in development.

This is a new way of working, which is purposefully non-bureaucratic. The aim is to allow CP's the freedom and flexibility to commission projects and activity against agreed objectives / priorities. However, from learning already to date, this does set the challenge for the Chair / Partnership to ensure that processes and decisions about budget spend are both inclusive and transparent.

Lessons Learnt:

Be mindful of procurement thresholds. Any spend over £5,000 will require some form of procurement, whether that be quotations for work or a tender process. Officers can help to ensure the correct processes are followed in terms of commissioning work.

Projects / activity requesting CP budget need to be shared with the whole of your CP membership before an outcome proposal is submitted with the aim of reaching a consensus on how funding is spent.

Each project requiring budget, needs to have a Outcome Proposal completed. These need to be completed by a nominated person / task & finish group who sits on that Community Partnership. The CP Chair will be required to sign off on each proposal. It's suggested that blank copies of the proposal form are not circulated widely to avoid speculative bids from external organisations.

Unless a grant programme is being run by the CP, the CP's budget is to not be treated like a grant programme for external organisations to freely submit proposals. This should be tightly controlled by each Chair.

Where organisations are pitching their own project ideas within a CP or one organisation has been identified to deliver a project / activity, the CP needs to ensure that they have considered all the options including other organisations which could potentially deliver that work. It might be that some form of procurement exercise is the best route where multiple organisations are potentially able to deliver.

CP budgets for 2019-20: Latest Situation:

Aldeburgh, Leiston and Saxmundham & Villages:

- Small Grants Pot - Transport Links and Access to Services, Economic Regeneration/High Street, Housing that meets local needs.

Framlingham, Wickham Market & Villages:

- Young People's Survey Project - Young People
- Community People's Grant Scheme

Felixstowe Peninsula:

- Basic Life Charity - Food Poverty - COVID-19
- Fuel Vouchers Suffolk CC - Food Poverty - COVID-19
- FACTS Food Poverty - COVID-19

Kesgrave, Rushmere St Andrew, Martlesham, Carlford and Fynn Valley:

- Rolled over to 2020-21

Melton, Woodbridge and Deben Peninsula:

- Rolled over to 2020-21

Carlton Colville, Kessingland, Southwold and villages:

- The Loft Youth Centre Southwold - Young People
- Kessingland Youth Work - Young People
- INVOLVE for 'Muncheon Mingle' Monday's' - Young People
- Youth Hub for Carlton Colville - Carlton Colville Town Council/IMPACT Detached Youth - Young People
- Young People's Task and Finish Group - Research/Consultation - Young People

Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and villages:

- Goose Green Gardens Community Orchard (Beccles) - Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing and enable people to live healthy lives
- Reclaiming Bungay's Old Cemetery - Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing and enable people to live healthy lives
- Meet us at the Bench – The Halesworth Well-being Bench Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing and enable people to live healthy lives
- Summer Activities Programme - Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing and enable people to live healthy lives

Lowestoft & Northern Parishes:

- A walk in the Park - Health & Wellbeing, Childhood Obesity, Social Isolation
- Sam's Youth Club café - Health & Wellbeing