



REPORT TO:	Boston Town Area Committee
DATE:	07 th October 2021
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 2 of the financial year 2021/2022 and considers additional business with regard to membership of the Small Grant Working Group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee endorse the recommendations made by the Working Group in respect of **eligible** application/s.
2. That the Committee provide additional membership from their number to join the BTAC Small Grant Working Group.

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.

There can be up to 5 members represented on the small grant working group, currently we have 3 meaning when there are absences only 2 remaining to make decisions.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

REPORT

- 1.1 1 application was received in Round 2 of the Boston Town Area Committee Small Grant Scheme, which was considered were eligible for consideration. Details of applicant are set out in Table 1 below. Working Group recommendations to be circulated at full committee as Table 2. Applicants were notified that whilst covid-19 recovery would not be an additional theme applied to the scheme, consideration would be given to groups looking for assistance in this area and should therefore make reference to this in their applications.

TABLE 1

Applicant	Project	Amount requested
Lincolnshire Youth Mission Ltd	<p>Lincolnshire RoadHoG Youth Bus Project</p> <p>Part of creating a safer place on the streets for young people, is that they create both attractive and engaging activities on board the bus.</p> <p>Since their project launched, they have had two play station 3 consoles on the bus. These provide a way-in for young people, who don't necessarily want to speak with them, but like the idea of a warm place with friends and with a warm drink and to play.</p> <p>They have a max PEGI 7 rating on all games they run and having the consoles gives them the opportunity to engage and talk with young people about the growing reliance on gaming (particularly among boys) leading up to and during the pandemic. Most young people only play 2 player games on board like FIFA21 and the odd driving game. Rather than the more popular occupation of cyberpunk 2077, CS:GO etc.</p> <p>Their current PlayStation 3 consoles are out of date and they are no longer able to update the games. They would like help this year to raise the capital to provide 2 new consoles, controllers and some new games.</p> <p>2x console/game bundles currently available on-line are around £290 each. They would be choosing the cheaper option of PlayStation 4 rather than the PlayStation 5 because it would make no difference to their outreach or engagement if they spend £1200 on 2 PS5s. The additional £20 would be for replacement HDMI leads and methods to secure the consoles in a vehicle that is constantly moving from place to place. – Quotes/Prices for consoles provided with the application.</p>	£620.00.

- 1.2 The BTAC Small Grant Working Group currently has 3 members, we are able to have up to 5 members on this group. It would make decision-making easier if we were to have more members on this group to ensure there are at least 3 members present when applications

are reviewed. Currently if even one member is unable to attend that leaves only 2 members to make decisions. There are 4 meetings per financial year and you will receive full summaries of all applications before each meeting so that you are able to review them before you meet.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Working Group recommendations are to be circulated at full Committee for consideration, in line with the Committee's policy which is to consider each eligible application in light of the Small Grant Working Group's recommendations. Along with the recruitment of new members to the BTAC Small Grant Working Group.

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.

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.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no climate change and environmental implications directly arising from this report.

EQUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING 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.

There are no safeguarding implications directly arising from this report.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

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

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

N/A	N/A
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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

Name of body	Date
BTAC Small Grants Scheme Working Group	26 th August 2021

REPORT APPROVAL

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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: October 2021

OPTION 1	£ Year 1 2021.22	£ Year 2 2022.23	£ Year 3 2023.24	£ Year 4 2024.25	£ Year 5 2025/26
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Revenue

Small Grants

620.00

Total Revenue Cost **620.00**

Funding required:

Total capital cost £0

Revenue cost £620.00

Considered by:
BTAC

Date: Oct
2021

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Financial Services Comments

The committee has £8,448 remaining from the small grants scheme in 2021.22.

Risk

None

Procurement

Value for Money Efficiency

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