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REPORT TO:	BOSTON TOWN AREA COMMITTEE
DATE:	27 TH FEBRUARY 2019
SUBJECT:	BTAC GRANT SCHEME
REPORT AUTHOR:	MADDY EYRE, LOCAL COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND BTAC GRANT ADMINISTRATOR
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

This report presents additional information regarding the Parish of Boston's grant application deferred from the 30th January 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee consider the additional information provided and either approve or reject the application accordingly.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To allow the committee to review the application and decide on an appropriate level of award.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

NA

1. REPORT

1.1 Following a request from the Committee at their meeting of 30th January 2019, the Parish of Boston has been asked to provide additional information as follows:

- Specific detail as to what elements of the overall Passion for People project the £20,000 will contribute.
- Clear demonstration that if funding is given to these particular elements of the project how this will directly impact the residents of the BTAC area.

The Committee need to note that the Parish of Boston has already been awarded £50,000 by Boston Borough Council in respect of this project.

Please see **APPENDIX A** for the full report submitted by the Parish of Boston and **APPENDIX B**, for reference only, the original report submitted to committee on 30th January 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any grant award will be funded from existing reserves.

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

None

CONSULTATION

APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Original Grant Application	Appropriately redacted applications and supporting information are available to BTAC members upon written request from the BTAC Grant Administrator

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

Name of body	Date
BTAC Full Committee	30 th January 2019

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: BTAC Grant Scheme
REPORT DATE: 30th January 2018

OPTION 1	£ Year 1 2018/19	£ Year 2 2019/20	£ Year 3 2020/21	£ Year 4 2021/22	£ Year 5 2022/23
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Revenue

Parish of Boston Passion for People Project (large)	Up to £20,000				
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Total Revenue Cost	£20,000				
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Funding required:		Considered by:	Date:
Total capital cost	£0	BTAC	30.01.19

Revenue cost	Up to £20,000 (to be funded from existing reserves)
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Financial Services Comments

Following the decision to cancel the 4th round of the 18.19 Small Grants it has been agreed that the remaining balance be carried forward to allow the applicants to re-apply after the May 2019 elections.

Risk

None

Procurement

Value for Money Efficiency

This FP is valid for 3 months from FP date	If this FP is no longer required please advise Finance	If there are changes to the original report it may invalidate this document, it must be reviewed by Finance.
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APPENDIX A

'A Passion for People' Summary of Benefits to the BTAC Area

- The Parish of Boston's reach covers the entire BTAC area
- 144,000 people were recorded visiting St Botolph's in 2017
- Over 27,000 were recorded visiting the church during our Festival of Remembrance, the majority of whom came from within the town centre area.
- St Botolph's is key to developing Boston as a tourist destination. Increased visitor numbers from our project are forecast to bring £20 million to the local economy over ten years.
- It will improve the quality and number of volunteer roles we offer. Currently over 100 of our volunteers live in the BTAC area.
- Our volunteer programme helps local people remain active in their community, provides training, develops skills and helps people gain confidence needed to move into paid employment.
- The project will build strong relationships with the schools in the BTAC area, encouraging visits to St Botolph's. We will offer schools resource packs which will allow them to teach topics in the classroom, before visiting St Botolph's to experience what they have been taught.
- Our project will make St Botolph's more accessible for local people with disabilities and for families using pushchairs.
- We will create permanent exhibition space inside the church for local artists and for cultural events and exhibitions.
- The project will include the development of a heritage interpretation scheme designed to encourage local people to learn about, and take pride in, their home town while also promoting Boston as a visitor destination.
- We have consulted widely within the community to ensure that we are meeting the needs of local people, both users and non-users of St Botolph's.
- Our steering committee is made up of representatives from a wide range of local organisations, ensuring that the project delivers for the people of Boston. We are actively working with local tourist sites / heritage sites to enable a full day offering for our visitors.

Cost Break-down

Work with the local schools - £15,000

Schools festival

Working with the local primary schools we will seek to create a successful schools festival. School Festivals have proven to be very popular at Lincoln Cathedral and other major churches throughout the country. The festival will be over a period of a week in which we will invite schools into St Botolph's for a day of activities, including activities such as bell ringing. This will build on

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the success of our Remembrance Festival which saw a number of activities and events included.

Specific School Tours

Working with Historic England we are developing a school's resource pack which can be given to all our local schools. The aim of these packs are to introduce the various ways in which St Botolph's & Boston's history can be incorporated into lessons. We will then invite schools in for a specific tour and activity sessions which will put their knowledge into practice.

Fun at the Stump!

These free craft and activity sessions will be a permanent feature of St Botolph's offering. We will have a structured series of these sessions throughout the year which will encourage children into St Botolph's linking in all the stories of the Church and Boston. We have trialled these sessions which have so far proven very successful. We would seek to formalise the sessions so that we can offer a consistent programme throughout the year.

Community Building - £3,000

Boston Connected: Community Table

We successfully ran this scheme in 2017 which saw people in the community coming together for free food. It is based on the simple notion that when people come together to eat, they chat to one another. We saw people from the various communities in Boston come together to eat and chat. This helped to build a sense of community and broke some of the barriers which can easily be assumed between the communities which make Boston.

Volunteer Training

Working with our Volunteer Manager we have seen a steady increase in the number of volunteers offering to support the work of St Botolph's. This not only benefits the life of St Botolph's but the person volunteering. By offering courses we are seeing a number of our volunteers, often in long term unemployment, gaining jobs through the skills they gain through their volunteering roles. This benefits Boston as a whole through their economic contributions.

Supporting the Arts - £2,000

Lunchtime Concerts

Our lunchtime concerts have proven very popular, however the cost of hosting these concerts can often outweigh the donations we collect from the audiences. We will look to improve the advertisement, frequency and talent that we offer.

Community Choir

Our community choir meets each week at St Botolph's. We currently have over 50 members from the Borough of Boston. This group of people come

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together to sing and be in fellowship with each other. The benefits of singing and in particular being in a choir, has been scientifically proven to benefit the people and communities.