

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE CABINET MEETING OF 4 APRIL 2022

PUBLIC REPORT: Y / ~~N~~

EXEMPT REPORT: ~~Y~~ / N

Report Title	Platinum Jubilee Community Grants
KEY DECISION	Y
Report Author	Tom Day, Community Partnerships Manager
Purpose of Report	To agree objectives and criteria for a Platinum Jubilee Capital Grant scheme that will help secure or develop significant capital assets, across the district, as a lasting commemoration of Her Majesty The Queen's historic 70 year milestone.
Reason for Decision	To deliver a grant scheme to support the commemoration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022.
Portfolio (holder)	Cllr Simon Whelband – Cabinet Member for Wellbeing, Communities and Housing.
Corporate Priorities	Working with our communities, we will build a future for the people of Harborough district that gives them the best life chances and opportunities through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community leadership to create a sense of pride in our place • Promoting health and wellbeing and encouraging healthy life choices • Creating a sustainable environment to protect future generations
Financial Implications	Council has set aside a capital fund of £700,000.
Risk Management Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial risk – this grant is funded from capital receipts and will not negatively impact on the provision of services funded from the revenue budget. • Financial risk - HDC will not be responsible for any future maintenance or future capital or revenue to support projects. • Resource risk – the delivery of the grant will be carried out by the Community Partnerships Team. This will require additional staffing hours which will be funded through one-off savings in the service budget. • Reputational risk – this grant reflects the support from Members for the Queen and for investment in communities.
Environmental Implications	Successful projects should comply with relevant planning and regulatory and environmental requirements.
Legal Implications	Standard grant terms and conditions will apply to projects.
Equality Implications	Equality will be addressed within the application criteria, terms, and conditions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Application form and guidance notes will be designed to be user friendly and agreed in consultation with the Council's Equalities Officer. - Applicants will be required to demonstrate that their projects are accessible to all and would not have a detrimental impact on any of the groups of protected characteristics.
Data Protection Implications	There are no data protection implications arising from this report.
Consultation	<p>Consultation has been carried out with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing, Wellbeing and Communities.</p> <p>The grant process will be communicated widely to all who could potentially gain from these grants. There is a communication plan for the Community Grants fund.</p>
Options	Do nothing - Not to progress with a capital grant scheme.
Background Papers	N/A
Recommendation	To approve the objective and criteria set out in Appendix A.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This year Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.
- 1.2 This new fund will help mark this historic milestone through helping to secure or develop significant capital assets, across the district, as a lasting commemoration.

2 Background

- 2.1 This is new funding and is in addition to existing projects that support the Platinum Jubilee, including tree planting, a small grants fund to support community events and commemorative projects and work with schools to develop a collection of artworks celebrating the last 70 years.
- 2.2 Decisions on the Platinum Jubilee Capital Grant will be made by the Cabinet Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 The objective and criteria for the proposed Capital Grant Scheme are set out in Appendix A.

Appendix A – Objectives and Criteria for the Platinum Jubilee Capital Grants Scheme

Objective – To secure or develop significant capital assets, across the district, as a lasting commemoration of Her Majesty The Queen’s historic 70 year milestone.

Grant amount

- Fixed at £70,000.

Projects must meet all of the following criteria

- Be creative
- Be a new project
- Have a long-lasting impact/ legacy of Jubilee
- Enhance the local place
- Have a demonstrable public benefit and be freely available to local residents.

The project must support at least 1 HDC Corporate Priority

1. Community leadership to create a sense of pride in our place
2. Promoting health and wellbeing and encouraging healthy life choices
3. Creating a sustainable environment to protect future generations
4. Supporting businesses and residents to deliver a prosperous local economy

Key Dates:

Applications open 11th April 2022

Deadline is 31st July 2022. Only complete applications will be considered.

Decisions will be made in October 2022 by the Cabinet Sub-Committee for Grants.

All projects must also

- Benefit the residents of Harborough District.
- Benefit no fewer than 5 people.
- Have a detailed breakdown of expected costs and income, including relevant quotes to show expenditure or clear explanation as why this is not possible.
- Comply with the Equality Act 2010.
- Not be within an existing funding agreement with HDC for the same project - e.g. S106.
- Not be the statutory funding responsibility of another organisation.
- Ensure you have obtained permission from the landowner to undertake the capital work. If required applicants will also be expected to have obtained (or engaged in the process of) planning permission and/or listed buildings consent (if appropriate) to carry out the works and any other required permissions.
- Application must not be retrospective - that is to replace money already spent, or to cover items or services that have already been purchased. Organisations

should not commit themselves to a project, or any spending before any final decision is made.

- Have all funding sources confirmed before funding is transferred.
- The fact that a scheme has been funded by this scheme will be publicly acknowledged and referenced in all ongoing publicity by the successful applicants. A form of words to use will be agreed with successful applicants by HDC.
- HDC need to be recognised as funding the project with details to be agreed e.g. this may be a commemorative sign/engraving/naming of the project is required to recognise HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the funded by HDC.
- Official openings of funded schemes will be required to invite representatives from Harborough District Council, to include the Chair of the Cabinet Sub-Committee for Grants and Council.

Who can apply

- Town/Parish Councils or a constituted Parish Meeting.
- Any constituted community/voluntary group based within the Harborough District.
- Registered charities.
- Groups will be allowed to bid even if they have applied for funding from the Council in previous years as long as it is a different project.

Example projects

- Art and sculptures
- Buildings, upgrades and extensions
- Open space improvements
- Parks and gardens – including urban parks, country parks, forest parks and formal gardens;
- Outdoor sports facilities (with natural or artificial surfaces and either publicly or privately owned) – including tennis courts, bowling greens, sport pitches, golf courses, athletic tracks, school and other institutional playing fields, and other outdoor sports areas;
- Amenity green space (most commonly, but not exclusively in housing areas) – including informal recreation spaces, communal green spaces in and around housing, and village greens;
- Provision for children and teenagers – including play areas, kickabout areas, skateboard parks and outdoor basketball hoops;
- Green corridors – including river and canal banks, amenity footpaths and cycleways;
- Natural and semi-natural urban green spaces – including woodlands, urban forestry, grasslands (eg. meadows), wetlands, open and running water, and rock areas (eg. cliffs);
- Allotments and community gardens;
- Cemeteries and churchyards; and
- Civic spaces, including civic and market squares and other hard surface areas designed for pedestrians.

We will not fund

- General running costs such as utility bills and maintenance.
- Salaries or staffing costs.
- Items or projects which only benefit an individual.
- Activities promoting political or religious beliefs.
- Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on Local Authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. In complying with the duty we must ensure that publicly-owned venues and resources do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views.
- Projects which are essentially to maintain and upkeep a facility or an organisation rather than to improve or expand facilities or services offered.
- Fundraising activities for organisations.
- Any expenditure incurred or committed before we approve the proposal.
- HDC will not be responsible for any future maintenance or future capital or revenue to support projects.

End.