

BOSTON BIG LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS SCHEME

Activity and financial report

Q2 July-September 2017

Administration and Scheme Overview

- Boston Bike Night event took place on 6th July as planned. Delivery requirements were satisfied, the end of report provided and forwarded to the BBL panel. Invoice received and paid.
- £1175 unspent balance of funds from the 2015 -17 grant programme was returned to the Local Trusted Organisation.
- Followed up the expression of interest received from Transported Arts: Illumination Festival for funding in 2017-18, Round 1. Application received, scored and submitted to the Panel in July.
- Recruitment for additional members of the decision making panel was promoted through the LCVS website and social media, Do-It and other local channels and advertised on the staff notice board at Boston Police station.
- Administration of the grant scheme has transferred to Sophie Kirk who has joined the LCVS Area Officer team following Joe Blissett leaving LCVS.

The 2017 – 2018 programme:

Completion of Bike Night and payment of the invoice for £2484 left £1175 unspent from the 2015-17 programme to be used to enhance the 2017 -2018 offer including:

4 x small events totalling £5675 (i.e. £4500 + £1175)
1 x large event £4500

Round 1:

Round 1 of the 2017-18 fund resulted in a good level of interest and:

- The Butterfly Hospice 'Ugly Bugs' event was awarded £286.00 for a sponsored family run event to raise money and awareness. Currently awaiting satisfactory final report in order to release payment.
- The Transported Arts: Illumination Festival was scored and submitted to the Panel in July.
- Large Event fund: an application for the 1950's festival was received, scored and submitted to the Panel in July and £5,780 awarded. Delivery Terms and Conditions were signed in August.
- Expressions of interest from the 'Steam Punk Festival' and 'Lipdub promotional video of Boston town centre' have not resulted in applications being brought forward.

Round 2:

Interest has been received regarding a Busking Festival which aims combine busking with a craft market and food festival. Delivery will be in April 2018. Grant funding of around £2000 is being sought, with potential match funding from BTAC, which could be funded out of the

small events fund. Contact has been made with the event proposer to discuss the criteria, requirements and application deadlines to ensure that any application is of appropriate quality and offers best value.

Interest has been received regarding Santa's Grotto which is being followed up.

Recruitment to the Decision Making Panel:

LCVS has listed a new role description for the position of panel member. This is being promoted as a volunteer opportunity through the LCVS and Do-It websites and is being promoted to the local police station as a micro volunteering and employer supported volunteering opportunity. Unfortunately, to date no interest has been received.

Looking ahead; future activity

The closing date for applications to Round 2 is 19th January. Sophie will be in contact with the decision making panel to confirm the meetings schedule and venue.

Sophie will follow up with Butterfly Hospice and Transported Arts: Illumination Festival to clarify any outstanding issues.

Ensure the closing date and criteria for the next round of funding are advertised on the BBL website and social media.

Continue to seek new board members.

Continue to support and encourage applicants with ideas for small events to come forward.

Continue to ensure that feedback from events is reported to the panel as part of reporting requirements, with reference to improving community spirit, greater participation in community life and more appreciation of the diversity of culture and community within the Boston Big Local area.