



BOSTON BIG LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS SCHEME

3.1.1 and 3.1.2

Activity and financial report

Q4 January – March 2018

Administration and Scheme Overview

- Jody Raggo, Area Officer for Boston, continues to facilitate the scheme and will continue for Year 4 due to his knowledge and connections with local groups as well as his knowledge of Boston Big Local's priorities.
- One additional member – a resident within the BBL area – has been recruited onto the events panel and has attended the first panel meeting.
- A review of the Delivery Terms and Conditions has taken place and now includes a clause that any successful applications will invite Boston Big Local and LCVS to have a stand at the event and attend the event allowing both organisations to promote their activities. This has been introduced for successful applications in Round 3.
- Application Form and Guidance Notes have been revised for 2018-19 to reflect the request for a Volunteering Policy and a new maximum limit for the large event.
- Invoice was raised and paid for Boston Borough Council's 1940's Event for £4500 and Boston Hanse Group for £955.

Round 3:

An open day took place on Wednesday 18th January at the Len Medlock Voluntary Centre allowing groups to speak to Jody in person with their event ideas as well as speaking to the groups about the grant. One group attended on the day (Boston United Community Foundation), which did result in an application for 2 events to the Events Panel.

Conversations were also had with Media Emperor who wanted to apply for £8K for a Party in the Park event. Unfortunately as a for-profit business, they were unable to apply but advice was given on setting up a community group - further support was offered and currently waiting to hear back. Also following the promotion of the open day, conversations were had with Carers First for an event during Carers Week, who has since put in an application for Round 4.

In Round 3 applications were received from Boston Bike Night, Boston Community Tennis Partnership and Boston United Community Foundation (who put in an application for 2 community events).

Funding was awarded to: Boston Bike Night for £1080 (to be taken out of Year 3 Theme 3.1.2 and Boston United Community Foundation for both of their events (£2465 to be taken out of Year 3 Theme 3.1.2 and £2000 to be taken out of Year 4 Theme 3.1.1) respectively for events that will take place in Year 4.

Agreements and invoices have been received from both Boston Bike Night and Boston United Community Foundation and sent over to the main BBL residents panel to approve.

Round 4:

Applications have been received from the Butterfly Hospice Trust for £316 for their 2nd Ugly Bugs Marathon and Carers First for £887 for a 'Caring for Carers' Event for Carers Week. These will be considered at the panel's next meeting on Wed 11th April 2018. .

Finance

As of March 31st 2018, there is currently the following available for groups for Year 4:

1x £2500 for a large event (this is due to the panel agreeing for Boston United's 2nd event to be paid out of the large event pot)

3 x £1500

There is currently no under-spend to be taken over into Year 4. However there maybe a under-spend of £2465 due to Boston United having to move their first event which was originally cited to take place in Year 3 into Year 4, which maybe having to be taken out of Year 4's budget. I am currently waiting on written confirmation on this from the main resident's panel.

End of Year Review (2017-2018)

The panel this year received applications for 2 large events and 5 small events from 6 different organisations.

The panel awarded the following over the last year:

Theme	Organisation	Event	Sum Awarded	Date of Event
3.1.1	Boston Borough Council	1940's Weekend	£4500	Sat 16th June and Sun 17th June 2018 – Market Place (Sat & Central Park (Sun)
3.1.2	Boston Hanse Group	International Hanse Day	£955	Saturday, 29th May 2018 – Market Place
3.1.2	Boston Bike Night	Boston Bike Night	£1080	Thursday 5th July 2018 – Central Park
3.1.2	Boston United Community Foundation	Football Unites Community Day	£2465	Sunday 29th July 2018 – Boston United Jakeman's Stadium, York Street
3.1.1 (Come out of Year 4 budget)		Community Foundation Celebration Day	£2000	Monday 27th August 2018 (TBC) - Boston United Jakeman's Stadium, York Street

Total Awarded:

- Year 3 budget - Theme 3.1.1 (Large Events) - £4500; Theme 3.1.2 (Small Events) - £4500 (TBC)
- Year 4 budget - Theme 3.1.1 (Large Events) - £2000 (TBC)

Looking ahead; future activity

LCVS will confirm with the main BBL panel the Large and Small events budget for Year 4.

We will continue to promote the Residents panel role within the Volunteer Centre and through our social media networks. The Events Panel will meet at least twice within the next year to review applications.

LCVS will ensure that all events reports are received reviewed and signed off by the Events Panel before being passed over to the main residents' panel. We will also ensure that Boston Big Local is acknowledged in any advertisements and press releases as stated within their terms and conditions.

LCVS will continue to promote the scheme widely to local groups ensuring a wide range of event ideas and supporting the groups in developing these fully.

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