

Grant funding – main updates

- Town and Parishes can apply for youth or older and vulnerable adults projects. Not through the capital community grant scheme.
- Matched funding requirement has reduced from £1,000 to £500.
- Councillor led initiatives are subject to all grant criteria rules.
- Grant assessment panel has been introduced
- Applications must be received at least 4 weeks before AB
- Two aims of business plan and local priority – grant system will reflect
- An organisation can apply for a maximum of 2 projects/ bids per annum across all 18 boards. Each project/ bid can request funding from up to 3 boards.



Grant assessment panel

- Cabinet Member for Area Boards and Assistant Director for Leisure, Culture and Communities make up the 'panel'.
- This should NOT be used frequently.
- The panel will review grants sent from Community Engagement Managers when meeting all criteria, however are:
 - Over £5,000
 - Not from a voluntary or community sector organisation
 - Applying to multiple boards (more than 3)
- The above is known as an 'exception request'.
- The panel will also review grants referred by a Cllr if they believe it is not meeting the criteria. This is known as a 'member request for review'.



Delegated authority

- In order to deal with urgent matters that may arise between meetings of the Area Board, the Community Engagement Manager (CEM) has the authority to approve expenditure from the delegated grants budget when the following conditions are met:
 - a. The item is deemed urgent (definition below) by the CEM, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Board
 - b. The item follows due process as set out in paragraphs 3-6, enabling all Area Board Members 5 working days to review and consider the award.
 - c. The award does not exceed £1,000
 - d. The award has a majority support from all Area Board members
- In order to be an urgent matter it would have to be the case that a delay in approval until the next scheduled meeting of the Area Board would have a critical impact on the project for which the grant is requested. If the CEM should deem the application urgent, they are to liaise with the Chair and Vice Chair of the board. If there is unanimous agreement that it is urgent then it moves to the next stage.

