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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 02 December 2013

Portfolio: Policy and Resources
Subject: Matched Funding - Update
Report of: Director of Community
Strategy/Policy: Grants Policy

Corporate Objective: All corporate objectives apply

Purpose:

To provide details of matched funding requests received by the Council during the third quarter of the 2013/14 financial year.

Executive summary:

During this quarter the Council has received one matched funding request. St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate has requested £7,500 towards creating an enclosed external play/courtyard area outside the church hall entrance.

Recommendation

That the Executive agrees:

- (a) that a matched funding award of up to £7,500 be considered for St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate:
- (b) any award would be subject to all contributory funding being secured; and
- (c) a Community Use Agreement is entered into with St Margaret Mary Church.

Reason:

To act as an enabler, assisting the local community in making improvements to local community facilities, and introducing new facilities for the benefit of all age groups within the community.

Cost of proposals:

Up to £7,500 (the matched funding budget currently has funds of approximately £120,500).

Appendices: A: Matched Funding Application – St Margaret Mary Church

Background papers: None

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Executive Briefing Paper

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INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide details of any matched funding requests received by the Council during the third quarter of the 2013/14 financial year.

BACKGROUND

2. On 8 March 2010, the Executive considered a report on the various discretionary grants provided by the Council. The report included details on each category of grant and the level of funding available. Members agreed to combine a number of grants into a single pot for the 2010/11 financial year onwards.
3. The report also highlighted the need for the Council to take a more coordinated approach in assessing matched funding requests in the future.
4. It was agreed that the procedure for applying for matched funding be changed so that bids would be considered by the Executive on a quarterly basis, by predefined dates, in order that applications could be prioritised.
5. It was also suggested that as matched funding requests are received, those "in the pipeline" are identified, as well as those submitted for formal consideration.

CRITERIA

6. The criteria for matched funding awards have been deliberately kept simple. The Council will consider any project which benefits the local community and/or improves the local environment.
7. Awards will only be made for capital projects and will not include on-going revenue funding.
8. The important fact about a matched funding application is that the sum being requested from the Council needs to be matched by the applicant and/or other agencies. This helps to ensure that there is a definite commitment and sense of ownership from the local community in both delivering the project and maintaining the facilities thereafter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The current balance of the matched funding budget is approximately £120,500.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS RECEIVED

St Margaret Mary Church

10. A matched funding bid has been received from St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate for a sum of up to £7,500 towards creating an enclosed external play/courtyard area outside the church hall entrance with the primary aim of allowing free flow access for the children in the preschool.
11. The project when completed, will improve the facilities available to the preschool and give them a permanent, safe and secure outside play area. The details are set out in Appendix A.

Councillor Consultation

12. Ward Councillors Ellerton and Bayford are fully supportive of the bid.

MATCHED FUNDING BIDS “IN THE PIPELINE”

13. There are no potential matched funding bids in the pipeline at the current time.

RISK ASSESSMENT

14. The risks and opportunities associated with each funding bid are considered on an individual basis and details are included in each assessment document.

CONCLUSION

15. This report sets out details for the matched funding bids received by the Council for the first quarter of the 2013/14 financial year.

Reference Papers:

- Report to the Executive on 8 March 2010 – Review of Discretionary Grants
- Report to the Executive on 17 May 2010 – Grants Review Update

MATCHED FUNDING REQUEST	
APPLICANT	St Margaret Mary Church, Park Gate.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The St Margaret Mary Church in Middle Road, Park Gate hosts a preschool in partnership with the St Anthony's Catholic Primary School.</p> <p>The church are seeking to create an enclosed external play / courtyard area outside the church hall entrance with the primary aim of allowing free flow access for the children in the preschool.</p> <p>The work will include the supply and installation of fencing, gates and paving.</p> <p>The improvements would enable the preschool to continue to provide this facility to all members of the community, either on a membership or casual play basis.</p> <p>The project, when completed, will improve the facilities available to the preschool and give them a permanent, safe and secure outside play area.</p>
PROJECT COSTS	The total project cost is £15,200
PROJECT FUNDING	The preschool propose to fund £7,700 of the project from existing reserves and are seeking matched funding of up to £7,500 to fund the balance.
COMMUNITY BENEFITS	<p>The proposed works would allow the resident preschool to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free flow access to an outside play area as required by OFSTED. • Improve the attractiveness of the preschool to prospective parents.
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS	None identified.

<p>LINKS TO THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PRIORITIES</p>	<p>This application is consistent with the Council's role of "a partner", as identified in the Leisure Strategy, to continue, where possible, to actively collaborate with other providers within the local area to maximise potential opportunities for sport.</p> <p>The ward councillors are fully supportive of the application and proposals.</p>
<p>PROJECT RISKS</p>	<p>The project would be managed by the church who would appoint a sole contractor to carry out all of the works.</p>
<p>RECOMMEND</p>	<p>That the Executive gives consideration to making a matched funding award of up to £7,500 to this application, subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The remainder of funding being in place. 2. The church entering into a Community Use Agreement.