

## Appendix A; External Bids Update

Project Funder & Board Lead	Stage, Value & What the Bid will Deliver	Board Role	Financial & staffing Impact
<p>A national body for National Trails</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>On hold due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</p> <p>Lead; Ed Macalister-Smith</p>	<p>Bid to establish a single entity to support the Trails (England and Wales). This is about to get to application stage, Awaiting final draft from a working group of Trail Chairs.</p> <p>The key remits of the proposed national body will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy – to act as the Champion for National Trails.</li> <li>• Policy and strategy – to advise NE/Defra and work with NRW on long term policy and strategy for National Trails.</li> <li>• National fundraising – negotiating to secure the funding needed from The UK and Welsh Governments without undermining the ability of individual trails to bid for grants and other funding.</li> <li>• Marketing and promotion – proactively influence the National Trails website and branding.</li> <li>• Information exchange – sharing experiences, information and funding opportunities with all family members.</li> <li>• Training – offering training courses and providing information on training opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p>It is an equal partnership for the mutual benefit of all National Trail Partnerships and Steering Groups</p> <p>The Board is accountable for the Cotswolds Way National Trails Partnership</p>	<p>A new national organisation will hold the funds and employ any staff. Staffing implications for CCB should be limited to liaison on issues which CTAP would be doing anyway.</p>
<p>Big Chalk</p> <p>Defra</p>	<p>The NAAONB is co-ordinating the development of project proposals for AONB delivery of the Colchester Declaration.</p> <p>Simon has been leading on the development of a “Big Chalk”</p>	<p>Development and delivery partner</p>	<p>Too early to tell. Likely to be similar to the partnership working in developing the Magnificent Meadows bid's.</p>

<p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>On hold due to NLHF Coronavirus response.</p> <p>Lead; Simon Smith</p>	<p>project idea in conjunction with a group of the appropriate national landscapes. One of five NAAONB national nature recovery pilot projects, it focusses on habitat connectivity across calcareous landscapes from the south coast to the top of the Cotswolds and Chilterns.</p> <p>The NAAONB Colchester Declaration Steering Group is using the Big Chalk proposal in response to a number of opportunities for government funding.</p> <p>Further down the line Big Chalk could lead to bidding for Nature Recovery Area Funding expected to be launched in April 2021 and/or a bigger National Association NLHF bid.</p> <p>This work and its context will be more fully outlined in a presentation to the Board in October.</p>		
<p>BATHSCAPE Access Work</p> <p>One element of a bigger landscape programme</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)</p> <p>Lead; Mark Connelly</p>	<p>Creation of recreational routes for a variety of audiences within the setting of Bath</p> <p>Successfully tendered for in December 2019 following approval of a project proposal form by CEO, Chair and Vice-Chair (with amendments). The first use of this new process.</p> <p>Currently negotiating contract. Contract value just under £90k</p>	Delivery partner	Will involve Trails and Access Officer though tender designed to utilise additional human resource for specific additional tasks.
<p>The Green Ribbon – Evenlode Valley</p> <p>National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) &amp; others</p>	<p>Landscape Partnerships type project undertaking landscape restoration works and public engagement activities at selected areas within the Evenlode Valley.</p> <p>The original plan was for Simon to develop a stage 1 bid over the Summer and Autumn of 2020 and an EOI was prepared with partners accordingly. NLHF then closed their main</p>	Partner	No commitment currently planned

Lead; Simon Smith	<p>programmes to create capacity to respond to the impact of the pandemic. The latest feedback is that they may reopen partially in 2021 but even that was not guaranteed.</p> <p>The window of opportunity for the Board to prepare this application has now passed. Simon will be focussing on the next AONB Management Plan when NLHF core programmes are likely to reopen. The Green Ribbon is now being viewed by partners as a concept or programme and several are developing different "Green Ribbon" projects in response to other opportunities rather than await a single opportunity from NLHF.</p>		
<p>Engaging with Young People</p> <p>Lead James Webb</p> <p>National Lottery Community Fund (formerly Big Lottery) &amp; others</p> <p>Possibly NLHF small fund</p> <p>Thirty Percy</p> <p>Collaboration of funders focusing on Gloucestershire</p> <p>Severn Trent Water Community Fund</p>	<p>Engaging young people in outdoor activities.</p> <p>Young Gloucestershire still keen to work with us on initiatives to increase opportunities for disadvantaged young people, especially around outdoor activity, skills and employment. Agreement to collaborate on funding applications towards turning the 2018 Pilot into a Programme. (Latest, as at 17 September 2020). See Green Recovery Challenge Fund below.</p> <p>Outline/ expression of interest Became aware of this opportunity late in the day so brought forward plans to develop a three year Engagement and Outreach Programme. Decision 03/09/2020 – overwhelmed with applications and unable to support.</p> <p>Full application submitted towards Ourboretum. Bid to support Officer costs to enable us to scale up the current project from 2,020 trees to potentially 20,000 trees, as well as a huge engagement with young people inside and outside the AONB.</p>	<p>Partner – delivering countryside activities</p> <p>Lead/ Delivery partner</p> <p>Lead/ Delivery partner</p>	<p>Rural Skills programme can accommodate different scales if successful.</p> <p>Bought in activity provision at smaller scale</p> <p>Part time officer &amp; project/activity costs at larger scales.</p> <p>Bid towards Engagement &amp; Outreach Officers (1.5 FTE) salaries and on-costs over three years from April 2021</p> <p>Bid towards Project Officer salary, on-costs and hosting costs from 01 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021.</p>

Thames Water	<p>Decision 14/09/2020 – overwhelmed with applications and unable to support.</p> <p>Outline proposal submitted on 15/09/2020 towards an Education/ rural skills programme in the Thames Water region of the Cotswolds for disadvantaged young people.</p>	Lead/ Delivery partner	
<p>Connecting More People with Nature in the Cotswolds</p> <p>Green Recovery Challenge Fund (Defra via NLHF)</p> <p>Lead Simon Smith</p>	<p>Broaden engagement in the Cotswolds through the delivery of activities based on our rural skills programmes. Target audiences include schools and young people, groups and communities and people wanting non vocational and accredited training. There is a focus on people from groups who do not currently access the Cotswolds.</p> <p>£330,000 programme with Outreach and Engagement Officers employed by us, Young Gloucestershire and Wild Oxfordshire + large budget for activity provision. Much of it based on our 2018 youth engagement pilot project.</p> <p>EOI submitted</p> <p>Deadline for full application 26 October 2020 Project starts December 2020 All funding spent by March 2022</p>	Lead and Delivery partner	<p>If invited, full submission will commit Development Officer with colleagues supporting for 3 weeks.</p> <p>Delivery will utilise new staff though will be a call on central services.</p> <p>No match funding requirement</p> <p>Direct on costs only will be covered (lottery language) but this includes shared costs such as accommodation so cash impact should be marginally beneficial.</p> <p>Cash flow will be impacted as payments follow a complex pattern of up front &amp; in arrears.</p>
<p>National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative.</p> <p>Capital works that enhance landscapes</p>	<p>Landscape projects in mitigation of National Grid power lines</p> <p>Window 6; both of our full applications have been passed by National Grid to go for Ofgem approval. Waiting on final outcome which was originally due in early Jan 2020.</p>	<p>Only the Board can submit applications.</p> <p>Effectively</p>	<p>The Board does not develop the detailed proposals or deliver the projects</p> <p>There is officer time in</p>

<p>impacted on by National Grid's pylon lines.</p> <p>Lead; Simon Smith</p>	<p>Restoring Cheltenham's Escarpment Grasslands; Landscape and habitat restoration at Leckhampton Hill and Ravensgate Common. Project value £246,900, bid ask £183,000</p> <p>West of Winchcombe Landscape Enhancements; dry stone walling across Nottingham Hill. Project value £255,780, bid ask £173,580</p> <p>Window 7; Full application for Hampnett to Chedworth Boundary Restorations (dry stone walling) submitted 10<sup>th</sup> October. Project value £287,444, bid ask £199,999. Now with Ofgem.</p> <p>Last contact for these 3 projects 15 September 2020. No new news</p> <p>Window 9; Project proposal for the restoration of the Bridgeman Landscape at Lodge Park was approved by the Executive Committee at its May 2020 meeting.</p> <p>The expression of interest has been prepared and is ready for submission. Window 9 rollout and workshops announced for February 2021.</p>	<p>facilitating the funding of local projects.</p> <p>If we don't do this there will be no spend in the Cotswolds.</p>	<p>supporting project proposers, managing the application process &amp; if successful monitoring and co-ordinating delivery. The required level of detail and supporting information for full applications is high so the call on Development Officer time is not insignificant.</p> <p>Match funding is provided by project proposers</p> <p>If successful payments will be annually and in advance so there will be no negative impact on cash flow.</p>
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