

Local Service Fund Background

£500,000 Fund 2017/19

- The Local Services Fund is an Essex County Council Fund initiative which has a primary aim to help constituted community groups deliver new services into the area in which they operate. It was launched at the EALC AGM in September.
- The Local Service Fund has been created to fill the funding gap that exists between the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) which is mainly a Capital funding programme and the desire of some Essex communities to create a new service fund that are largely Revenue based.
- Delivery of new services often entails a mix of capital and revenue items which can be met by successful applications to the Local Service Fund.
- This fund will be managed by the EALC on behalf of the ECC.

Local Service Fund Administration

- The fund will be managed on a day to day basis on behalf of the ECC by Louise Gambardella in her role as the EALC funding officer and the CEO of the EALC Joy Darby will oversee the scheme.
- Charlene Slade the EALC Responsible Financial Officer will be reviewing the grant applicants accounts.
- The fund is available to Town and Parish Councils and properly constituted groups.
- Grants of up to £10,000 per bid or £15,000 over 3 years will be available.

Local Service Fund Examples

The definition of what will be funded is to support a set of actions to deliver a product to or on behalf of those who live or work in the area for which they are responsible

Possible Funding Examples are:

- Handyman Schemes
- Business Apprenticeships
- A Community Hub
- Litter Picking
- Grounds Person Apprenticeships
- A Community Cafe

Local Service Fund Funding Panel Members

Cllrs John Gili-Ross/Peter Davey - Chair

Cllr Nic Cooper – Little Baddow Parish Council

Cllr John Anderson - Southminster Parish Council

Cllr Philip Abraham - Loughton Town Council

Cllr Anne Brown – Essex County Councillor

Clive Emmett – Voluntary Service Uttlesford

Sharon Alexander – CVS Tendring

Mick Page – Independent (Represented ECC at EALC Exec)

Reverend Janet Nicholls – Agricultural Chaplain for Essex

Colin Crane - Weeley Residents Association

Cllr Colin Sargeant - Holland Residents Association, ECC

Local Service Fund Funding Panel

- The panel will meet twice a year
- A pre funding panel briefing took place on Monday 13th November 2017
- The first panel meeting was held on the 8th December 2017
- The second panel meeting is scheduled for 15th June 2018
- All meetings are held at the EALC offices in Great Dunmow

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December 2017

- 35 applications were sent out to the panel for consideration in December 2017
- 30 additional enquiries were received by email
- 18 additional enquiries were received by phone
- 19 were received by local Town/Parish Councils
- 0 were received by Housing Associations
- 16 were received from Charities

Local Service Fund Outcomes

- Improvements in local communities standard of living
- A feeling of pride and ownership of the project
- A sense of achievement at the local level
- A sense of community partnership with the ECC
- A feeling of collaboration and support from the ECC and EALC
- Value for money and a positive return on investment

Local Service Fund Successful Applicants

Applications approved by the Funding Panel in December 2017

- Sible Hedingham PC – Handyman Role for 2 years = £10,000
- Volunteer Centre Uttlesford – Gardening Volunteer Co-ordinator for 1 year = £4,000
- West Bergholt PC – Village Warden for 3 years = £15,000
- Great Baddow Parish Council – Community Handyman Scheme for 3 Years = £15,000
- Canvey Island Youth Project – Youth Cafe Role/Youth Worker and Training for 3 years = £15,000
- Saffron Walden TC – Cemetery Trainee Operative for 1 year = £5,000

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- Dig It Community Allotment – Growing Knowledge Scheme for 3 years = £3,670
- Castle Hedingham PC – Village Maintenance Role for 1 year = £5,162
- Wix PC – Field Maintenance and Pitch Care Role for 3 years = £15,000
- Lauriston Farm - Office Manager to run Social Farming Initiative for 3 years = £14,943
- Ridgewell PC – Handyman Role for 3 years = £15,000
- Wivenhoe Repair Reuse and Recycle CIC – Project Management Role for 1 year = £5,000
- Council for Voluntary Service Uttlesford – Community Gardening Project for 3 years = £10,000

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Types of Projects Rejected by Panel

- Building a New Village Hall
- Community Special
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Playground Refurbishment
- Purchase of Speed Watch Equipment
- Installing a Park Gym
- Producing Newsletter for Local Community Events

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Top Tips for a Positive Application

- Needs to be a new initiative
- Needs to be revenue based
- Needs to have County Councillor approval
- A salaried position is looked at more favourably than a contractor
- Sustainability of service
- Not received an Essex County Council grant before for this project

Local Service Fund Key Dates

Next panel meeting will be held on the 15th June 2018

Submit pre-application form by 3rd April 2018

Submit application form by 1st May 2018

All forms are available to download from our website:

<http://www.ealc.gov.uk/local-services-fund>

If you have any queries please contact:

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