

Date: 2nd March 2017

Title: Report Item 7 – The Play Project

By: Cllr R Maxwell

Purpose: To provide funding information

Recommendation: To note the report

I have contacted Michelle Gray (Partnerships and Funding Support Officer, Wealden District Council), and done some further research, to produce the funding information in the two documents appended to this report:

1. A spreadsheet concerning funds **not** available to the parish council
2. A word document concerning funds that **are** available to the parish council.

I have tried to digest what their criteria are and highlight any objectives/policies that we would seem to address. The funds that appear to be available to the parish council (Awards for All, SDNPA) have criteria that we may not meet: we are over budget for Awards for All, and the SDNPA may regard a playground as a sports facility. Tesco would seem an unlikely source as competition is huge.

For non-PC funding, Veolia seems the most appropriate, but has stiff competition. Wealden would probably look at us quite favourably, according to the Funding Support Officer, but there would be problems with dovetailing an application to them with one for Veolia.

The council is recommended to note this report.

Attachment 1						
Funder	Max Amount	Funding Windows	Funding Must be Spent by:		Application Submitted:	Decision:
Veolia	£50,000	Closing date / Decision date 27 May 2016 / 12 September 2016 26 August 2016 / 12 December 2016	Within a year	http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/location/index.php		
Wealden Grants Programme	£10,000	Opens Sept, applications due end of Nov. Decisions Mar.	Apr-Mar following the decision	http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Community and Safety/Grant Funding/PHCS Funding Programme.aspx		
Awards for All	£10,000	Open programme	Within 2 years	https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england#		
Sussex Community Foundation	5000?			http://sussexgiving.org.uk/apply-for-grants/		NB: Their website states that they will not fund <i>Small contributions to major capital appeals or campaigns</i> so you would need to contact them to see if your project would be eligible and when you would need to apply to fit in with your project
Children in Need	Up to £10,000 or £20,000	Midnight, 1 March Early May Midnight, 1 June Early August Midnight, 1 September Early November Midnight, 1 December Early March		http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5ysD3mLQYYRPRLNZ032LjM7/grants		
Tesco Bags of Help	£5000, £2000 or £1000	Open programme		http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme		
Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund	£20,000	NB This is a loan				
Parish Council						
Fundraising by organisation						
Organisation's own						

Sources of Funding open to Parish Councils

Big Lottery: Awards for All

Outcomes:

Improved rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy.

Healthier and more active people and communities.

Max: £10,000

Prioritise projects from smaller organisations

BUT: Won't fund:

land, building, refurbishment, landscaping or property projects (including playgrounds and temporary buildings) costing more than £25,000 (including VAT)

Tesco Bags of Help

Grants are available for capital improvements to local community greenspaces in England, Scotland and Wales.

Max: £5000. Ben at Groundworks

SDNPA Sustainable Communities Fund

Any partnership or other not for profit organisations which include social enterprise, community interest companies, voluntary organisations and 'for profit' organisations (these projects cannot be for financial gain to the business) can apply for funding if they believe their project is bringing social, environmental, economic or cultural benefits to a community within the National Park.

Grants are available for up to 50% of the project cost from £250 to a maximum of £10,000.

The first step in the application process is to contact the [National Park Ranger](#) (Fay Pattinson) for your area and the External Funding Co-ordinator (see below details) to discuss your project. If it is felt that your project could be supported you will be invited to make a Small Grant Application for up to £2,000 or an Expression of Interest for up to £10,000.

BUT – must fulfil at least 1 outcome/policy of Partnership Management Plan

Outcome 9: Communities and businesses in the National Park are more sustainable with an appropriate provision of housing to meet local needs and improved access to essential services and facilities.

Policy 29: Enhance the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors by encouraging, supporting and developing the use of the National Park as a place for healthy outdoor activity and relaxation.

Policy 43: Support the development and maintenance of appropriate recreation and tourism facilities and visitor hubs, in and around the National Park, including a mix of quality accommodation, which responds to market demands and supports a sustainable visitor economy.

Policy 49: Maintain and improve access to a range of essential community services and facilities for communities in the National Park.

Will not fund sports facilities – LEADER is appropriate source. BUT, not in place in our area!