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Sent: 27 June 2023 12:07
To: newbuild@wistastonmemorialhall.uk
Subject: RE: Reaching Communities - Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre Rebuild Project

Hi Diane,
Thankyou for your email.

Currently, the position hasn't changed, we are still making decisions based on the criteria detailed in my last email. At the moment, I think the local team would be unlikely to support a large capital request, as it seems particularly busy this financial year for applications from Cheshire East.

The changes mentioned in the new strategy won't come in for Reaching Communities until April 2024 and I am sorry I don't have much information to share with you as we are still finalising the details of how this will be implemented and what this means for Capital Projects.

In future, one of our community missions is to support projects that 'create positive environmental impacts.' This means that we'll fund projects that:

- reduce carbon emissions and negative environmental impact
- create positive environmental impacts
- establish equality of access to the natural environment
- improve the quality of natural spaces.

Capital applications that align strongly with this might be more attractive to the decision making panel however, because we do not know how the funding allocations might differ it is hard to judge if large scale requests are something we can support.

We do know is that we'll be taking an equity-based approach. This means across all our work with communities and our four missions, we'll invest most in places, people and communities who experience poverty, disadvantage and discrimination.

I hope this makes sense,

Best Wishes,
Laura

From: newbuild@wistastonmemorialhall.uk <newbuild@wistastonmemorialhall.uk>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Laura Myles <Laura.Myles@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Reaching Communities - Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre Rebuild Project

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Dear Laura,

I hope you are keeping well. We have reviewed [It starts with community – The next chapter for The National Lottery Community Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](#) giving details of the changes in TNLCF funding strategy for 2023 – 2030. We thought it would be a good idea to have a quick catch up with you to see anything has changed / will change that could affect our chances of applying....or being successful.

Our new build project is progressing well. We completed a Community Consultation Survey in May receiving 386 responses from , have engaged with groups who use the Hall and currently at Stage 2 of Options Appraisal. Determining costs is

If it would be more appropriate to speak to someone else then I'm happy for you to pass on my contact details.

Kind Regards
Diane Houston
Chair of the Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre New Build Project

From: Diane Houston <dh42@sky.com>
Sent: 03 October 2022 18:07
To: 'Laura Myles' <Laura.Myles@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Reaching Communities - Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre Rebuild Project

Hi Laura,

It was lovely to talk to you too.

Thank you for your response and the attachments. Your advice and help is much appreciated.

I'll share this information with the new build team and get back to you if we have any questions.

Thank you again for your help so far.

Kind Regards
Diane
Trustee of Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre

From: Laura Myles <Laura.Myles@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk>
Sent: 29 September 2022 12:38
To: Diane Houston <dh42@sky.com>
Subject: Reaching Communities - Wistaston Memorial Hall & Community Centre Rebuild Project

Hi Diane,
It was lovely to talk to you earlier.

Here is a recap of our conversation.

I explained that it would be highly unlikely for us to be able to support a Capital Project of £700,000 - £1m through Reaching Communities because the allocation of funds we have to distribute for Cheshire East is only around 1.2 million a year. If you did decide to apply above £500,000 this would have to go before the England Committee to make a decision rather than the local team. An application to part fund your project or to provide support in getting the plans in place may be more realistic.

For a project of this nature, we would also expect a community organisation to be incorporated and you explained that your organisation are in the process of doing this which is great.

The application process has two stages, the local team will review your application and if they feel it has a strong chance of being funded they will invite you to put together a full funding proposal. We work in this way to make best use of everyone's time and resources.

In the first instance we are looking for projects that have a strong alignment with one of our three funding priorities and people led ethos.

We fund projects and organisations which aim to:

- build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

We want to support projects that are people led and by this we mean:

- involve people and communities from the start
- build on people's strengths
- are connected in their community

I have attached a quick guide to Options Appraisals and the Land and Building projects guidance so you can get an understanding of what information we also require for a Capital Project. There are three aspects of design you should consider from the outset: co-design, inclusive design and low-carbon design.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions, we can draw on the skills and experience of the Capital Team if we need to.

If you have any further questions please feel free to get in touch.

Best Wishes,

Laura

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