

Applications for Washington Capital funding
Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Invest in Parks: Princess Anne Park
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£100,000	£50,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2022	October 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description: The application builds on a recent review of the Princess Anne Masterplan

The Area Committee aligned £50,000 Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding to deliver works identified as part of the review and Sunderland City Council also matched that with central capital funds of another £50,000 resulting in **£100,000** available. Ward Members subsequently identified repairs to footpaths and surfaces as the key priorities and Officers have now costed up and prioritised the list of those identified in the original review, focusing on those presenting the most risk re health and safety and complaints.

The attached plan highlights areas of hard surfacing/footpaths that need attention and are traffic lighted re priority

Red areas

Tarmac Resurface, strip existing wearing course – 2650m² = £60,000

Provide new signage to northern car park = £5000

Tarmac Resurface + Sub-base + Edging – 150m² x £50 = £7500

Motorway Guard Fence - Repair fallen section 5m x £50 = £250

Brick Wall Removal – 35m = £500

Total = £73,250

Amber items

Repair existing steps from northern carpark = £15,000

Bridge handrail fix – 3m of timber Railing = £250

Grand total = £88,500

This leaves £11,500 for a contingency and preliminaries

A number of other items are also identified

- Tarmac with cracking and root ingress and beginnings of potholes – Total area 3100m² (This will probably need re-laying withing 10-15years)
- New path – 1060m²
- Burn edging supporting structure – 100m of wooden staked structure.
- Edges of Tarmac fallen away need of filing and reseeding – 50m²
- Mud paths to have natural finish (gravel or bark) – 4200m²
- Natural Paths wooden steps to be changed in coming years – 50 steps
- Carpark resurfacing – 50m²

Some items are identified as 'green' and non-urgent and some of those may be considered as part of Environmental Services usual maintenance and repair schedule. Progress to deliver the remaining activity proposed in the review will continue to be reported to the Board

Outputs: Green space site improved

Budget: £100,000

Milestones

Commission works (Highways)	April 2022
Works commence	May 2022
Project completed	October 2022

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers the Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan priority 'Invest in Parks & Play'.

Washington Neighbourhood Fund: Improving Community Assets

Applications Washington Central

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Flooring/Doors	Columbia CA	£5,000
<p>Newly formed management committee who are refreshing their business plan and actively planning for the future to ensure they meet the needs of the community, linked to the Area Committee delivery plan and actively engaging with the VCS Alliance. New management committee are also progressing lease transfer with the Council. Offering a new programme of activities with plans for more. Actively seeking new volunteers. New flooring opens up another room for additional users and the new internal doors are a much-needed improvement to improve access, retain heat and reduce energy costs.</p> <p>Quotes provided. Application provides evidence of how the new management committee are managing the community centre, shows how the improvements will aid in increasing access and usage of the centre in order to deliver more activities, given they are unable to meet demand at the moment due to space issues. In addition, mentions how they will add value to the Area Committee delivery plan.</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Heating System	Washington Boxing Club	£5,000
<p>Project offers a wide range of services and activities above their core offer of boxing and reach a wide age range within the local community. Also state that all staff are volunteers.</p> <p>Provided comprehensive feedback on why a heating system is needed and how it will benefit the current users and future programme delivery - <i>"At present Washington Boxing Club has no heating system other than 2 x Large electrical heaters that were kindly donated to the Club. These unfortunately do not warm any parts of the building or help in the temperature overall. They are also extremely expensive to run. Providing a warm environment to train and conduct fitness is a priority. We have developed and improved all parts of the building and facility over the last few years, and we are now wishing to solve this problem."</i></p> <p>Their programmes/delivery and their aspirations do fit with the WAC Delivery Plan but the club doesn't seem to recognise that. Have detailed many partners that they currently work with and also who refer in to their project.</p> <p>No quotes included - as a key project outcome recommend if the funding is approved release of funds will be pending receipt of relevant quotes/reports</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000 Subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of relevant quotes 		

Applications Washington East

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Replacement Lighting	NE Restoration Club	£5,000
<p>Specific bespoke project which provides restoration facilities for its members and also hosts visits for a variety of groups. Links with a wide variety of groups including young people, heritage, uniformed groups.</p> <p>Have provided details on why the project of new lighting is required and how this will open up the facility for longer usage and also assist in reducing the carbon footprint and their aim of hosting overnight camping. NERC has a policy of continuous repair and improvement and whilst this is largely self-funded. Currently they have two major projects under consideration - to carry out wholesale replacement of the roof and to replace the lighting system to comply with current legislation and to satisfy the requirements of our insurers. The latter project is the subject of this application - to provide dedicated lighting circuitry throughout the buildings and to replace all neon strip lights with switched led strip lights. Also provision of sensor activated lights at strategic positions throughout.</p> <p>This work is to be carried out and certified professionally at a total cost of £16,000 with the balance funded from current reserves</p> <p>Quote included.</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Applications Washington North

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Kitchen Repairs	Building Blocks Day Centre	£4,920
<p>Provides an affordable venue for community groups to hire and have a wide range of activities delivered from the base and have established partnerships with GP Alliance, Social Prescribing Team, DWP and VCS Alliance. Delivers activities that are open for the community to attend and also provides a uniform scheme, also have a volunteers who support the delivery of their project.</p> <p>Reasons for why the refurbishment of the kitchen provided and how this can then be used to widen the offer to the community and further establish links with partners, increase volunteer opportunities and also employment opportunities. BBDC is continuing with the development of the building and have recently repurposed a new room which will extend the space available for community use. This is alongside the redevelopment of the outside space, currently we have an outdoor pizza oven and are now putting in raised beds to grow our own produce. As part of this they now want to bring back into use the large kitchen area/facilities. The funding would be used to replace the ceiling and lighting, repair the walls and boxings, redecorate and recommission appliances in accordance with current electrical requirements. Includes details of how their proposal will contribute to the Washington Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Quote included</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Applications Washington West

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Concertina Sliding Door	Springwell Village CV	£4,740
<p>Well used community venue offering community group activities and a social space for functions and events. Used by community groups, have large number of volunteers and service users. and the reasoning for these and how they will benefit the organisation and open up the opportunities to provide more services and activities if they can separate the space with the doors. The new concertina folding door will separate the community area from the corridor and main hall. The community area is well used but because of the noisy, ill-fitting, broken current sliding door system it is draughty and cold and cannot be closed off as a separate room. Weekdays, it is used as a community café and when not in use it is utilised by a variety of community groups. On an evening it is a social space for many groups and at weekends hosts functions, activities and events. A new system will improve access, retain heat, reduce energy bills, provide privacy, offer additional room hire, and create a multipurpose space.</p> <p>Include quote and fully detail the improvements needed</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £4,740		

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Requested
Building Repairs (Safer Public Use)	Bowes Railway Museum	£5,000
<p>Museum providing a venue for workshops, visits, exhibitions, children's activities and a wide range of events throughout the year. Local community and wider. Events encourage large amounts of visitors to the site. Works are required to repair the fire exit staircase. The Bowes site previously housed an operational Colliery and one of the large workshop areas houses a ground floor joinery shop and first floor open plan room. The fire exit staircase from the first-floor room has fallen into disrepair, partially due to the passage of time but greatly accelerated by the lack of maintenance that was possible during covid pandemic close down periods and also the impact of recent storms. Information included on how the repairs will lead to an additional dedicated space for the local community to access thereby increasing the visitors to the venue. Have experienced staff and volunteer workforce to support delivery of the project also engage with local partners and are part of the VCS Network. Bowes are funding the costs of a Conservation Architect – circa £900</p> <p>Comprehensive detail and quotes included</p>		
Recommendation: Approve £5,000		

Officer Recommendation: Approve:

Washington Central: £5,000 Columbia CA
£5,000 Washington Boxing Club – subject to receipt of quotes
Washington East: £5,000 NE Restoration Club
Washington North: £4,920 Building Blocks Day Centre
Washington West: £4,720 Springwell Village Community Venue
£5,000 Bowes Railway Museum

