

## **REPORT OF THE GROUP MANAGER PLANNING**

### **HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2013 - 18**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide information on the Heritage Lottery Fund's new Strategic Framework for funding in the period 2013 - 2018.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Heritage Lottery Fund published its Strategic Framework 2013 – 18 in July 2012, setting out its plans for investing £375million per annum over the 5 year period. This is a significantly increased level of funding, from £180million p.a., as a result of strong ticket sales and an increased share of Lottery income.
3. The County has been very successful in attracting investment in its heritage through the Heritage Lottery Fund. In addition to projects to enhance County Council-owned heritage assets, community groups have been supported, often through the provision of match funding through the Local Improvement Schemes programme. The County Council has also successfully worked in partnership with a wide range of organisations to attract larger amounts of HLF funding and the development of future projects is already underway. All such projects will require match funding from partners and the County Council's role and contribution to individual projects will be the subject of future reports.
4. Under the new Framework some existing programmes have been changed and new programmes introduced in response to a consultation that attracted more than 2000 responses. 75% of the funding will be available through open programmes with the remainder through targeted programmes and special initiatives.

#### Open Programmes

5. The *Heritage Grants* for all types of heritage projects over £100,000 and *Heritage Grants Major Batch* for projects over £5million will not have any major changes to the application process. Two new open programmes have been introduced however, with *Our Heritage* replacing the former *Your Heritage* programme for projects over £10,000 and with an increased maximum grant of £100,000. This programme will also make transition funding of between £10,000 and £100,000 available for organisations that have already received HLF funding but need to review strategies and business plans in order to achieve improved sustainability.
6. The *Sharing Heritage* programme will provide grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to any not-for-profit group to enable them to explore, share and celebrate their community's heritage. Start-up grants will also be available through this programme, to support community groups taking responsibility for heritage assets in setting up constitutional frameworks and creating strategies for managing the assets.

## Targeted Programmes

7. The *Young Roots* programme for projects devised and led by young people will continue with the lower age limit reduced from 13 to 11. The maximum grant available has been increased to £50,000 to enable projects to include realistic staff costs for youth work and to run for longer periods (up to two years).
8. *Parks for People*, which provides grants of between £100,000 and £5million, has been extended to include public cemeteries and the project requirements have been simplified. The requirements for the *Townscape Heritage Initiative*, which provides funding for enhancements in conservation areas, have also been simplified. The *Landscape Partnerships* programme for landscape scale projects to invest in cultural, natural, archaeological and built heritage will have an increased maximum available grant of £3million and a more flexible approach to the maximum area covered will be taken.
9. Two new grants being introduced include the *Places of Worship* programme which will provide funding of between £10,000 and £250,000 focusing on urgent repairs (to replace the *Repair Grants* programme), engaging people and providing facilities to increase public use. *Heritage Enterprise* is a new strategic intervention, providing grants of between £100,000 and £5million for the conservation and adaptation of individual or coherent groups of historic buildings where the end use actively contributes to sustainable development in areas of economic disadvantage.

## Special Initiatives

10. A second round of applications for the *Skills for the Future* programme closes in January 2013. Grants of between £100,000 and £1million are available to support work-based training opportunities in the heritage sector, providing both specialist heritage skills and training in managing volunteer, education and outreach programmes.
11. The *Collecting Cultures* programme will encourage applications from museums, archives and documentary heritage collections from late 2013. Funding will support the development of a strategic approach to collection development and acquisition including using collecting to engage new audiences, develop collecting skills and develop and retain collections knowledge within heritage organisations.
12. A new *Catalyst* programme is intended to help the heritage and arts sectors to diversify their funding streams by accessing funding from private sources. *Catalyst endowments* of between £500,000 and £1million will match fund the creation of new long-term sources of income through endowments. *Catalyst capacity building* will provide grants of £100,000 to £500,000 to umbrella organisations for the provision of training programmes tailored to the fundraising needs of smaller heritage organisations. *Catalyst small grants* will provide funding of between £3,000 and £10,000 to enable individual organisations to access professional fundraising advice and invest in their fundraising infrastructure.

## Policy Changes

13. The importance of digital technologies has been recognised and a change of policy introduced to enable projects focussed purely on the creation of digital material to make heritage more accessible to be funded.
14. Applications to the *Our Heritage* programme for physical improvements to heritage assets will be accepted from private individuals or commercial organisations in future provided the projects can demonstrate public support, the need for HLF input and will deliver a step-change in public access and engagement.
15. Greener projects will be created in response to the significant impacts of climate change on heritage. All *Heritage Grants* will be asked to consider how the projects will be affected by and mitigate predicted changes in the local environment and grant assessments will be weighted in favour of those demonstrating reduced environmental impacts. In addition, all projects asking for more than £2million will be required to carry out a carbon footprint assessment during the project development stage.

## **Other Options Considered**

16. Not applicable.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

17. Nottinghamshire and the County Council have already successfully attracted significant investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The increased funding available and the changes to funding streams should open up more opportunities for investment in the County's heritage and particularly in heritage identified as being at risk. Such opportunities will continue to be pursued and updates and reports will be brought to future meetings of the Culture Committee for consideration.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) To note the changes to the Heritage Lottery Fund Strategic Framework.
- 2) To note the continued work to attract further investment in the County's heritage and the potential requirement for match funding.

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### **Constitutional Comments**

19. This report is for noting only by the Culture Committee, no legal issues arise at present. (NAB 19.09.12)

### **Financial Comments (DJK 19.09.12)**

20. The contents of this report are duly noted; the County Council will continue to support this work and apply for grants as appropriate, match funding will be made available for some of these schemes and a separate report will be generated for larger grants where we need to match fund.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All