

Purpose

To request a grant of £42000 for the 2020/21 financial year.

2019/20 Likely Outturn

The Trusts and Charities Committee approved a grant of £73,500 for the 2019/20 Financial Year, which together with a small underspending brought forward from 2018/19 produced a total budget for 2019/20 of £78000. The main items included in the budget were:

£45000 for the appointment of a Project Development Manager to support Trustees in submitting a further revised bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)

£6000 for an Activities Planner, to develop and trial a range of activities at Highbury to support the NLHF Bid (The Activity Plan)

£10000 for Administrative Support

£7000 for Charitable activities and Heritage Open Day

£5000 for Architect and other professional fees

Details of the final outturn will be reported to the Committee later in the year but latest projections show that total spending will be broadly in line with the total budget, albeit that some of the provision for the Project Development Manager will need to be carried forward to 2020/21.

During the year:

Trustees have attended monthly Board and Project Group meetings and other meetings with partners and stakeholders

Work is well advanced to submit the revised NLHF Bid by July 2020

CHT has been successful in securing funding from NLHF, Historic England and this Committee to begin restoration and improvement of the historic landscape

Open Days and Activities have begun, which have been well attended

Objects, including significant pieces of furniture, have been donated

Important work related to the history and preservation of the Highbury Rhododendrons and the Fruit Tree Pergola has been undertaken (financed in the main from external fundraising)

Budget 2020/21

In framing this submission for a grant for the financial year 2020/21 the Trustees of CHT have been mindful of the need to minimise the call on existing Highbury Trust reserves, because of the potential call on those reserves to match fund NLHF funding for the development phase of the main project, which subject to a successful outcome of the NLHF Bid, will be required later in 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Nevertheless funding will be required for:

Administrative support and other governance requirements,

The completion of the Activities Plan

Open days as a requirement of Historic England funding for the Urgent Repairs to the building, which are being funded by £510,000 from the Council's Capital Programme and a grant of £243,500 from Historic England,

The continuation of the project to restore the Fruit Tree Pergola and further work on the conservation and propagation of the Highbury Rhododendrons

A Sustainability Festival, a condition of NLHF funding for the Garden Project

Heritage Open Day 2020 and other charitable activity

Whilst direct comparisons with all of the detailed budget lines for 2019/20 are not possible, the following table sets out details of the 2020/21 funding request with comparisons to the likely outturn for 2019/20 where appropriate.

| | Likely Actual 2019/20 £ | Proposed Budget 2020/21 £ |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Admin Support | 11600 | 6000 |
| Board Meetings | 1000 | 1000 |
| Audit & Professional Advice | 1750 | 2250 |
| Insurance | 800 | 850 |
| Other Costs | 650 | 1450 |
| Project Development Manager | 43300 | |
| Activity Planner | 4500 | 6000 |
| NLHF Resubmission Costs and Garden Project Fees | 5050 | |
| Costs re Aquisitions & Oral History Project | 900 | 1850 |
| Heritage Open Day | 3290 | 2900 |
| HE Funding Requirements | 1600 | 3600 |
| Charitable & Other Activities | | 1000 |
| Exhibitions & Sustainability Festival | | 5540 |
| Fruit Tree Project | 1200 | 5280 |
| Rhododendron Project | | 4280 |
| TOTAL | 75640 | 42000 |

