

AGENDA ITEM IIA

Shropshire Council Shirehall Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury Shropshire SY2 6ND

Date:

9th November 2018

Dear,

REVISED ENVIROMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANT

Following the revision of the Environmental Maintenance grant please find attached the revised application form.

In line with the recommendations from this Council's Task and Finish Group which were presented to Scrutiny on 27/17/2017 and subsequently endorsed by Cabinet on 13/12/2017, the application criteria and approval process for the allocation of the Environmental Maintenance Grant ("the Grant") has substantially changed this year. The detail of the changes are as set out below and in addition please see the report that was agreed at the Council's cabinet meeting via the following link -

https://shropshire.gov.uk/committee-services/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=130&MID=3666

This year, the Grant will only be available to Parish and Town Councils who have a population of less than 10,000. Any Parish and Town councils who apply for the Grant where they have greater than this number of residents will not be considered as recipients for the Grant.

The total Grant budget has been reduced from £150,000 per annum to £75,000. This means that the maximum annual grant available to be applied for is now £1,500. It is a requirement that any Parish/Town Council wishing to apply for the grant must be in a position to provide match funding at a minimum of 1:1; therefore, if the activity you wish to undertake under the grant will cost £1000 you will be required to also pay a minimum of £500 towards the total cost and a grant of £500 applied for. Applicants must be able to provide evidence that they can provide the required minimum match funding. Any application where the match funding offered by an applicant is greater than 1:1 will be scored higher when assessed. If the activity is to be carried out over several years Shropshire Council may agree annual payments up to 2020/21. This approach may allow for multiyear contracts to be sought by applicants and therefore provide opportunity for greater savings to be achieved.

The criteria which must be met in order to be eligible for the Grant is

- Maximum amount of Grant available is £1,500 per annum
- The applicants must have a population of less than 10,000
- Applicants must provide match funding

- Works may only be undertaken on Shropshire Council land
- Applicants must demonstrate value for money i.e. collaborative contract arrangements, creates social value etc and the application will be scored accordingly
- The Grant must not be used to top up core budgets

In addition to being able to comply with the above criteria, applicants must also demonstrate how their use of the Grant will contribute to the following:

- supporting Shropshire Council's status as a Level 3 Asset Management Authority
 i.e. by conducting works which will increase the life span of the highway by, for
 example, clearing gullies, drains and ditches to eradicate standing water;
- the betterment of existing services;
- increasing highway safety;
- enhancing the local economy e.g. tourism;
- the use of volunteers;
- the Shropshire pound

If you are unable to evidence and meet the above criteria we politely ask you to reconsider applying as we will be unable to approve the application.

Should you have any queries relating to this matter, or if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the team.

Yours sincerely

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Shropshire Lieutenancy Garden Party

As Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire and with the help of my 30 Deputy Lieutenants spread throughout the county, I have heard of many acts of community spirit and kindness which have taken place and continue during the current pandemic. I would like to thank every community in the ceremonial county for their efforts.

I know that it is impossible for me to meet every one of those who have risen to the challenge of these difficult times and thank them in person and so I have chosen to host a Shropshire Garden Party at Orleton Hall, Wellington on Tuesday 8th June 2021 (subject to Government restrictions being lifted by then). With the help of sponsors, funding has been secured to pay for this Garden Party for 500 people which will be based on those held at Buckingham Palace each year. This will be the first time such an event has taken place in Shropshire.

I want to try and ensure that someone is present from every community in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin, since this emergency has touched the lives of us all. I feel sure that Parish and Town Councils are in the best place to select volunteers who have gone above and beyond. Would you please therefore add this item to your agenda and use local knowledge of your communities to select individuals to attend. Further details of the Garden Party and selection are given on the attached sheet. The deadline for the Lieutenancy to be notified of your attendees is 31st March 2021, to give even the smallest parish councils who meet less often a chance to consider and implement a selection that will be supported by their local communities.

I give my sincere thanks to volunteers for all they have done and are continuing to do and sincerely hope that by next June, this will be behind us.

Kind regards

Anna Turner

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire

HM Lord-Lieutenant's Shropshire Garden Party - Key Facts

Date and Time

Afternoon of Tuesday 8th June 2021 at Orleton Hall, Wellington

Format

Outdoor event in the gardens of Orleton Hall, with tea, sandwiches and cake served from marquees.

Dress

Morning Dress/Uniform/Lounge suits Ladies encouraged to wear hats.

Criteria for attendance

Town and Parish Councils will be best placed to determine who should attend from their community. Options for selecting volunteers who have served their community include, but are not limited to:

- PPE makers
- Rainbow painters
- Cooks
- Deliverers
- Organisers of community support
- Singers / musicians or anyone else who has acted to lift spirits

There is no age limit for nominations, children and young people may be nominated (but must be accompanied by an adult)

Options

Town and Parish Councils can select either one volunteer and a guest, or two volunteers from their communities.

Disabled Access

There will be disabled parking and a disabled toilet; however the event is outdoors and therefore the footing is not entirely smooth. There will be some seating provided. If someone normally has a carer, this will be in addition to their guest or fellow volunteer.

Sponsors

Shropshire Lieutenancy is most grateful to the anonymous donors who have supported the garden party and also to our sponsors:

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

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TCA LLP Accountants



The High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards 2021

Dear Group Leader

I am writing to you in connection with nominations for The High Sheriff's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards, which this year is being organised on my behalf by Shrewsbury Colleges Group.

Now in its sixteenth year, the awards is a great way to **showcase and celebrate the many endeavours carried out by young people in our communities**. By participating in activities within school and the wider community, young people gain the experience to develop the skills to cope with life and the challenges which it brings.

These awards recognise young people aged 18 years and under who live in Shropshire and have demonstrated commitment to citizenship through various activities, either as an individual or as part of a group. Parents, guardians, group leaders and teachers will join nominees at an online virtual celebration where the overall winners for the education authorities of both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin will be revealed.

Outstanding Young Citizens come in many guises and below are a few examples of previous nominee's work. It is not an exhaustive list and nominations will of course be accepted for other activities:

- fund-raising and charity events
- peer monitoring or youth work
- volunteering
- community radio and newsletters
- conservation volunteer activities
- recycling and debates on environment issues
- projects to improve the school or local neighbourhood
- caring on a regular basis
- interpreting English

- managing family finances
- enterprise projects and work experience
- serving on school or youth council
- writing to an MP or newspaper
- mock parliaments or elections and campaigns or debates about political issues
- international exchanges
- activities to do with consumer or legal issues

I welcome and encourage all schools, colleges, youth groups and related organisations throughout Shropshire and the Borough of Telford & Wrekin to **nominate their young people** whose permanent residence is in the county and who go above and beyond for their community, charity, family or friends.

Nominations should be submitted online using the link below between Monday 2nd November 2020 and Thursday 25th February 2021.

The virtual awards night will be held on Thursday 18th March 2021.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Blackhurst at Shrewsbury Colleges Group in the first instance, ruthb@shrewsbury.ac.uk or 01743 342662.

HSYC Awards Nomination Form

I do hope that your organisation will take part in recognising the excellent work of the next generation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Dean Harris JP
The High Sheriff of Shropshire