



Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

Organisation Details

Name of Organisation	Test Valley Borough Council
Type of Organisation (Please tick or double click to check the appropriate box)	Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Company limited by guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> District/Borough Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parish/Town Council <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> School/College <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below): <input type="checkbox"/>
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Funding Details

Which HAT are you requesting funding from	Test Valley HAT
Amount of Funding Requested (Please state if all or part of the funding will be spent on staffing costs)	£7,500 Staffing costs consist of: £520 towards administrator for job club (2 hours a week) £1,800 towards external facilitator for IT classes (2 x 12 week courses) £1,500 towards Askalot Project Co-ordinator role Project costs: £1,000 for art workshops with residents and transferring design work onto internal walls £1,500 for 6 DJ workshops £800 two laptops £380 for towards an annual celebration event in October
Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other organisations)	Contributions are received from both Community Safety Partnership and Health Improvement Partnership towards the Askalot Project Co-ordinator Role.

Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/ Project	Developing the Askalot Community Shop
Summary of Bid/ Project	<p>Askalot Community Shop was officially opened on 18 October 2007. Askalot provides local people with easy access to information, support and computers. At various times during the week, local residents can access the police, housing officers, debt advice, job club, sexual health advice, Credit Union, HCC Customer Access Point, computers classes and much more.</p> <p>Core opening hours are 10am until 3pm Monday to Thursday with some additional opening hours. Community computers are available for homework, training or other IT based projects - can also be used any time the shop is open.</p> <p>Askalot currently has 297 members (members are those that use the PCs, not those that drop in with informal enquiries, to date, 165 male/126 female, of which 117 are under 16 and 175 are over 16yrs). Askalot is a much needed resource in the Alamein ward, it provides many resources under one roof, many of which are not easily accessible unless you have transport. It's the first port of call for many residents, if they don't know who to approach for advice. It's a safe place for young people to access the internet. It caters for all ages, including elderly residents. Askalot has assisted in supporting people regain their self-esteem and confidence, it has helped people retrain, get into employment.</p> <p>Askalot cost Test Valley Borough Council £15,000 per annum. Main bulk of the costs are rent, staffing and IT Support (total of £10,700. After these costs, the remainder is spent on project work/activities and utilities. Contributions of £5,000 are also received from the Community Safety Partnership, Testway, Everybody on Line Project, Health Improvement Partnership towards the Project Worker Role which is 18.5 hours a week.</p> <p>The £7,500 requested is to extend activities and projects with in Askalot.</p> <p>*In September the Everybody on Line (EOL) Project is changing and the EOL Co-ordinator will be leaving. The EOL project is extremely successful, hence we would like to buy in some additional facilitators to maintain and expand this service. £1,800 towards external facilitator for IT classes (2 x 12 week courses).</p> <p>*The external shutters arts project was extremely successful and at the request of residents we are keen for more art work designs created by residents for inside the premises to brighten it up. Estimated costs £1,000 for two workshops with residents and transferring design work onto walls.</p> <p>*Askalot is in need of some more equipment, often people are waiting to access the computers. Require two additional laptops £800.</p> <p>*Last year £10,000 was secured from the Learning and Skills Council and European Social Fund for the Job Club. Unfortunately this is due come to an end in September, the Job Club is the only one in Andover, receives weekly referrals from Job Centre Plus and has approx 45 clients, which attend</p>

	<p>regularly. This is an established service which we are keen to sustain with support from existing partners. Require £520 towards administrator for job club (2 hours a week for a year).</p> <p>*Last year V-Involved ran a DJ workshop in Askalot which was very successful, unfortunately this was only a taster session due to lack of funding. A lot of young people access Askalot and this is something that they have requested that they would like to do again along with Free Running, which would be a healthy and constructive activity. Request £1,500 (6 sessions)</p> <p>Planned for the forth coming year are the following additional projects;</p> <p>*Evening Celebration Event on 21st July 2010, to raise the profile of Askalot with agencies and also thank those existing agencies.</p> <p>*Consultation with all existing members and local groups about Askalot and the services that it provides.</p> <p>*Third Birthday Party planned for October, with contributions from other local agencies, will be inviting members personally and asking for volunteers to establish a resident –led board to lead Askalot. Request £320 towards this event, balloon sculpting, face painting, publicity, cake, helium balloons to be released etc.</p>
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<p>How does the Bid meet the HATs Term of Reference?</p> <p>1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area</p> <p>2) To support the delivery of Hampshire’s improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement*</p> <p>3) To support local highways and transport priorities**</p>	<p>The ward of Alamein is recognised as an area of deprivation and includes people with low levels of income and educational attainment, and in some areas crime and nuisance levels are high</p> <p>The Bid will support the development of Askalot and the services it provides and also continuation of projects which are currently tackling economic, social and health inequalities in the local area.</p> <p>In terms of job club provision, Alamein has the third highest residential rate of any of Test Valley 24 wards at 3.1% unemployed equates 161 individuals. The project aims to target all residents in the Ward and further a field but in particular those vulnerable adults, those with low literacy and numeracy and also parents who have been raising children and are keen to further their skills and get back into employment.</p> <p>Askalot Community Shop is a very successful project, it is now well established in the community, more residents are engaging with staff members, relationships are being built, families are becoming engaging in learning and training, and moving on to volunteering and slowly into employment. Askalot and all its partners are improving the qualities of lives for people.</p>
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Timescale (What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)	Commencement Date: September 2010 Completion Date: September 2011
Intended Outcomes (How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)	Askalot is currently managed by the Turnaround Steering Group, progress is being made to create a resident panel to oversee Askalot and the services/activities that it provides and this will in-turn feed into the TAP Steering Group. It's important that it is user-led and the people accessing Askalot decide what services/activities are available from it. Askalot has 294 members to date, which is ever increasing. Plan to continue to monitor this number, record those going into employment through the job club, numbers on the resident panel, numbers participating in volunteering and those engaging in community project/ participating in IT classes and training. Number of residents trained up to support agencies i.e. Credit Union, Health Walk Leader etc
Future Funding Arrangements (If the project is to last more than a year how will it be funded in subsequent years? How will any outcomes achieved by the project be sustained in the longer term? If it is a capital scheme how will the equipment be maintained?)	This application, if successful, would bridge the 2010/11 funding gap and allow the project to continue into next year and develop until when more sustainable external funding will be sought. Outcomes achieved in the long term will be sustained by residents, volunteers being trained up to support agency staff and ultimately take over running of sessions. Maintain continued support from TAP Partners.

* Further information on the LAA can be found at the following website -

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement.htm>

** Any approved bids for highways/transport projects will require liaison with the Executive Member for Environment.

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and that any funding received from Hampshire County Council will be used for the purposes described in this form. The Council reserves the right to reclaim any funding not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this bid/project (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time).

Signed

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Date:

30 June 2010

Position in organisation:

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Please return your completed form to: The HAT Team, Room 105, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, S023 8UJ, or email: members.services@hants.gov.uk