



Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

Organisation Details

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

Which HAT are you requesting funding from	Gosport												
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<p>Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other organisations)</p>	<p>Groundwork has already secured the following funding to contribute toward cost of delivering this work;</p> <table data-bbox="635 208 1485 510"> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 208 1214 387"> Future Jobs Fund grants from HCC and Groundwork UK <i>pro-rata amount based on 6 workers employed for 6 months with 1 day/week dedicated to Town ward</i> </td> <td data-bbox="1214 208 1485 387" style="text-align: right;"> £ 8,000 </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 387 1214 465"> CLG investment in improving Green Infrastructure in residential areas </td> <td data-bbox="1214 387 1485 465" style="text-align: right;"> £ 2,500 </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="635 465 1214 510"> <hr/> Total </td> <td data-bbox="1214 465 1485 510" style="text-align: right;"> <hr/> £10,500 </td> </tr> </table> <p>There is also scope to work with residents to secure other investment for specific locations through for example the Big Lottery Community Spaces programme and Landfill Tax small grants initiatives. Groundwork is well placed to help secure such funding and has a successful track record in Gosport</p>	Future Jobs Fund grants from HCC and Groundwork UK <i>pro-rata amount based on 6 workers employed for 6 months with 1 day/week dedicated to Town ward</i>	£ 8,000	CLG investment in improving Green Infrastructure in residential areas	£ 2,500	<hr/> Total	<hr/> £10,500
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Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/ Project	'Greening the Grey' in Gosport's Town Ward
Summary of Bid/ Project	<p>This programme will deliver small scale environmental improvements and enhance the grounds maintenance offer in Town Ward. We will also build skills and improve job prospects for long term unemployed young people who will be involved in delivering the improvements as part of our Community Task Force team.</p> <p>The work will build on the principles of Neighbourhood Management; bringing agencies and stakeholders together to improve a local service. The Community Task Force team will help redesign and improve some of the more neglected open spaces. We will have a dedicated team working for a minimum of 1 day per week in Town ward for a period of 6 months. The emphasis will be on better maintaining existing green space areas. Where improvements can be made these will be simple, robust and take into account long term maintenance.</p> <p>We will work with stakeholders including GBC Officers across Housing, Tenant Participation Unit, Community Safety and Streetscene, local ward councillors and service providers. We will engage residents and help them to make decisions about improving their neighbourhoods. We will encourage community participation, providing opportunities for volunteers to help maintain areas, building on the work being carried out by GBC officers.</p> <p>We will focus our efforts in 3 key locations in Town Ward;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Lion and Seahorse Walks • Trinity Green and Bastion No.1 • Seafield <p>(A map is attached highlighting these areas)</p>
How does the Bid meet the HATs Term of Reference? 1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area 2) To support the delivery of Hampshire's improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement* 3) To support local highways and transport priorities**	<p>1) Tackling economic, social and health inequalities Town Ward has a high concentration of lower income households including social and council owned housing stock along with some private ownership. The environment around some of these housing areas is poorly maintained. There is a lack of community ownership and residents aren't empowered to take responsibility. At the same time the local authority is not able to allocate more resource to address the deficiencies.</p> <p>Town Ward has a higher proportion of economically inactive households than other parts of Gosport. 2 of the SOAs are in 5% most deprived in Hampshire. A significant component of this is unemployed and low income levels. We are unable to exclusively target this neighbourhood in recruiting to the Community Task Force Team but we will be providing job opportunities for up to 10 long term</p>

unemployed young people aged 18 – 24 many of whom will come from this and surrounding Gosport wards. We currently have a success rate of nearly 40% of people on our training programme going onto further employment. All of our workers will have been unemployed previously for at least 6 months.

The quality of our surroundings has a major impact on the way we feel about ourselves and our community. Improving neglected areas can improve community well being. Those involved have higher levels of self esteem and take pride in their neighbourhood. There is no inherent reason why neighbourhoods with a higher proportion of social and council housing should suffer from a poorer quality environment. This programme will directly address this issue by providing additional resource to tackle some maintenance deficiencies but will also encourage and foster greater ownership and responsibility amongst residents.

Simple robust landscape schemes can also be productive. Subject to consultation it is our intention to plant fruit trees, herbs and create edible gardens particularly where residents are willing and able to play a more hands on role in the upkeep. If we can encourage resident participation gardening itself can provide tremendous physical and emotional health benefits – bringing people together to socialise and also helping residents of all ages to keep fit.

2) Support priorities of the LAA

The Greening the Grey Programme will:

- **improve skills of long term unemployed young people.** Young people on our Community task force learn a work ethic, team work and take pride in their achievements. They learn specific skills in horticulture, grounds maintenance, first aid and health and safety. These are transferable and help them gain further employment. They are provided with accredited training tailored to individual needs. Most of the young people on the scheme will be at the bottom of the skills ladder
- **contribute toward an increase the number of people in employment.** We will not create new jobs but will provide more young people to be job ready. We have a current success rate of >35% of participants moving into employment after 6 months work experience with Groundwork
- **help to reduce incidents and impact of anti-social behaviour** by designing robust improvements to specific areas which improve sight lines, are resilient to vandalism and actively encourage community ownership and engagement of families and young people.
- **Improve confidence in local councils in tackling**

	<p>issues of concern. For example the environment around seahorse and White Lion Walk ahs been identified as a priority. We will work closely with Community Safety and Housing officers to reduce fly tipping, littering, vandalism which blight parts of the Town Ward neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give more opportunities for community engagement. Involvement in local environmental improvements can be a trigger for longer term volunteering. Communities can see direct result of their efforts over relatively short period of time. • Improve the overall quality of the environment using sustainable planting including drought tolerant species and where feasible growing fruit and vegetables amongst more municipal shrub planting. <p>3) Support local highways and transport priorities Whilst the bid and programme does not directly relate to highways/transport improvements, it is our intention to improve the landscape adjacent to highways ensuring that it is a safe and pleasant experience to walk around and through these neighbourhoods.</p>
<p>Timescale (What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)</p>	<p>Commencement Date: 1st November 2010</p> <p>Completion Date: 31st May 2011</p>
<p>Intended Outcomes (How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)</p>	<p>We will measure success by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality and quantity of land improved in target neighbourhoods. We expect to improve and maintain at least 25,000m². • The number of people employed and who find longer term employment. We will create 10 jobs for a minimum of 6 months • We will measure residents' views. We will survey residents at the outset asking for information about how they feel about their surroundings and their neighbourhood and we will obtain their views at the end • We will measure the number of adults and young people actively involved in helping us to improve the environment • We will seek feedback from partners including GBC housing and Streetscene – No. of complaints received regarding issues around open space, No of incidents of antisocial behaviour, feedback from housing wardens and community safety teams.

<p>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?)</p>	<p>Initially the programme will run for 6 months. We will evaluate and review outcomes and benefits. Groundwork will seek further funding to try and continue the scheme if it proves successful. However the FJF programme will end at March 2011 and our ability to continue the scheme in its current guise may depend on further support from the new Work Programme which will succeed FJF.</p> <p>We intend to work with residents groups to help them access further funding including the Community Spaces funding from Big Lottery. We will work with White Lion Walk RA to submit a bid for further improvements around parts of this neighbourhood.</p> <p>We will design and implement low maintenance landscape improvements with the full support of GBC Landscape Manager and grounds maintenance contractors. We will ensure they can be maintained to a high quality.</p>
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* 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



Date

04.10.10

Position in organisation

Executive Director

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