Analysis of Grant Applications

Rural / Urban Capital Improvement Scheme 2013/14

Budget 2013/14		£150,000.00
Slippage 2012/2013 (allocated+unallocated)		£119,571.00
Overall Total Budget 2013/14		£269,571.00
Spend so far 2013/14 (ALL CODES)		£73,936.18
Sub Total		£195,634.82
Outstanding Schemes	No.	
Bishops Tachbrook	175	£50,000.00
Baginton Parish Council	178	£395.59
Warwick Sports Club	184	£7,190.05
Baginton Village Hall	189	£7,500.00
Whitnash Town Council	190	£24,500.00
Slippage already budgeted/allocated		£89,585.64
AMOUNT FOR UNDER BUDGET SLIPPAGE INTO 2014/15		£106,049.18

The RUCIS criteria was reviewed in early 2013 during which there was some debate with regards to implementing minimum and maximum amounts; the initial proposal advocated implementing a maximum amount of £30,000, however, after due consideration the following limits were agreed; £1,000 Minimum - £50,000 Maximum.

We currently have the potential of running out of budget for the first time since the grant scheme was introduced, added to this is the potential that next year's budget may run-out early in the financial year with some large applications expected. Details as follows:

APPLICATIONS AT JANUARY 2014 EXEC

POTENTIAL BUDGET INCLUDING SLIPPAGE 2014/15

Leek Wootton & Guys Cliffe Parish Council	£4,400
Leamington Football Club	£30,000
Sub-Total	(£34,400)
APPLICATION AT FEBRUARY 2014 EXEC	
Leamington RFC	£36,000
Sub-Total	(£36,000)
If the above applications are agreed:	
REMAINING UNDER BUDGET SLIPPAGE INTO 2014/15	£35,649
BUDGET 2014/15	£150,000

£185,649

DRAFT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

ORGANISATION - Whitnash Sports & Social Club

PROJECT – Demolish existing hall which is a very poor condition and build a new modern hall that includes kitchen facilities, disabled toilets and referees changing rooms.

POSSIBLE TIMESCALE - Report for March or April 2014 Executive

AMOUNT - £50,000 (Urban Budget)

ORGANISATION - Age UK

PROJECT – Purchase a new mini-bus to replace existing unreliable vehicle; is used to transport older people to community events and social activities. The proposed new mini-bus would also be a larger vehicle to increase capacity for wheelchair users

POSSIBLE TIMESCALE - Report for March or April 2014 Executive

AMOUNT - £20,000 (Urban Budget)

Sub-Total (£70,000)

EXPECTED APPLICATIONS

ORGANISATION - Leamington Netball Club

PROJECT – Build and equip a courtside facility to provide toilet facilities (including disabled toilets), a social / mentoring / debrief area and a kitchen

POSSIBLE TIMESCALE – Report for March or April 2014 Executive

AMOUNT - £50,000 (Rural Budget)

Sub-Total (£50,000)

POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS (approx amounts)

ORGANISATION - Kenilworth Town FC

PROJECT – Regeneration of existing Gypsy Lane site; we've not had any specific details to-date as the club are in the process of discussing ideas with their architect and looking at planning permission. General discussion has been around building work to create changing facilities.

POSSIBLE TIMESCALE - Report for April / May 2014 Executive

AMOUNT - £25,000 (Urban Budget)

ORGANISATION - Lapworth Amateur Dramatics

PROJECT - New lighting system

POSSIBLE TIMESCALE – Report for March or April 2014 Executive

AMOUNT - £3,750 (Rural Budget)

Sub-Total (£28,750)

TOTAL AMOUNT OF POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS 2014/15

£148,750

POTENTIAL REMAINING BUDGET INCLUDING SLIPPAGE 2014/15

£36,899

It's very difficult to predict what other level of interest there might be; over the last 3 years whilst the number of successful awards has been similar, the level of interest has appeared higher this year (there has also been 5 declined applications and one withdrawn application) and the % of larger application amounts and the overall amount awarded will be higher this year than the previous financial years.

Please see an analysis below of the amounts awarded over the last 3 financial years; if we now have a trend of more interest/awareness in RUCIS and potentially further increases in the number of large amount applications, the number of applications in general or maybe both it is most likely that we will not have sufficient budget next year to meet demand.

RUCIS AWARD AMOUNTS ANALYSIS

	2011/2012 - Awarded £124,437	2012/2013 - Awarded £124,739	2013/2014 - Awarded £149,587 (Predicted)	AVERAGE OVER 3 YEARS
AMOUNT RANGE - UP TO £5,000	£2,529 average (4 awards)	£2,180 average (3 awards)	£2,882 average (2 awards)	£2,530 average (3 awards)
AMOUNT RANGE - £5,001 TO £10,000	£8,923 average (1 award)	£9,000 average (1 award)	£7,291 average (3 awards)	£8,405 average (1 award)
AMOUNT RANGE - £10,001 TO £20,000	£12,900 average (1 award)	£14,600 (2 awards)	£0	£13,750 average (1 award)
AMOUNT RANGE - £20,000+	30,833 average (3 awards)	£40,000 average (2 awards)	£30,488 average (4 awards)	£33,774 average (3 awards)

LARGE AWARDS £20,000 +

33%

25%

44%

NOTE: 2013/2014 doesn't include possible £20,000 Age UK application

NOTE: in 2014/2015 besides the £20,000 AGE UK draft application we are already predicting two further £50,000 applications against a combined annual budget of £150,000

Generally speaking, historically two thirds of the successful applications average less than £10,000 per award with around a third of applications being over £20,000.

I think this demonstrates that we need discussion regarding the scheme to consider; a) continuing as we are on the basis that budget may run out on a first come first served basis, b) reducing the maximum amount, or c) whether or not we can expand the budget and if in fact we want to expand it.