

BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL

SECTION 136 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

BID FOR FUNDS TO WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

The table below identifies the seven organisations/projects for which grant aided funding is requested pursuant to this statutory provision.

It has been calculated on the basis of the figure provided by the District Council as being available for the 2010/11 financial year namely £10,251.

For reference and comparison purposed the grant authorised for 2009/10 is also given.

The main variation is to increase the provision for Tourism/Christmas Lights and apply the balance available to the Play Area.

Organisation	Grant 09/10	Bid 10/11
Wyre Hill Play Area	4,220	4,251
Bewdley Youth Café	1,500	1,500
War Memorials Maintenance	500	500
Bewdley Development Trust	1,500	1,500
Additional Flowers	1,000	0
Bridge Illumination	887	0
Bewdley Museum	1,000	0
Tourism/Christmas Lights	900	2,000
Party In The Park	300	300
Churchyards Maintenance	200	200
Total	12,007	10,251

Wyre Hill Play Area Bid £4,251.00

The Town Council are keen to support the upkeep and maintenance of this Play Area as representing an important community facility. The land is in the ownership of the County Council and leased to the District Council. Subject to that leasehold arrangement continuing (it is believed the District Council are currently holding over on the expiry of an earlier lease) and to the District Council maintaining public liability insurance cover, the Town Council would be willing to enter a fresh agreement with the District Council for which the Parks Department has already submitted a draft intended to run from 1st April 2010.

Bewdley Youth Café Bid £1,500.00

This facility within the town centre plays a significant role in supporting youth type facilities. It has become recognised as a leading example in the County and beyond and works with many statutory and non statutory bodies to achieve its clear aims and objectives. It is reliant on funds from a number of sources and the Town Council would wish to be one such contributor.

War Memorials Maintenance Bid £500.00

This is a regular provision and is aimed at building up sufficient funds to have professional cleaning work carried out on the St Annes and other memorials throughout the town.

Bewdley Development Trust Bid £1,500.00

This community linked body plays a key role in promoting the economic wellbeing of Bewdley. It has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the District Council to achieve various objectives and is seen as an effective facilitator of many local projects. The Town Council maintains close links with its Board and wishes to contribute to its success. It is intended the money would be allocated to the Discover Bewdley Weekend on 30th/31st May.

Tourism/Christmas Lights Bid £2,000

The Town Council is keen to promote tourism within Bewdley as the economic vitality of the town is considerably linked with the tourist trade. One method by which the Council has traditionally contributed to that objective has been the provision of the Christmas Lights display running for a period of approx five weeks in the lead up to and over the Christmas/New Year period. Many of the displays are no longer functioning and the view taken by the contractors responsible for installation and dismantling the lights (not the suppliers themselves) was that they should be replaced. The Town Council has received funds of £1250 from the Worcestershire Economy Action Group towards the provision of low energy LED bulbs. This bid is designed to add to such monies to provide a decent and viable display.

Party In The Park Bid £300.00

This annual event has become established in the Bewdley calendar. It has the involvement of many local voluntary groups together with the Police. The Town Council believes it encourages community cohesion and overall it is a cost effective method of doing so. It is due to take place on 12th August.

Churchyards Maintenance Bid £200.00

Under a separate provision in its budget, the District Council provides a grant of £2800 for the maintenance of churchyards. The Town Council has though made a commitment to pay a regular contribution of £3,000 to the churches involved and hence this figure represents the balance required.