REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICER

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FUNDS 2020/21

Purpose of Report:

To consider one application made to the fund since the previous committee of 22nd January 2020.

Background

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) supports innovative sustainable projects that develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable living for current and future generations. The funding is to assist projects that focus on demonstrating practical solutions relevant to environmental, social, cultural and economic aspects of life. The day to day administration of the fund returned to the Authority on 1St April 2020 following a 15 month period where PLANED administered the fund. The Authority will advertise the fund and will collate applications for consideration by Members.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

For this first round of applications during 2020/21 we are in receipt of one application for consideration. The application in full is attached as an appendix and has been summarised below.

Summary table

Project Name	Organisation	Funding Sought
The Pembrokeshire	The Pembrokeshire	£20,000
Remakery	Remakery CIC	

Project Summary: The Pembrokeshire Remakery cic

The Pembrokeshire Remakery has over the last two years trailed a project, funded by LEADER grant, to test innovative ways of running a 'Remakery' organisation and programme of activities and events. A number of activities were tested in north Pembrokeshire to ascertain which methods would be workable, generate an income, benefit the community, and future proof the environment.

From the information learned during the LEADER pilot project, they now seeking funding to create and develop a new show case sustainable social enterprise business model.

The funding will pay for the production of business, finance and marketing plans and also pay for the project managers to deliver the project and drive the business into profit. These plans will set the benchmark to test a viable REMAKERY business for Pembrokeshire. The formation of a Repair Café project model could also be rolled out across Pembrokeshire and will include supporting one another in setting up a 'repair café'. The two founding Directors will manage the project.

The longstanding applications which were approved prior to PLANED's involvement and which still have to be completed are:

SDF ref	Applicant	Project	£ grant awarded	£ grant paid	£ grant outstanding
359	PCNPA	Pembrokeshire			
		Outdoor			
		Schools	18,637	12,723	5,914
361	PCNPA	Heritage			
		Guardians	11,729	6,947	4,782
362	VC Gallery	The Power of			
		Pembrokeshire	11,488	4,070	7,418
364	iSea	Mobile shop			
	Surfware	and beach			
		cleaning hub	8,347	5386	2,961

The applications awarded during PLANED's involvement by the Committee are:

SDF ref	Applicant	Project	£ grant	£ grant paid	£ grant outstanding
SDF/2019/1	Springboard	Family			
		Explorers	19,100	0	19,000
SDF/2019/3	KlickKlack	Sustainable			
	Print	Printing	20,428	200	20,228
SDF/2019/4	Emma	St Davids Old			
	Evans	Farmhouse			
		Brewery	24,613	3,245	21,368
SDF/2019/6	Coppice	Coppicewood			
	College	College			
		Woodland			
		Workshop	15,852	0	15852

Funds Available 2020/21

A total of £100,000 has been allocated to the fund for the 2020/21 financial year.

SDF Review

The Authority will review the current SDF administration arrangements and prepare a review report for consideration by Members at a future committee.

Financial considerations

The SDF budget provides for £100,000 to be allocated for the financial year. The Authority awards circa £5k for "Little Green" projects run via PAVS and, if the above project is approved this would therefore leave £75,000 remaining for other projects

Recommendation

Members are requested to review the application and come to a decision in respect of the request for grant funding.

Background Documents: Application

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