

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

1 Name of ward: RIVERHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

2 Name of Member: KIM BAYLEY

3 Name of delivery organisation: RIVERHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Address of delivery organisation:
RIVERHEAD VILLAGE HALL, AMHERST HILL,
RIVERHEAD TN13 2EL

Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:

COUNCILLOR CLIVE HIMSWORTH, BA(Econ) Lond, MA(Toronto) MA(Lond)

Telephone number of main contact: 01732-452664

4 Description of Project:

Our Parish Council owns and maintains 94 streetlights. They are within Riverhead Conservation Area and we need to replace some of them according to our maintenance contractor. In particular we have 3 old mercury lights in St Marys Drive. These could be vandalised by catapults or airguns, and the mercury released, polluting the atmosphere. We also have various streetlight poles which need replacing, as they have rusted away.

5 Total project cost: £ 6,218.70 as per Streetlight Estimate enclosed

How will the money be spent? from Streetlights. Parish Councils pay no VAT.

As per Streetlights Estimate enclosed. 8 different lights in our inventory need urgent repairs on Health and Safety grounds. 5 Mercury Lamps, which are the subject of an EU directive saying they should no longer be used, and some rusted streetlight poles. If the total cost exceeds the amount requested from Big Community Fund, please state here how the remaining cost is to be met:

We have a maintenance budget and a repairs budget for our Streetlights, and if the Big Community Fund can allocate us £3,000 we will match this with £3,218.70 from our own budget

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3,000.

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

We have talked to householders in St Marys Drive and Chipstead Lane where the streetlight poles are located, and they strongly support our project.

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What is the need for the project?

This is a Health and Safety project. Some of our streetlights are so badly rusted they have become a danger to the public. If they were pushed forward they would fall on a passer by and cause injury or damage to property. Our mercury lights also need replacement because of pollution issues.
Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project: Streetlights help reduce crime particularly burglary and muggings, and theft of catalytic converters from cars, of which there has been a spike recently. Also residents will feel safer.
The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success? Crime figures for our area will be kept down and residents will feel safer. We get many compliments from residents about the effectiveness of our streetlights
Ongoing costs Electricity costs for our streetlights are £4000 per annum, and we are looking at ways of cutting this so we can spend more on repairs. If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded? Riverhead Parish Council will maintain and manage the project. We have a budget for maintenance of streetlights of £1500 per annum, but this insufficient to cover big capital costs. The extent to which this project is in addition to usual maintenance arrangements and responsibilities that are more appropriately funded by the landowner, the delivery organisation or another agency. We have a repairs budget of £2,000 per annum, which will not cover the of the repairs our contractor is saying we need. Our council tax resources are £45,000 per annum for all our needs.

Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

Signed .. [redacted] (sponsoring Local Member)

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Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:
SIGN NAMES: **PRINT NAMES:**

..... [redacted] (Local Member) **Kim BALEY**
..... [redacted] (Local Member) **CAMERON BROWN** promised a signature over the telephone and is supportive of the project, but was away on business

Declaration by project delivery organisation:
I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.

Signed [redacted] Date 27/11/13

PRINT NAME:
COUNCILLOR CLIVE HIMSWORTH, Chairman, Riverhead Parish Council.

Please remember to include the following documents with your application:

- A copy of the constitution of the delivery organisation
- * • A copy of the latest audited accounts of the delivery organisation
- A signed copy of the Equality Statement, or a copy of the delivery organisation's equalities policy

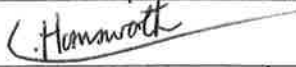
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

RIVERHEAD PARISH COUNCIL (Insert name of organisation) recognises that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to equal treatment. We aim to ensure that no organisation or individual involved with our organisation will be discriminated against by our organisation on the grounds of:

- ❖ Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national
- ❖ Sex, marital status or caring responsibility
- ❖ Sexuality
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Physical or mental disability or mental health
- ❖ Political belief or religion
- ❖ Class
- ❖ Health status
- ❖ Employment status

Please note that if you have an Equal Opportunities Policy you may prefer to enclose a copy instead of signing the Equal Opportunities Statement.

I confirm that my organisation is committed to equal opportunities

Signed (on behalf of the organisation)	
Designation:	Chairman, Riverhead Council.