

Appendix A – Current and recently ceased WDBC grant schemes

| Current WDBC Grant Schemes | | | | | | | | |
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| Scheme | Purpose | Decision making | Funds | Source of funds | Max/Min/% | Features of scheme | Typical projects | Previous or forthcoming changes to the scheme |
| Town and Parish (TAP) Fund | Town and Parish Councils working collaboratively to trial solutions to local issues, empower communities and enable community resilience. | At Link meetings Northern – each meeting South – twice per annum Eastern – once per annum Town and Parishes all get one vote, final decision by DCC and WDBC Members | £51,717 Split between three Link Committee areas Total depends on number on electoral roll | DCC contributes £1 per elector WDBC contributes £0.10 per elector Revenue budget | No maximum £100 minimum No match funding requirement | Capital and revenue projects Applications must be collaboration between more than one town/parish council, with one council acting as lead applicant New projects only, will not support repeat bids (i.e. same project each year) | Ditching and drainage works/lengthsman Verge maintenance Defibrillators Village Hall improvements Parish websites Cycle racks | Consideration of applications from single Town or Parish applications now considered on a case by case basis subject to confirmation of support from at least one other Council Applications from single Town or Parishes for ditching and drainage works are now considered acceptable 'Environmentally related' (e.g. grass verge cutting, gully clearing and street cleaning) applications will now be considered DCC will be reviewing the scheme with Devon Borough and District Council officers following the 2017 DCC election with a likely refocus on the original aims of the project and consistency across Devon |
| Community Projects Grant | Grants which provide support for a wide range of community projects that meet local needs and deliver benefits to the community, led by community organisations, ranging from tree planting to building a village hall. | Rolling decision making, officer consults with Ward Member and makes recommendation Grants up to £2,000 to be approved by Lead Specialist – Place and Strategy Grants over £2,000 to be made by Lead Specialist in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Hub Committee and circulated to all members in the Member Bulletin, for comment and call-in to Committee if concerns. | Typically £36,000 p/a The Capital Budget Monitoring report to the Hub Committee on 1 November 2016 highlighted that the scheme had a budget allocation of £106,000 in 2016/17 (including commitments) and an anticipated underspend of at least £36,000. No budget allocation was made for 2017/18 and the underspend from 2016/17 was rolled forward to meet costs in 2017/18. At the time of writing there is £25,959 committed/pending approval in 2017/18 leaving £32,647.90 uncommitted funds. | New Homes Bonus Capital budget | Minimum - £100, Maximum - £5,000 Flexibility to approve funding of up to £10,000 for exceptional projects Maximum percentage funding per project – 50% | Capital projects only. | Village Hall improvements Play area improvements Sports facility improvements | In 2014/15, the previous Village Hall grant scheme was incorporated into the Community Projects scheme. The Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals Report 2017-18 (Council, 7 th Feb 2017) includes a provisional proposal for £36,000 p/a to the Community Project Grants scheme for the four financial years between 2018 and 2022 |

Current WDBC Grant Schemes

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| Sports Grant | Improve health and wellbeing and access to physical activity. | Rolling decision making, officer consults with Ward Member and makes recommendation, with decision by Lead Specialist – Place and Strategy | £8,130 | Revenue budget | Minimum - £100, Maximum - £700, For training grants the maximum is £350 Maximum percentage funding per project – 50% | Individuals can apply for training grants Scheme includes equipment/asset grants, and grants to train volunteers | Training club members to become coaches Kit/equipment for clubs Small grants to improve facilities | Training Grant was introduced in 2013/14. That same year saw the cessation of the Sports Development officer post. Applications have been reduced since that time to this scheme (see Appendix B) possibly due to limited officer promotion to and support for clubs |
| Section 106 (s106) Community Facilities Fund | Providing new or upgraded community facilities to mitigate the pressure of new residents on local community facilities. | Consultation with local Ward Member and Town/Parish Council | Okehampton Town/Hamlets - £212 (to be committed by 2021) Spreyton - £2,085 (to be committed by Dec 2017) Tavistock - £16,500 (to be committed by 2023) Tavistock (Crowndale sports facility improvements only) - £46,283 (to be committed by 2024) | S106 legal agreements – developer funds | No minimum or maximum Up to 50% of costs (as a guide, with flexibility) | Capital projects only | Play area improvements Village Hall improvements Sports facilities improvements Youth centre improvements | The scheme was introduced to make the process of committing these funds transparent and defensible The Community Facilities Fund are the remainder of the generic s106 funds collected towards ‘community facilities’ which predated the CIL Regs. There are a couple of other small s106 agreements on sites which have not yet been developed which could generated further small amounts of s106 funds With the introduction of CIL Regs, any community facilities, or Open Space, Sport and Recreation projects must be named within the s106 agreement, and accordingly generic payments towards facilities are no longer collected |
| Dartmoor Sustainable Community Fund | Provide new or upgraded community facilities to meet identified community needs, with respect to the pressures of new development on DNP communities | Annual sum is paid to DNPA. DNP officer consults with the local Ward Member, the PC and the DNPA link member for the parish and their views inform the decision reached. Final decision rests with DNPA CEO. | £24,137 in 2016/17 Fluctuates according to house completions within West Devon part of DNP | New Homes Bonus | No maximum or minimum Up to £500 for the environmental projects pot | Capital projects only | Play area improvements Village Hall improvements Sports facilities improvements | The SCF is being run again in 2017/18, although DNPA may revisit other uses for the NHB monies in future years In addition to a main fund in 2016/17, a small grants pot supported environmental projects undertaken by local community action groups on publicly accessible land. |

Recently ceased WDBC Grant Scheme

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| Economic Development Grant | Support economic prosperity of businesses and communities in West Devon (including supporting arts based projects) | <p>Rolling decision making, WDBC officer consults with Ward Member and makes recommendation.</p> <p>Grants up to £2,000 were approved by Lead Specialist – Place and Strategy</p> <p>Grants over £2,000 were made by Lead Specialist in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Hub Committee and circulated to all members in the Member Bulletin, for comment and call-in to Committee if concerns.</p> | <p>£10,271 up to 2013/14</p> <p>2014/15 – scheme merged with Arts Grant scheme – annual budget of £15,571</p> <p>2014/15 – Agreed by Council to contribute £10,000 per annum to the Heritage Lottery Tavistock Heritage Initiative Project up until 2019/20 leaving an Economic Development grant pot of £5,571 per annum</p> | Revenue budget | <p>Up to £2500 was available with a maximum percentage funding per project of 50%</p> <p>A maximum of £7,500 for long term projects over 3 years was considered in exceptional circumstances</p> | <p>Capital and revenue projects</p> <p>Will consider projects stretching over 3 years</p> <p>Groups of businesses can apply (if working for common benefit)</p> <p>This scheme incorporated a previous Arts Grant scheme</p> | <p>In 2016/17 the West Devon Economy Working Group noted that there was only one application in 2015-17 (for an arts based project), and that ceasing the scheme was warranted <i>‘Given the low level of interest in applying for these funds, the availability of other sources to obtain funding and the identified need to increase funding to BIP.’</i></p> <p>The Economy Working Group recommended (29/11/2016, Minute HC40 – Economy Working Group Recommendations) ceasing the grant scheme with immediate effect and this was subsequently agreed by Council (06/12/2016, Minute CM46), with this funding being utilised to meet an increase in funding to the Business Information Point with an increased focus on assisting new businesses and helping new businesses to survive beyond 12 months.</p> <p>NB – A previous Arts Grant scheme was incorporated into the Economic Development scheme in 2014/15 – at which time arts/heritage based scheme were required to demonstrate how their project would benefit the local economy</p> |