

Teviot & Liddesdale Neighbourhood Support Fund Pot B 2024/25

Panel B members are supportive of retaining a Pot B fund alongside the Pot A funds and propose the following;

- Pot B continues to operate with a member from each CC as well as up to 3 members of the community.
- Pot B continues to operate without a limit on the number of times that an organisation applies.
- If possible, the underspend from the 23/24 fund, goes back into the 2024/25 fund Pot B fund.
- The first round of the funding to be considered at the June Area Partnership meeting.
- The maximum application limit of £5000 remains.
- Salary costs to be considered as part of the Pot B fund. However full details of the staffing costs would be required. Subcontractor and professional costs would remain eligible when they are required for successful project delivery.
- That there is no fast-track process for Pot B and no requirement for 10% contribution from the applicant.
- Vehicles: The T&L NSF currently states that funding cannot be used to pay for used vehicles. The panel had a discussion regarding applications for vehicles, after receiving two applications in recent rounds, one for a new vehicle and one for a used vehicle. The panel discussed the cost of a new van to a community group, which can be very expensive and may put a vehicle out of reach for a community group. They felt that used vans (still within warranty) could still be a valuable and reliable option for community groups to purchase. The panel would like to recommend that the NSF could be used to purchase used vehicles, that would still be covered within a warranty period (ie under 3 years old and up to 60,000 miles). SBC are currently seeking guidance from their legal department on this point/proposal– which can be fed back at the March AP meeting.
- Funding in round 4 NSF: For the fourth and final round of the NSF, Pot A and B pots are proposed to merge to create one large pot. This could be applied to by community groups from any area, with priority going to applicants within the Community Council area where the original Pot A budget had not been spent, however all applications would be considered. This aims to ensure that NSF does not risk being lost, should it not be possible to carry it over to the next FY. The first, second and third round would continue to be for individual CC pots as well as the Pot B fund.
- Underspends of grants: Where community groups have an underspend on their awarded grant, where the value is over £250 - the underspend will be requested to be returned to the NSF pot.