



Organisation Name	Princes Risborough Charity
Project Name	Water supply to tenanted allotments
Funding Stream	Local Infrastructure
Total Cost of project	£3,600
Amount of Match Funding	£1,800
Amount being applied for	£1,800
Amount suggested	£1,800

Project Summary

The allotments that are under the control of trustees are all in use but suffer from the lack of a mains water supply. The trustees feel that for the tenants to be able to make best use of the allotments, there should be a regular mains supply of water to save allotment holders from having to bring their own supply on site. The site also has a ménage which is difficult to manage as the tenant has to provide a large volume of water for the horses, especially during the summer period.

The Charity has received both verbal and letters from tenants asking for the supply of water and some prospective tenants have stated that they would not be able to manage to carry sufficient water supplies to site. In addition, with the planned growth of new houses, the requirement for an allotment will almost certainly increase, so a sufficient mains water supply would be beneficial.

Note: There is only one supplier that can provide this service and that is Thames Water, so the Charity were only able to supply one quote.

How does the project address local priorities?

The Community Board agreed its priorities on 9 July which included a priority for **Environmental and Climate Change**.

This project will contribute towards the subgroups objective in seeking schemes and initiatives that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area.

In addition, this project will assist in the health and wellbeing of its tenants. It is well documented that working in the open air and the provision of healthy produce helps to improve both mental and physical health. It will also help those families on a low income, particularly during this time with Covid 19, to save money and provide tastier fruit and vegetables.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

This project seeks to achieve the corporate priority around **Strengthening our Communities and Improving our Environment**.

Strengthening our Communities: This project seeks to improve the experience for tenants who will be able to grow more and better quality produce from their plots, thus improve their own healthy living as well as those to whom they provide with fresh fruit and vegetables. It would also encourage new tenants who would be more inclined to take up allotments for this very reason.

Working on an allotment brings communities together, particularly for those have a shared interest and passion in growing produce.

Improving our Environment: The release of CO2 into the atmosphere contributes heavily to global warming. Buying seasonal fruits and vegetables that are grown in the UK significantly reduces this impact. However, growing fruits and vegetables removes food miles altogether. The average distance travelled by shop-bought fruits and vegetables is 1500 miles.

How does the project achieve value for money?

The total cost of this project is £3,600, to which the Princes Risborough Charity will contribute £1,800 and are requesting the Community Board to provide £1,800.

As detailed above, managing and working an allotment plot is a very healthy pastime. The plots encourage many residents to take regular, sustained exercise; and the produce grown on their allotments fosters healthier dietary choices and eating practices.

Water, is of course, a vital component to the growth of their produce, and the supply of the water mains would make this easier. In addition, this initiative supports the environmental priority of reducing dangerous amounts of carbon emissions and waste associated with air freight and other transportation methods.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This application has been fully assessed by the Environmental and Climate Change subgroup in line with the Community Board funding criteria, and based on this and the evidence above, it is recommended as a project which is suitable to receive funding from the North West Chilterns Community Board.

The funding applied for in this report (£1,800) can be accommodated within the North West Chilterns Community Board 2020/21 budget available. This takes into account monies already spent to date and also monies committed to projects formally approved by the Board, but not yet spent.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.