

## Annex 1

### Submitted bids awaiting a decision

#### Defra's Species Survival Fund

Application for £1.04 million + additional match funds of £256,000 = potential total investment into the Forest of £1.3 million.

If approved:

- 250ha of land would be enhanced for nature.
- Partners - Freshwater Habitats Trust, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, New Forest Commoners Defence Association, and Wild New Forest.
- 14 jobs would be created or retained, 50 new volunteers and five interns would be supported to develop green skills.

Decision expected in February/March.

#### New routes to Nature

Application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund for £248,640 around volunteering and green careers.

If funding is approved, it would enable a wider range of people to be actively involved in the landscape through:

- Volunteering
- Two new apprentice rangers
- Training in green skills linked to current gaps in knowledge.

Decision expected February/March.

### Major grants received since 2010

- £3.8m from Department for Transport's Local Sustainable Transport Fund in 2012 to transform sustainable travel across the New Forest and South Downs national parks
- £3.5m from the DfT in 2013 for New Forest Family Cycling Experiences
- £4.4m from National Lottery Heritage Fund for Our Past Our Future - five-year landscape partnership scheme ended in 2021. Led by the NPA with 10 partners.
- £65k Defra Green Recovery Challenge Fund for Generation Green youth initiatives (£2.5m scheme with other English NPAs, Guides, Outward Bound and YHA). Funded youth work, apprentice rangers.
- £200k (£350k project) National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative for Franchises Lodge habitat improvements
- £300k (£600k project) National Lottery Community Fund for PEDALL (also £50k from Sport England and £25k British Cycling)

- £23k staff support for heritage assets Local Listing project (with Winchester City Council and IoW Council)
- £20k (£200k project) Health Education England paediatric fellowship partnership, five-year programme
- £20k from the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) for Greenprint framework project
- £600k Farming in Protected Landscapes, three-year programme.
- £300k (£100k/year) Higher Level Stewardship scheme, £2m/year programme
- £9k funding from the Big Give (volunteering), £2k towards New Forest Code printing, £2k towards a visitor film, £2k animal accident print materials from the New Forest Trust
- £220k (£850k scheme) Green & Blue Horizons from City to Forest, 18-month programme
- £120k National Grid access improvements
- £100k Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund project
- £40k Kickstart programme
- £20k New to Nature internship
- £750k Scottish and Southern Electric powerline undergrounding
- £2.5k from National Parks Partnership sponsor Clif Bar towards apprentice rangers.
- £1.2 million Climate Action Fund grant from The National Lottery Community Fund for Youth for Climate and Nature scheme (YouCAN)
- £36k Championing Coastal Coordination – Environment Agency funding working with landowners and the Countryside Education Trust
- £65k BMW ReCharge in Nature programme towards youth work and apprentice rangers (match funding towards YouCAN)

## Annex 2

### Upcoming applications

#### 1. The National Grid's Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI).

- 1.1 This is a 90% funded grant scheme delivering positive landscape change within protected landscapes, in England and Wales, that are negatively impacted by National Grid's transmission infrastructure. The maximum project budget has recently risen from £200,000 to £300,000 with a limit of £900,000 worth of project occurring concurrently for each protected landscape. The match funding of 10% can be provided via cash, materials, or in-kind contributions from volunteers.
- 1.2 We have a successful track record of applying and delivering LEI projects. In 2017 and 2018 we delivered projects at Warren's Copse and Landford Bog. We are currently delivering the third year of the Franchises Lodge project and the second year of the Landscape & Access project. These new applications will be our fifth, sixth and seventh projects.

#### 2 The Breamore Railway Line improvements (LEI).

- 2.1 This HCC partner-project focuses on public access and nature restoration and has three phases. Phase one is improvements to the mile of track between Burgate and Breamore. Phase two is improvements for the mile of track between Breamore and Charford. Phase three is to investigate the possibility of further improvements Northwards along the track which is beyond HCC landownership.
- 2.2 This LEI bid will support phases one and two where landownership is assured, and work can be successfully delivered. The £30,000 match-funding will come from Hampshire County Council via a mixture of NFDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) application and HCC's capital funds. This project will continue if the CIL application is unsuccessful. We can use the fund to recruit / employ staff to project manage the work.
- 2.3 This table shows an early draft of the phase one deliverables and estimated costs.

<b>Phase One Deliverables</b>	<b>Costs £</b>
Path surfacing and minor drainage works for one mile of path to give a 3m wide, non-metalled surface using as-dug local stone, rolled and with crossfall: £100/m	160,000
Major drainage improvements and tree works, where needed	30,000
Habitat improvements	10,000
Improved signage and interpretation (path network, history and wildlife), provision of benches using Ash felled on site	8,000
	<b>208,000</b>

2.4 Application for this project is scheduled for May.

### **3 New Forest Woods and Heaths (LEI)**

3.1 This Forestry England partner-project focuses on habitat restoration and enhancement at Dibden Bottom and Beaulieu Heath with access improvements in more robust areas such as Fawley Inclosure, Dibden Inclosure and Marchwood Inclosure to draw visitor pressure from these nearby fragile habitats.

3.2 Habitat improvements will include invasive species removal, tree thinning, and other actions present in Forestry England's current management. Access improvements will consist of track repairs, gate and stile replacements and the renewal of signage and interpretation.

3.3 The £30,000 match-funding will come from Forestry England's planned 2024-2026 expenditure on habitat improvement works supported by the NPA. We can use the fund to recruit / employ staff to project manage the work.

3.4 Application for this project is scheduled for May.

### **4 Franchises Lodge Nature Reserve and wider landscape (LEI).**

4.1 We are currently in the third year of a LEI funded project to deliver landscape enhancements with the RSPB in the Franchises Lodge Nature Reserve. This project has been successful in clearing invasive rhododendron from large areas of the reserve. However, there is a need to continue this work beyond the existing project and therefore we would like to develop a continuation project. We will also be considering wider landscape enhancements and other non-native plant removal work.

4.2 Application for this project is scheduled towards the end of 2024.

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