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Ward Action Plan Budget Proposal Form

Please read the Guide to the Community Plan Budget before you fill in this

Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.

If you are proposing to deliver the project yourself, please complete Section 2: Details as well. We can help you with this or do it for you – see who to contact in the Guide to the Community Plan Budget.

Continue or separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling electronically.

Section 1: Budget Proposal

1. Name of Ward **CASTLE.**
2. Title of proposal **ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENTS 2010**
3. Name of group or person making the proposal
FRIENDS OF QUEENS ROAD ALLOTMENTS.
4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money is spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear and detailed, because we need to know the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

To further increase safety on the site - a priority due to the increase of families with children using the site.

- 2) To further encourage bio diversity by the use of bird + bat boxes & wildflowers.
- 3) To enhance the work already being done by allotmenters to re-establish the ancient boundary hedgerow. This will be planting a border of wildflower plugs along the security fence / Southernhay Estate.
- 4) To enable us to hold an 'open day' to invite local residents to visit the site.

Please read attached sheet.

5. Which priority or priorities in the Ward Action Plan does your proposal support? (Add further rows or continue on a separate sheet if needed).

Priority number and priority description (taken from the Ward Action Plan)	
BPRF 2009/1	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

6. Have you provided any supporting information? Tick if yes ✓

£ 815.
~~£ 755.~~

7. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting?

8. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost	Estimate or actual cost?
SKIPS x 4.	£450	3 SKIPS @ £150 each inc V.A.T. QUOTE 1 SKIP - METAL only FREE. QUOTE.
P.L.I.	£ 65.	PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE. BLUEFIN - RECOMMENDED BY NSALG (National Society Allotments & Leisure Gardeners.) QUOTE.

BIRD + BAT BOX'S. £150	AS recommended by Paul Hougill. Allotments 4 All.
WILDFLOWER PLUGS. £150.	AS advised by City Council Conservation officer.
Total £755 £815.	

9. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in th from another organisation? If so, please give details

Not for this project.

Last year the allotmentees raised approx £6,000, which with £2,500 community grants from both Castle + Knighton Wards paid for 160 mtr security fence and gates.

This project will further enhance the work completed over the past few years to increase safety, encourage bio-diversity and enable us to allow local residents to visit the site for an 'open day'.

Please read attach

10. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	HEATHER CROSS
Your position in organisation or group	COMMITTEE MEMBER.
Name of organisation or group	FRIENDS OF QUEENS ED ALLIANCE
Address	
Phone nu	

Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group a group or organisation)

11. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

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Name of contact person	WENDY CARTER.
Your position in organisation or group	COMMITTEE MEMBER.
Name of organisation or group	FRIENDS OF QUEENS RD ALLOTMENTS.
Address	
Phone numb	

12. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Action Plan Budget* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	HEATHER CROSS.
Signature	H Cross.
Date	Feb 10 th 2010.

Please send this completed form back to:

Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council,
LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.

Fax No: 0116 229 8827

Although geographically placed in the Knighton ward Queens Rd allotments is the only allotment site in this wedge of the city with over 60% of the plots worked by residents of the Castle ward.

Last year with fun raising by the allotmentees and grants of £2,500 from both Castle and Knighton wards we raised enough money to increase the security of the site by erecting a 160 mtr fence between Southernhay Gardens Estate and the allotments, successfully reducing the crime and anti-social behaviour both on the allotments and the adjacent housing estate.

During the previous few years youths had gained access to the site by breaching the hedgerow that borders the allotments. With support and advice from the City Council's Conservation Officer we are currently re-planting the 100 year plus hedgerow with natural trees.

This application is to assist us with the following:-
During the past two years we have concentrated on clearing an additional 20 plots to meet the needs of our increasingly growing waiting list. This invariably means we have accumulated/uncovered a considerable amount of un-usable rubbish. Grant money will be used to hire four skips to enable us to dispose of these items.

In addition we plan to plant wildflower plugs along the length of the security fence and to purchase a collection of both bird and bat boxes to be fitted to the mature trees on the site.

It is our hope and intention to hold an open day in August during National Allotment Week, joining in with the City Council's allotment open day schemes, including publicity, and enabling local residents to visit our allotments.

To enable this to happen we shall need Public Liability Insurance and our Friends of Queens Road Allotments group funds are depleted having concentrated last year on raising the additional £6,000 we needed to complete the fencing and gates project.

Thank you for considering our application. If successful it will enable us to further enhance the work we have completed over the past few years, to increase safety, further encourage bio-diversity, and to enable us to allow local residents to visit our allotments, an opportunity previously denied them.

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