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**Neighbourhood Portion of
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath
GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Project title:	Weston Recreation Ground
Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood portion of CIL for Bath fund	£58,125

Section 1: Applicant details

Organisation:
Active Weston / More to Life
Locality or ward which will benefit from this project:
Weston / Newbridge

Section 2: Project Details

2.1 Please provide a clear description of your project proposal – including your outcomes and objectives (maximum 300 words)
<p>Active Weston applied for funding for a feasibility study for Weston Rec, but this did not fall within the CIL guidelines, and so was not presented.</p> <p>After further discussion, this current application is now within the guidelines, and is to fund the purchase and installation of equipment.</p> <p>Active Weston and B&NES Council are working together to review the potential for adding additional facilities to Weston Recreation Ground to encourage more sports and leisure activities for people of all ages and abilities in the Weston and Newbridge area. We have undertaken a local survey, which has received 394 responses. This has shown strong support for providing more sports and leisure facilities on Weston Rec. This is seen as a long-term project, to be</p>

developed in stages, with ongoing local consultation at each stage. The main stages as seen at the moment are...

Stage 1 Installation of basketball hoop and benches, with a playing surface, together with a park notice board (the current project)

Stage 2 Installation of a hard track for sports, leisure, and walking

Stage 3 Installation of further equipment based on the results of the initial survey and further consultations.

Reasons for supporting this project:

- Weston Recreation Ground is an area of open grassland in the middle of Weston Village that is used by dog walkers and for occasional sports. There is a children's playground in one corner, and four goal posts, but no other facilities.
- There is almost no organised sport in the village.
- There are many local young people who would benefit from having more opportunity to engage in sports and leisure activities.
- The local survey has shown wide support for adding more facilities.
- The most popular new sporting facility requested was basketball hoops.
- The most popular leisure facility requested was benches.
- The whole project aligns with one of the Council's priorities - of developing local sports and leisure facilities.
- This particularly aligns with the objectives of the Leisure Department, who are supportive of the development of Weston Rec
- The project will be led by a local group, Active Weston in conjunction with Parks and Green Spaces
- It should be noted that the implementation of this project will need to be led by Parks and Green Spaces department, and the required responsibilities will need to be agreed in conjunction with the granting of CIL funding.
- Once funding and implementation are agreed as feasible, there will then be further consultations with local young people about the exact design of the project.
- The facilities will be free to use, with ongoing maintenance costs included as part of this application.

2.2 Please tell us briefly about your organisation, for example is it a charity, residents' association, etc.

A Community Association based in Weston.

2.3 Have you or your organisation previously applied for funding from the Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath?

I have personally applied for funding for the restoration of the ball court at Weston Hub. The funding was granted, and this work has now been completed.

2.4 Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project? (Include a breakdown of how you plan to allocate the funding)

This is a new project.

The funding is exclusively to support the costs of the purchase and installation of the basketball hoop, benches, and playing surface, together with a park notice board.

The basketball hoop is incorporated within a popular standard MUGA-style fence that also includes a goal.

The equipment can all be installed by an outside supplier (see attached quotation), with the notice board installed by Parks and Green Spaces.

The start date will need to be set according to the capacity of Parks and Green Spaces.

2.5 Target Start Date:

October 2024

2.6 Target Completion Date:

March 2025

2.7 Please provide more detail on the proposed timeline for the delivery of key components of your project including any targets and how these will be evaluated. (You may wish to include a table with dates and outcomes for example).

Stage 1 Approval of funding, linked with Parks and Green Spaces management of the project.

Stage 2 Discussions with local young people on exact design

Stage 3 Selection of installation supplier

Stage 4 Detailed planning involving selected installation supplier.

Stage 5 Installation of new equipment and facilities

2.8 If planning permission is required for this project - has it been granted?

If Yes - please include the dates and reference numbers for these permissions.

No planning permission is required, as this is a permitted development on the owner's (B&NES Council) land.

2.9 Are there any planned changes which will have an effect on the premises or location where your project is to be located?

The changes that are taking place to the delivery of parks services needs to be considered.

2.10 Are there any planned changes in the circumstances of your organisation's operation or **financial position** that you are aware of which may prevent this project being completed?

No

Section 3: Funding Criteria

The project must address the specific impacts of new developments within the city or locality from which the funding has been generated.

This application must show that the project either:

- *Supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure.*
Or
- *Addresses other demands that development places on the area.*

3.1 How does the project address the specific impacts of new development(s)? (Maximum 300 words)

- Does it fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, and maintenance of infrastructure?
OR
- Does it address another demand that development places on the area?

(You may consider this on a ward basis, a locality basis, or a city-wide basis.)

This project is the next step in providing new infrastructure for the benefit of the local community. It refers to Weston Recreation Ground, which is owned by Bath and North East Somerset Council. There is a need for more local sports and leisure facilities in the Weston and Newbridge area, and this whole project aims to help fill that need as part of the future planning of the area.

- 3.2 How does the project benefit the area where development has taken place? (If your project has city-wide impact you will need to demonstrate how the broader community in the city will benefit.)

This project will mainly benefit individuals and families who live in the Weston and Newbridge area.

- Weston Recreation Ground is immediately behind the Royal United Hospital, where major developments have recently taken place. There are many RUH staff and their families who live in the Weston area, some of whom will benefit from the provision of more sports and leisure facilities.
- There are 4 schools in Weston and Newbridge, with large numbers of families living in the area. Children and young people will, especially benefit.
- In the past, the growth of sports and leisure facilities in this area has not kept pace with the growth in the population.
- There is support for the overall project from a wide range of ages and of needs.

- 3.3 Please provide evidence which shows how the community has been listened to and what support exists for your project?

The report provided shows the results of the local survey. The priorities for stage 1 (this application) are based on this report.

- 3.4 Have you consulted your ward councillor(s) about this project?

Weston Councillors have been informed.

Section 4: Funding Information

4.1 Total Cost of Project:	£58,125
4.2 Amount of funding sought from the Neighbourhood Portion of CIL fund:	£58,125

4.3 Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project, specifying how the funds will be allocated to different aspects of the project (including personnel, supplies, equipment, outreach etc).

Estimate from Dragon Sport (provided)	
Goal end, benches, installation, baseworks, surfacing, delivery, preliminaries	£31,000
Estimate for notice board (to be installed by Parks and Green Spaces)	£3,500
Allowance	£3,000
Total for materials and installation	£37,500
Project Officer time 10% (Parks and Green Spaces)	£3,750
10 years maintenance fee (2.5% per year)	£9,375
VAT (20% of materials and installation)	£7,500
TOTAL	£58,125

Please note that it is requested that funds be paid into the More to Life account. This is an associated group, run by the churches in Weston Village, with an account that is used for community purposes.

4.4 Can you provide evidence that your proposals will provide value for money (for example – have you obtained more than one quote for a service or item)?

Discussions have taken place with the parks department and other providers. This estimate provides the best value.

4.5 Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding? (Include sources, dates, funds agreed/expected and amounts):

No

4.6 Provide a breakdown of the efforts of volunteers in supporting this project. Please include number of

None

hours, types of volunteers, geographical reach, if known.	
4.7 Please specify any other additional funds which have already been agreed:	None
4.8 Please specify any funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:	None