

# Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bath Grant Application

## Project name:

Reducing the carbon footprint of The Mission Theatre and Burdall's Yard

## Organisation:

Next Stage Theatre Company

## Project location:

The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, Bath BA1 1UF and Burdall's Yard, 7a Anglo Terrace, Bath, BA1 5NH

## Locality or Ward which will benefit from this project:

Kingsmead and Walcot Wards

## Target start date:

1/1/2022

## Target completion date:

31/1/2022

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

No

## Description of project:

In March 2019 B&NES Council declared a climate emergency which, amongst other things, emphasises the need to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings. We have recently increased the insulation installed at The Mission Theatre but now need to upgrade our existing stock of lamps in order to help meet the Council's target of carbon neutrality by 2030.

We wish to equip The Mission Theatre with replacement LED lights and to equip Burdall's Yard with similar power saving lighting. This will radically reduce our utility bills, making us more sustainable both financially and in terms of our significantly reduced carbon footprint.

### Reasons for supporting this project:

The installation of LED lighting and associated equipment upgrades will add to the financial resilience of the organisation and reduce significantly our carbon footprint.

The use of tungsten lamps in the venues is costly not only in terms of operating costs but also in terms of CO2 emissions. Currently even the smallest lamps in our rig are the equivalent of a one bar electric fire. We currently have 63 such lamps. Replacing these with LED lights will dramatically decrease our carbon footprint and make the operation of both venues more sustainable both environmentally and financially.

### Is this a new project or does this project link into an existing project?

This links into the initiative to increase the sustainability of The Mission Theatre and of its partner venue, Burdall's Yard. Given that The Mission is fully fitted with high energy usage theatrical lighting, the major part of the spend will take place there. The renewal of the Mission Theatre's roof has been completed and increased insulation has been installed to reduce our heat loss. The upgrading of the lights to LEDs will make a considerable impact on our main usage of energy and hence reduce our carbon footprint.

Burdall's Yard, having a community as well as a theatrical use, will have fewer lighting requirements but these should be as low carbon as possible. In the case of Burdall's Yard we need to purchase the lights rather than upgrade as there are currently no lamps in the venue.

### Project milestones and targets:

Given that this is a capital equipment spend, the installation will be swift once funds are in place.

We have costed the installation of LED lights with competitive quotes from Enlightened Lightened and Stage Electrics. Both have indicated that they can provide and install what we need as soon as funding is in place. We therefore would be aiming to change our lighting system as soon as possible in 2022.

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

N/A

### How does the project address the specific impacts of the new developments from which the funding has been generated?

The Mission Theatre is a community spaces that provide theatrical and community facilities for a wide number of BANES residents. The range and scope of these activities is set to expand further as Burdall's Yard, its partner venue, launches its activities from January 2022. From these two central Bath locations we seek to serve the whole of BANES residents.

As a community resource we will be helping to strengthen the society into which all existing and new developments are placed, providing cultural and community assets of high quality but at affordable prices for all B&NES residents. In a society where B&NES is seeking to create a healthier, better connected and more sustainable place to live, what better an investment than in a company that has a proven track record not only in delivering arts/community activity in B&NES but also in terms of the provision of two high quality venues.

By seeking to reduce our carbon footprint we are aiming to address the issues of climate change which are so urgent.

How does the project provide links to the locality in the area where development has taken place?

The operation of both The Mission Theatre and Burdall's Yard is designed to serve the local community, either as audiences or as practitioners.

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

None

The project must show that it either supports the development of the relevant area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area:

Any development places demand on the social infrastructure of an area. The expansion of community facilities that has begun with Next Stage acquiring Burdall's Yard following the CAT of The Mission Theatre can only be augmented by continuing to enhance the financial and environmental sustainability of both of these venues.

Evidence in a recent report (2019) by the Mohn Westlake Foundation, identified that *'People who participate in the arts are more likely to be in good health, go on to further education, volunteer, and donate to charity.'* Next Stage has consistently contributed to the well-being of the B&NES community since 1994. The company wishes to continue to do so sustainably for many years to come.

Total cost of project:

£40,370

Amount of funding sought from Neighbourhood Portion of CIL Fund:

£40,370

Does this project benefit from any source of matched funding?

No

Additional Funds which have already been agreed:

N/A

Funds which have been applied for but are awaiting a decision:

N/A

Volunteering hours:

7,000 hours per annum and set to increase as Burdall's Yard begins to operate

Breakdown of the costs for the delivery of this project

Item	Amount