

Information about the Proposed Project/Spending

Title : Inclusive countryside access for all

What sum are you requesting?

£ (Max £5,000)
3953.10 inc. VAT

What is the total cost of the Project/Activity?

3953.10 inc. VAT

Further Financial details should be included in the following section.

Please describe the Project or Group for which you are requesting a grant. (include as much information as possible, including any financial information, business plans, etc – existing documents can be appended to this application form)

South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF have created a disability sub group with the Mid Lincolnshire LAF. The aim is to improve access to the countryside for the disabled. We have undertaken a number of successful projects which include:

- a) Obtaining funding to deliver an inclusive countryside access course.
- b) Auditing accessible countryside routes and obtaining funding for design and printing of the routes.
- c) Obtaining funding to deliver dementia friendly walk leader training in Lincolnshire.

We are now looking for further funding to help improve the lives of the people in Lincolnshire with disabilities and their carers. Following feedback from our completed projects, it is clear that we need to provide more choices and more walks from different locations. If this application is successful we will be able to achieve this. This project uses the projects displayed above to deliver a better Lincolnshire for people with disabilities and their carers as identified below.

Inclusive countryside access course.

This was previously delivered to a number of external organisations. The result of this is the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust has audited a route for inclusive access at their Rutland Water Nature Reserve. The Woodland Trust is also planning to carry out similar audits for routes in Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Rutland in the future. We now have had further interest from the RSPB in Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, Boston Woods Trust and the Forestry Commission in Lincolnshire. Providing these organisations with training should ensure more accessible countryside for all routes are developed and route literature provided in the countryside for all format. This is a one day course delivered by a professional trainer. The total cost of this course is £446.70 (see appendix A for details).

Auditing accessible countryside routes and obtaining funding for design and printing of the routes.

The route literature provides factual information to enable people with disabilities to make a judgement on whether the route is suitable for them. Current routes in Lincolnshire are displayed at <http://microsites.lincolnshire.gov.uk/countryside/visiting-the-countryside/countryside-for-all/> if you click on the location on the map you will see an example of a route. There are a further four routes being prepared which will be completed and printed March 2016. We require funding to produce route literature for a further four routes by the end of 2016. The total cost of four routes including VAT is £1574.40 (see appendix A for details).

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