



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC24/85

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
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Report Title:-	Town Lottery Grant Application
Wards Affected:-	All

**1. Purpose of Report**

To consider an application for Town Lottery Grant .

**2. Recommendations**

Member's views on the application are sought

**3. Information**

- 3.1. This Committee agreed in (date) to theme the awards for a Town Lottery grant in 24/5 as culture and discussions were opened with the Cultural Consortium about proposals they might have individually or collectively.
- 3.2. The Consortium have had several discussion in the intervening period on a set of proposals, developed initially by the Civic Society, around marking the work of William Knibb and others in the anti-slavery movement of the nineteenth century. Their concern was to ensure that any project maximised its reach to go beyond people naturally interested in the subject , to engage young people and people with a connection to the West Indies particularly. This meant that earlier proposals were dropped as they could not achieve that engagement. The Consortium have now endorsed the attached proposal, led by the Civic Society but involving Shine Arts, the library and other organisations.
- 3.3. The proposal is for a film to be made which can be used over an extended period of time to engage various audiences in various settings and also disseminated through social media (e.g. U-tube). It also stands alongside a William Knibb art exhibition planned for November which the consortium has helped fund and which features a new large scale painting eventually to be housed in the art gallery when it re-opens.

- 3.4. The bid document is attached as Appendix One and sets out the rationale for the proposal.

#### **4. Consultation and Engagement**

The proposal has been the product of extensive discussion and revision as a result of the KCC input and has engaged the Northamptonshire Black History Association as well as Shine Arts. The intention is to take the eventual product into schools and many other settings. The film format was inspired by and in some cases reproduces the style and format developed for the *Lost Mosaic* film that the Society produced last year.

#### **5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications**

- 5.1. The bid proposal is for £5000 of lottery money, to which the Civic Society will add £5000 and Shine Arts will add £500. The voluntary contributions amount to £24,500 in value and a further grant of £3000 is being sought from Northamptonshire Community Foundation.

- 5.2. There is £5013 in the lottery fund as at the end of March 2025

#### **6. Climate change implications**

None.

#### **7. Policy Implications**

The proposal fits with this year's priority of culture as the theme for grant making.

#### Background Papers

KCC meeting minutes September 2024, January 2024 and April 2025  
Correspondence and draft bids