

Committee	FINANCE COMMITTEE
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To note application for Community funding through the National Lottery

Following decisions taken at Council to repair the Empire Roof in the financial year 2021/22, and then to delay the decision on the exact start date for repairs until at least August 2021, the Clerk searched for possible sources of funding. She found that the Council was eligible for Community Funding through the National Lottery, and made an application for £25k, in the name of the Council. She has been contacted by a Funding Officer of the National Lottery whose role is to assist and to put the application in the best light.

Quite independently, the Empire Theatre Trust made an application to the same fund for a similar amount in order to fund a new heating and ventilation system at the theatre. When the funding officer realised that the 2 applications were for different projects in the same building, she suggested that HTC makes one application to cover both projects. After a meeting, this was agreed, and our application should go forward to be discussed before a panel within the next few months.

Recommendation: that HTC notes the report and awaits further developments.



Sarah Greateorex

Town Clerk