

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	26 January 2011
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
Decision Reference:	2454
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider three applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

2. Budget position

2.1. The balance available for allocation at 26 January 2011 is £54,995 after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

3. Criteria of grant

3.1. A copy of the criteria used for allocating grants is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Recommendation:

That grants totalling £10,000 be made to voluntary and community organisations as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D – Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

Application form received from organisations

Chief Executive's Department

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs, Children's Services, etc) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
 - District or Parish Councils
 - Government Institutions
 - Schools
 - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
 - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
 - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general only award grants to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY
HOG ORG NO:3452

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Kingston University's (Kingston-upon-Thames) "Reading Force" project aims to promote communication within and between service families and their communities by creating reading groups in the Aldershot area. Service families will share and discuss books, both as individuals and collectively.

Currently, there are 7 schools participating in this project and it is hoped that an accompanying writing day will be held in March 2011. The funding will pay towards the cost of an administrator, publicity materials, books, writing materials and stationary.

Total Expenditure:	£14,946
Total Income:	£ 8,000
Shortfall:	£ 6,946

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£6,946

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillors Kimber and Neal are the local members and are fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a voluntary organisation and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children Services: This project is targeting a key group and an application offering support to service families is welcomed. The proposal is well thought out and the project seems both achievable and sustainable particularly through the engagement of local schools. Should an award be granted a request would be made that Kingston University further explore printing options and approach local schools and libraries for reading materials and The Royal British Legion for funding.

Chief Executive: Although this organisation is based in Kingston Upon Thames, this application is supported on this occasion as residents in Aldershot will benefit from this project.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

BASHLEY (RYDAL) CRICKET CLUB, NEW MILTON
HOG ORG NO:3453

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Bashley (Rydal) Cricket Club, New Milton was formed in 1947 and encourages the playing of cricket through the provision of practise and playing facilities. Both senior, junior and colts teams are affiliated to various leagues and the Club is also involved in the national 'Chance to Shine' programme which is an initiative run by the Cricket Foundation to bring the benefits of cricket back to state schools.

Due to its pro-active approach and large number of junior players the club has outgrown itself and as a result the clubhouse requires refurbishment. Updating facilities will involve additional changing rooms, showers, a disabled toilet and replacement viewing balcony.

Total Expenditure:	£13,735	
Total Income:	£ 8,000	(Southern Premier League and own funds)
Shortfall:	£ 5,735	

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor T K Thornber, CBE is the local member.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Bashley (Rydal) Cricket Club is a voluntary and community organisation and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs: Both the Local Authority Sports Development Officer for the New Forest and the County Cricket Development Officer have made positive comments about this club. They are a focus club for the Hampshire Cricket Board with a large junior membership. I would be happy to see them considered for financial support.

Chief Executive: Requests for financial assistance for sports clubs are usually dealt with by the County Council's Culture, Community and Rural Affairs Department. In view of this, it is therefore recommended that this request be referred to the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

OFF THE RECORD, HAVANT
HOG ORG NO:1049

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Off The Record, Havant are a registered charity who provide volunteer led, free and confidential counselling services to young people aged 11-25 years from deprived communities within Havant and the surrounding areas. Their aim is to improve the mental health and well being of young people and to empower them with the skills necessary to make safe and healthy life-enhancing choices. Funding will support the running costs of the service including staff salaries.

Total Expenditure: £74,589
Total Income: £ 3,297
Shortfall: £71,292

This group have submitted an application to Children Services and other organisations amounting to the sum of £83,789.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£8,737

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Adult Services:	Children's Services:
£12,544 - 2003/04	£34,950 - 2009/10
£12,908 - 2004/05	£34,950 - 2010/11
£13,411 - 2005/06	£40,000 - 2011/12 (Decision - March 2011)
£26,789 - 2011/12 (Decision - February 2011)	

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillors Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Buckley are both supportive of this organisation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Off the Record, Havant is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children Services: This service is well regarded by this department and has been grant supported for many years. Given the level of funding already granted via the CSI, it is felt that this bid does not add sufficient additional value, and thus it cannot be supported at this time.

Director of Adult Services: An application for funding has been made to this department for 2011-12 and it is being recommended not to award grant aid as it is considered not to be a departmental priority.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil