

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	14 April 2011
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
Decision Reference:	2457
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider four 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 budget provision for 2011/12 is £261,002 after commitments made in previous years and sums already 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:	Yes
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.

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: £74,600

Total Income: £67,250 Child Serv £34,950; Havant BC £5,000; Trusts £27,300 (confirmed)

Shortfall: £ 7,350 Trusts £10,000 (unconfirmed)

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£7,350

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Adult Services: This department has contributed to this organisation up until 2005/06.

Children's Services awards a grant of £34,950 p.a., including 2011/12.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under Section 137 (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 by this Department, 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 was made to this Department for 2011/12 and it was recommended not to award grant aid as it was not considered to be a departmental priority.

Chief Executive: Grants from this budget are not usually awarded towards an organisation's running costs and this organisation has already received funding from the Children's Services department and therefore a contribution at this time is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil

**ROYAL ARMOURIES DEVELOPMENT TRUST, FORT NELSON, FAREHAM
HOG ORG NO:3630**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Royal Armouries Development Trust is an independent charity based in Leeds whose objective is to support activities relating to the national collection of arms and armour.

Visitor numbers at Fort Nelson have increased from 40,000 to 90,000. To maximise the potential and popularity of the Fort, a £3.5 million re-development programme is underway to provide the resources and additional scope necessary to attract new audiences, increase learning capacity and bring the history of the Fort to life. This project is to highlight and interpret the 'Waterloo Gun', one of the icons of the new 'Voice of the Guns' gallery at Fort Nelson.

Total Expenditure: £10,000
Total Income: £0
Shortfall: £10,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£10,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Allgood is the local member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under Section 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This initiative will enable Fort Nelson to enhance its collection and improve the conservation, interpretation and access to an important object that has a close association with Hampshire. This will enable local audiences (both school children and adults) to gain a better understanding of their history and for the site to develop its offer and become an even more significant visitor attraction, with greater benefits to the local economy. It is recommended that a grant be awarded.

Chief Executive: As a general rule, grants awarded from this budget do generally not exceed £5,000.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

ROYAL VICTORIA RAILWAY, NETLEY ABBEY
HOG ORG NO:3634

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Royal Victoria Railway in Netley Abbey is a small organisation which has been in operation since 1995 and whose aim is to provide a unique leisure activity for families and members of the public. This Railway is a feature of the Royal Victoria Country Park.

Funding will go towards a new station roof which will in turn provide one of the few sheltered areas within the Park.

Total Expenditure: £25,000
Total Income: £10,000 (own funds committed)
Shortfall: £15,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£15,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor House is the local member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The grant to this organisation will contribute towards the economic and environmental well-being of the residents of Hampshire and is in accordance with the aims and principals of the County Council's Sustainable Community Strategy. The County therefore has the power to make this grant under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This application meets the Corporate Priority 'Maximising Wellbeing', and also 'enhancing the quality of place'. It also represents a close and joint working relationship between the Railway and the Park, which is a County Council owned facility. The Railway is a small local business within the Country Park, working in harmony with the park management, and providing a service to the park users. It will also provide an appropriate memorial for a well-loved local Member.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

HOOK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION
HOG ORG NO:3175

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Hook Allotment Association, which is run by local residents, is currently in the process of turning their 5.4 acre site into approximately 140 allotments of varying sizes.

The Association currently has commitments from residents to rent all plots and funding will go towards the stage two set up costs. These will include the installation of fencing, water piping and the preparation of plots.

Total Expenditure: £17,530

Total Income: £13,030 (Hook Parish Council £10,000; Local Member £2,500; Own Funds £530)

Shortfall: £ 4,500

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£4,500

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

February 2011: Councillor Glen - £2,500 (towards this project)

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Glen is the local member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This organisation is a voluntary and community group and is therefore eligible for a grant under Section 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This application meets the corporate priority for maximising well-being. The allotments would improve community cohesion and wellbeing within the community and a need has been demonstrated. It is recommended that a grant be awarded.

Chief Executive: In view of the local nature of the scheme, the Association are encouraged to approach the local members for a contribution towards these costs.

RECOMMENDATION