

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	9 September 2010
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	1948
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider six applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.
- 1.2. This report also considers a further four requests received from individual branches of Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB's) whose details are shown in paragraph 2 of this report.

**2. Requests received from individual branches of Citizens Advice Bureaux**

- 2.1. Requests for grant aid have been received from four branches of Citizens Advice Bureaux, namely Tadley & District, Fareham, Basingstoke and Romsey & District. The table below gives further details of these requests:

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>
Tadley & District	IT equipment (Cost: £10,700)	£5,000
Fareham	IT equipment (Cost: £5,430)	£5,000
Basingstoke	Set up of Advice Line (Cost: £7,990)	£4,540
Romsey & District	IT equipment (Cost: £4,950)	£3,600

- 2.2. Citizens Advice, Hampshire (CitAH), the consortium, currently receives a grant of £112,655 from this budget, which is reviewed on an annual basis and is used to fund specialist support for advisers at each of its twenty-six bureaux. The grant enables them to provide advice at a complex and skilled level in Welfare Benefits and Employment and also training for staff and experienced advisers
- 2.3. In addition to the above annual payment, in June 2009 and June this year, CitAH also received a sum of £40,000 in each financial year to cope with the effects of

the recession. In 2005, the consortium also received a one-off sum of £50,000 to distribute to update branches' IT equipment.

2.4. The following comments have been received:

**Chief Executive:** The County Council's policy has been to award a global grant to the County organisation for it to then decide its priorities and distribute the monies to the district/branches accordingly (see Guideline no 4 in Appendix 1 of the report).

There are a total of 26 branches of CAB's in Hampshire and should grants be awarded on this occasion, this may lead to further requests being submitted from the other branches around the County.

### **3. Budget position**

3.1. The balance available for allocation at today's meeting is £161,693, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

### **4. Criteria of grant**

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

### **5. Legal Implications**

5.1. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 states that every local authority has the power to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of the whole or any part of a local authority's area. Where there are other powers which are more suitable for the grants being considered, these are shown on the individual requests (appendix 2).

### **6. Recommendations:**

- i. That no further contributions be made in respect of the requests received from individual branches of CAB's, given the funding already awarded by the County Council to Citizens Advice Hampshire.
- ii. That grants totalling £40,100 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.

**ALTON TENNIS CLUB****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Alton Tennis Club is seeking funds to build two additional tennis courts and a new clubhouse (on site of existing hut), which will provide essential sporting facilities including toilets with disabled access, washing/shower facilities and equipment storage. The land is leased from the Town Council and planning permission has yet to be granted.

Total cost of project: £135,000

Anticipated income: £109,000

Shortfall: £26,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Andrew Joy is fully supportive of this application and is considering making a contribution from his Member Budget.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under Section 19 of the Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976 to incur expenditure for the provision of premises, furniture or equipment for clubs or societies with social, recreational or athletic objects.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs:** This request supports corporate targets on supporting maximising well-being and LAA targets in increasing physical activity, reducing childhood obesity etc. It also supports the sports strategy objectives of increasing participation and providing high quality active environments. There is a great deal of evidence of partnership work and this application is fully supported.

**Chief Executive:** Planning permission has yet to be granted and should a grant be recommended then this should be subject to this permission being received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000 subject to condition

**ST THOMAS CHURCH, LYMINGTON**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

St Thomas's Church in Lymington is seeking grant aid towards making improvements to the building by installing toilets, lift and heating/lighting/sound systems. The work is due to start in February next year and be completed by September 2011.

Local schools, choral society and arts organisations currently use this facility for their activities.

Overall Cost: £454,500

Income: £401,500

Shortfall: £52,500

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Adrian Evans is supportive of this project and hopes to make a contribution from his member budget.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 to incur expenditure for the promotion, social or environmental wellbeing of the community.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Environment: St Thomas' Church is a Grade II listed building and is a landmark feature of Lymington High Street. The work proposed will improve access to this fine building and to the wider community.

Chief Executive: The applicant has advised that some of the works will be put on hold until funds permit.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**TRINITY, WINCHESTER**

**HOG ORG NO:**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Trinity, Winchester provides open access help to men, women and children who do not have a safe and stable home environment because of complex issues including homelessness, mental ill-health, addictions, domestic violence and social isolation.

A grant of £30,000 p.a. for three years is being sought from the County Council to help towards the cost of employing a Service Delivery Manager for the Drop-in Centres at Winchester and Basingstoke (2).

Total cost: £33,166 p.a.

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£30,000 p.a. for three years

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

21.9.05 - £50,000 in 2005/06 - relocation to Durngate premises

£50,000 in 2006/07 - as above

4.5.07 - £4,760 - equipment costs

18.7.07 - £50,000 - further donation for relocation costs

10.05.07 - £4,760 - purchase equipment

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Collin's comments are awaited.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under Section 65 of the Health Service and Public Health Act 1968 to provide assistance to promote welfare of people with disabilities.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Adult Services: This department is not in a position to support this application in 2010/11 but this could be considered, alongside all the other requests received, for the grant round in 2011/12.

Chief Executive: Grants from this budget are not usually awarded towards organisations' staffing costs and are usually one-off in nature.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£30,000 in 2010/11

**11TH LIGHT BRIGADE, ALDERSHOT**

**HOG ORG NO:**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The 11th Light Brigade in Aldershot is in the process of disbanding. Before this happens, they are hoping to place a memorial plaque in the Royal Garrison Church in the town to commemorate all those killed during the Brigade's deployment in Afghanistan. The Brigade are seeking a donation of £100 towards this.

Further details are awaited.

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Chief Executive

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£100

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Neal and Kimber are the local members

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 to incur expenditure for the promotion, social or environmental wellbeing of the community.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Chief Executive: This application is supported. This request is consistent with the County Council policies in Support of the Armed Forces and its close association with the locally based units and serving people who made up 11th Light Brigade, which was formed specifically for deployment to Afghanistan. The plaque celebrates the contributions and sacrifices made by the members of 11th Light Brigade.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£100