

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	9 June 2011
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	2458
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider two 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 9 June 2011 is £226,302 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 a grant of £2,100 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:	No
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 and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
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

HAMPSHIRE AND WIGHT TRUST FOR MARITIME ARCHAEOLOGY
HOG ORG NO:3710

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology (HWTMA) is a registered charity that aims to promote interest, research and knowledge of the maritime cultural resources in Hampshire. Its Community Exhibitions Programme will enable HWTMA to create flexible, interactive exhibits for engaging and educating residents and visitors throughout Hampshire.

Funding will go towards purchasing portable exhibition cases to display maritime archaeology artefacts safely and securely in addition to staff time to develop and manage exhibitions.

Total Expenditure: £6,417 Cost of Purchase: £2,097; Staff Time: £4,320
Total Income: £1,417
Shortfall: £5,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a county-wide organisation based in Southampton.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Community and Business Services: This project engages the Corporate Strategy: Enhancing our quality of place. A key distinctive aspect of Hampshire's heritage and identity is the coastal and maritime dimension. The project from HWTMA proposes to work with Hampshire Museums and other cultural providers to raise the public profile of the maritime archaeological discoveries that have taken place in the Solent over the last few years. It is recommended that a grant be awarded.

Chief Executive: It should be noted that grants from this budget are not usually awarded towards an organisation's staffing costs.

RECOMMENDATION

£2,100

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GOSPORT
HOG ORG NO:1475

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Holy Trinity Church, Gosport is a Grade II listed building and one of the towns most important publicly accessible buildings which is utilised by the wider community for a variety of purposes. Gosport Borough Council, Alcoholics Anonymous and several residents groups are among those who use the premises for their own activities. Its clock movement is a large and impressive piece of Victorian engineering made in 1890 by Gillet & Co of Croydon. Once restored the clock will have an almost indefinite life. The four skeleton dials on the tower will also be retored to their former splendour with gold-leaf applied to the numerals and hands to complete this restoration.

Total Expenditure: £15,336
 Total Income: £ 8,788
 Shortfall: £ 6,548

Total Income comprises of the following; Gosport Borough Council £4,700; Devolved Member Budgets £1,601; The Gosport Society £1,000; Own Funds Committed £1,477.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

£500 each - 2010/11 - Councillors Carter, Geddes, and Chegwyn
 £101 - 2010/11 - Councillor Peter Edgar

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Chegwyn is the local the Member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The County Council has the power under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Section 57 (1) to contribute to the preservation of a listed building.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: This clock is an important element in the historic fabric of one of Gosport's most prominent historic buildings. Its retoration will further enhance the quality of place of Trinity Green. It is recommended that a "one-off" grant of £5,000 be awarded to Holy Trinity Church in Gosport towards its clock restoration project.

Chief Executive: The Guidelines state that grants applications from churches would only be considered towards works in connection with the Disability Discrimination Act and therefore this request would not be eligible.

RECOMMENDATION