

Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

Organisation Details

Name of Organisation	Gosport Discovery Centre (DC)
Type of Organisation (Please tick or double click to check the appropriate box)	Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Company limited by guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> District/Borough Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish/Town Council <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/> School/College <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below): <input type="checkbox"/> HCC Library & Information Service
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Funding Details

Which HAT are you requesting funding from	Gosport HAT
Amount of Funding Requested (Please state if all or part of the funding will be spent on staffing costs)	£7067
Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other organisations)	N/A

Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/ Project	Making a Difference in Gosport – Business, Health & Literacy.
Summary of Bid/ Project	<p>Gosport Discovery Centre (DC) and Hampshire Library & Information Service (HLIS) is keen to support Hampshire County Council (HCC) Members in the delivery of their HAT agenda. To this end and after a brief discussion with the Assistant Director for Libraries & Information, Nicola Horsey and Gosport DC colleagues, the Gosport DC Manager attended a HAT meeting to brief HAT Members on areas that Gosport DC could deliver a HAT project/s on – incorporating the HAT priorities/terms of reference. The Gosport DC Manager was then asked to deliver a HAT project bid covering 3 key areas - business, health and literacy; these will also align with the HLIS and Gosport DC's own Operational Plan objectives for 2011.</p> <p>This HAT project will be submitted/managed/monitored by the Gosport DC Manager, Angela Gill and the Library Outreach Development Manager, Sue Leach and will be delivered in part via an experienced Project Co-ordinator, Jackie Lewis, in partnership with other Culture Communities and Business Services (CCBS) & Gosport Borough Council colleagues. If the bid is successful, the project will start in Spring 2011 but primarily be delivered throughout the 2011 financial year. A summary report reviewing outcomes will be submitted to the HAT Members on completion of the project - as this HAT project and model of working may well be valuable for other area's HAT teams to consider or adapt at some point in the future.</p> <p>All 3 HAT projects will be actively promoted by the Gosport DC Manager throughout the year to the wider Gosport public - as she delivers Gosport DC talks/radio interviews and also updates internally both within HCC and Gosport Borough Council. Any workshops funded via the HAT project bid will be acknowledged as such in the forthcoming What's On brochures. This HAT project will also be discussed at the forthcoming Gosport Locality Working Workshops - as other local partners may well be able to link with and add value to, the project.</p> <p>Business in Gosport</p> <p>This will start in March with a 'Planning & Starting Your Own Business' 5 week course which will be offered at a subsidised rate of £10 instead of the usual £30 - to encourage maximum attendance. Initially this course will be promoted to the wider community via Gosport DC & its regular What's On brochures & posters, the Gosport local libraries and also via our local partners/contacts (such as Job Centre Plus, Gosport BC's Economic Prosperity department, Rowner Access Point, Nimrod Community</p>

Centre, CAB, Haven Centre, Fareport, Shaw Trust, Wheatsheaf Trust, Rowner & Bridgemary Community Development Network, Business Link, CAB...).

The attendees of this business start-up workshop/s and those individuals who are currently being supported by Gosport Borough Council's Economic Prosperity department, will also be consulted to ascertain what further support/workshops or drop-in sessions they would value from Gosport DC (which will complement/add value rather than compete with the business support currently offered by Gosport Borough Council). This feedback will then be investigated and actioned, some using the expertise of existing HLIS colleagues.

These business start-up opportunities will also be promoted at other forthcoming events including the Gosport Business Forum, Gosport's Employment & Skills Partnership and the HMS Sultan Show: it is anticipated that there may also be a Gosport Trade/Business Fair in the autumn. In terms of sustainability, a small but up to date collection of books targeted at those who wish to start their own business will be purchased, initially to enhance existing stock and to promote the online/books & resources available. This will also ensure that once completed, there is an element of this project that continues to support local business start-ups in the future. Fliers including a business resources list will be produced and added to the Gosport DC website & Face book pages. The fliers will also be located in the business section and a targeted stock promotion of Gosport DC's business resources will be established on the ground floor of the Discovery Centre.

Health in Gosport

This will consist of a series of events held at Gosport DC for children in Gosport schools and organised groups, spread over a week in the autumn that combines fun, advice and learning all connected to the health agenda. It is anticipated that some of the health related workshops/demonstrations will be delivered in partnership with Hampshire Learning and Museum Services colleagues at SEARCH. In terms of sustainability, a small collection of books promoting healthy living/eating/children's cookery will be purchased to support the healthy living agenda in Gosport. Other resources will also be promoted and will link with a Saturday drop-in event for families. During this week Gosport DC activities/talks will be focused on the health agenda and a themed book display will be established on the ground floor of the Discovery Centre.

	<p>The local contacts for this project will include preschool groups, Children’s Centres & schools and group visits will also be arranged during the identified week. Professional colleagues will be contacted – such as Gosport’s Oral Health workers, Health Visitors (including via Baby Rhymetimes) and colleagues at Gosport Borough Council who currently lead on the health agenda – to ensure Gosport DC complements and adds value, rather than competes with what is currently being delivered. A themed booklist will be produced/distributed.</p> <p>Literacy in Gosport</p> <p>This literacy project will primarily focus upon primary and infant school children in the Town ward and adjoining wards in Gosport. It will be targeting all new Year R children in this area (i.e. those due to start school in September 2011). It is of critical importance to promote early literacy skills as this will lead to confident, aspirational individuals who are more able to cope with the social, educational and employment challenges they may face in their adult life.</p> <p>Each year Gosport Discovery Centre staff work in partnership with community volunteers to deliver a national Summer Reading Challenge. This reading challenge encourages children to continue their reading progress through the six weeks of the holidays, and also encourages them to enjoy the facilities, activities and learning opportunities available to them from Gosport Discovery Centre for years to come - which they may otherwise be completely unaware of. It is anticipated that related workshops will be delivered in partnership with Hampshire Learning and SEARCH colleagues. In terms of sustainability, a small collection of new children’s books will be purchased to support the annual booklist , ‘Ready for School’ that lists recommended books to share with Year R children. A targeted stock promotion of Gosport DC’s new children’s books will be displayed on the ground floor of the Gosport Discovery Centre. These resources will all be available after the end of the project.</p>
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<p>How does the Bid meet the HATs Term of Reference?</p> <p>1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area</p> <p>2) To support the delivery of Hampshire’s improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement*</p> <p>3) To support local highways and</p>	<p>All 3 HAT project areas fulfil the HAT criteria of tackling economic, social and health inequalities in the Gosport area.</p> <p>In addition they will contribute to the following HLIS and Gosport Discovery Centre objectives:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the use of library or Discovery Centre services, in particular by priority groups and in priority areas
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transport priorities**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To broaden the appeal by providing physical and virtual services that respond to the needs of the local community • To increase access to books, information and learning, providing more opportunities for local people to develop their skills as well as reading for pleasure • To strengthen and develop effective partnership working within CCRA, HCC and with strategic external partners in order to develop new services, share resources and increase opportunities for participation by local people • To involve local people in shaping and delivering our services to meet or exceed their expectations • To use our resources in the most efficient and effective way and to maximise the use of external resources to ensure long-term financial sustainability
Timescale (What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)	Commencement Date: Spring 2011 Completion Date: Spring 2012
Intended Outcomes (How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)	<p>Business in Gosport</p> <p>As a result of this HAT project local Gosport residents who are either redundant, unemployed or simply wanting to start up on their own, will have been able to attend targeted workshops, borrow a range of up to date/relevant book stock and be more aware of the range of what support & resources (both hard copy and online) are available to them - both within Gosport DC but also via our partners such as Gosport BC's Economic Prosperity department. If demand for Business Start-up workshops exists beyond the life of the HAT project, they will continue to be offered at Gosport DC if possible within existing resource limitations. Any successful new/small business that starts up in the Gosport area will make a direct and positive contribution to the local economy.</p> <p>Health in Gosport</p> <p>As a result of this HAT project, children, carers and parents will be more aware of and able to borrow, the targeted books & resources that will be created. They will also have had the opportunity to attend a range of learning & fun activities which it is anticipated will influence the choices they make in the future in terms of their own health and the health of their immediate families. If the demand for health related workshops/talks remains beyond the life of the HAT project, they will continue to be offered at Gosport DC if at all possible, within existing resource limitations. Any individual who makes a life style change as a result of what they learn via this HAT project at Gosport DC will lead a healthier and hopefully longer life.</p>

	<p>Literacy in Gosport</p> <p>It is anticipated that the initial links made with these children will be followed up with a related workshop and/or activity to ensure progression beyond the life of this HAT project. The targets of this project include at least 70% of the children involved to become a member of Gosport DC, with at least 60% of them joining the 2011 Gosport DC Summer Reading Challenge or a similar local reading scheme such as the 'Newtown Nine'. At least one event or workshop will be delivered in the autumn term where the families of the local children will be invited to Gosport DC for light refreshments and to see the presentation of the children's certificates. Gosport HAT Members will also be invited to this presentation and a HAT Member will be welcome to say a few words if they wish to do so.</p> <p>The generic HAT project outcomes will include the increased enjoyment of books and learning activities, improved literacy skills, developing a stronger partnership between Gosport DC and local schools in an area of identified deprivation, which will be continued beyond the life of this project. The new books will also be available for future children to read and enjoy.</p>
<p>Future Funding Arrangements (If the project is to last more than a year how will it be funded in subsequent years? How will any outcomes achieved by the project be sustained in the longer term? If it is a capital scheme how will the equipment be maintained?)</p>	<p>Although some project co-ordination costs have to be incorporated within the £7067 project bid due to capacity issues, HLIS will also be supporting the HAT bid by funding its project management and using in-house expertise to deliver some of the more specialist elements of the bid such as business resources workshops, ordering and preparing the new books, creating book lists & posters and the Library Outreach Team support to promote the key elements of this project.</p> <p>Discovery Centre Assistants will also be given the opportunity to contribute towards the delivery of the HAT project. If approved, the Project Managers and Project Co-ordinator will then identify the detailed workshop/material costs. The project outcome will be delivered to budget and once the workshop and material costs have been agreed, these will be monitored throughout. As the projects require partner liaison and will be partly demand/customer led, a flexible rather than prescriptive approach to delivery will need to be adopted. Thank you.</p>

* Further information on the LAA can be found at the following website - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement.htm>

** Any approved bids for highways/transport projects will require liaison with the Executive Member for Environment.

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and that any funding received from Hampshire County Council will be used for the purposes described in this form. The Council reserves the right to reclaim any funding not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this bid/project (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time).

Signed

Angela K Gill

Date

21/1/11

Position in organisation

Gosport DC Manager

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