

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	8 July 2011
Title:	Partnership Funding for Voluntary Bodies and other Organisations – Sport & Physical Recreation
Reference:	3055
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report considers 1 application for financial assistance for 2011/12 from a voluntary organisation working in the field of sport and physical recreation. It recommends the distribution of £26,680.
- 1.2. This organisation is seeking financial support as a key partner delivering activities in support of the Sport Hampshire & IOW Strategy and the corporate priority, maximising wellbeing.

2. Application considered in this Report:

- 2.1. 2011/12 budget – from a remaining budget of £50,775
 - a) Solent Sea Rescue - £26,680

Total £26,680

3. Background / Contextual Information:

- 3.1. Voluntary bodies and other organisations are invited to apply for annual partnership funding to assist them with their essential running costs. These organisations are key partners who help deliver sports development projects and activities in support of the Sports Hampshire & IOW Partnership Strategy and the corporate priority, maximising wellbeing.
- 3.2. In addition to this application, Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO) has applied for and received a grant of £5,700 from Economy, Transport and Environment. It has also applied for a grant of £10 000 from Policy and Resources to help maintain balances that will allow the organisation:

- i) to have enough reserves to purchase its annual insurance should grant funding be cut or stopped (in this way they will have one year to plan changes to their operation).
- li) to have emergency reserves to assist sea rescue units that incur a major problem with equipment to buy a replacement quickly in order to maintain the service to water users during the high season.

4. Budget Position:

- 4.1. The base budget for 2011/12 was £146,700 which included a reduction of 8% on the previous year.
- 4.2. The remaining budget for 2011/12 is £50,775.
- 4.2 Should this application be approved, the remaining budget of £24,095 will be distributed later in the year.

5. Criteria of Grant:

- 5.1. Strategic fit with corporate priorities.
 - i) Strategic fit with sports strategy
 - ii) Value for money as measured by the level of partnership funding against other contributions.
 - iii) Geographic and breadth of community coverage
 - iv) The project listed in Appendix 2 fully meets the criteria and has been allocated a proposed level of partnership funding in line with the criteria.

6. Other Considerations:

- 6.1 Legal Implications
The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of grant or loan towards expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.
- 6.2 Race and equality impact has been considered in the assessment of this application and no adverse impact has been identified.

7. Recommendations:

- 7.1 That partnership funding totalling £26,680 be distributed from the Partnership funding for Voluntary Bodies and other Organisations – Sport and Recreation 2011/12 budget. The remaining £24,095 will be distributed later in the year.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Improvement 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.)

Document

Location

None

<u>Solent Sea Rescue</u>	NO	MAYBE	YES
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<u>Strategic Fit with Corporate Priorities</u>			
Hampshire safer and more secure for all This is our overarching priority and is about developing and supporting stronger, safer communities for all by protecting vulnerable people, maximizing safety in the places we live, helping young people to live positive lives and helping diverse communities to feel secure.			✓
Maximizing wellbeing This priority is about maintaining and improving quality of life and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to support themselves, be active in their community and have access to the services they need, whilst knowing that should things go wrong, we are there to support them.			✓
Enhancing our quality of place This priority is all about making the county a good place to be by protecting local distinctiveness and diversity, ensuring excellent facilities, respecting Hampshire's heritage and planning proactively for the future.			✓
<u>Strategic Fit with Sports Strategy</u>			
Participation To inspire and sustain greater participation in physical activity and sport enabling all to fulfil their potential		✓	
Workforce Development Support activity at all levels through the development of a quality workforce, coaches, instructors, leaders, volunteers, officials & administrators			✓
Environment To strategically plan and provide a range of high quality, active, environment and appropriate facilities supporting introductory activities, participation and performance sport		✓	
Marketing To implement a strategic and coordinated approach to marketing and communications, enabling information to be communicated more effectively		✓	
<u>Value for money</u>			
New Forest District Council £4,469 Southampton City Council £10,576 Eastleigh Borough Council £3,083 Fareham Borough Council £2,810 Gosport Borough Council £ 2,010 Portsmouth City Council £9,830 Isle of Wight Council £7,145			✓
<u>Countywide Coverage</u>			
<u>Groups</u>			
Young People			✓
Adults			✓
Priority Groups			✓

2010/11 Allocation	Organisation	2011/12 Application	2011/12 Proposed Allocation	Comments
£29,000	Solent Sea Rescue	£29,000	£26,680	<p>Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO) provides financial, training and administrative support to eight beach and sea rescue units around the Solent. All the units are declared to HM Coastguard. The county council is one of eight local authorities contributing to SSRO whose combined support ensures that the nine beach and sea rescue units receive grants totalling around £14,000 together with group insurance cover.</p> <p>This project supports the corporate priority of Hampshire safer and more secure for all.</p> <p>Cllr Edgar, the County Council's representative on this organisation, has been consulted.</p>