

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	27 October 2011
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	3320
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. Grant request from Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust

2.1. Following the last meeting, a request was received from Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust (WEHCT) for an event held on 18 October 2011 at Winchester Cathedral to mark the 275th anniversary of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital (RHCH).

2.2. The expected number of visitors/participants was to be 500. The Service was conducted by the Bishop of Basingstoke and included a specially arranged choral work performed by school children from the local area.

2.3. The Trust requested a grant of £200 from the County Council to pay for the printing of the Order of Service.

2.4. In view of the timing and historic significance of the event and the involvement of local school children, the Chief Executive authorised a grant of £200 to the WEHCT towards the above printing costs.

3. Budget position

3.1. The balance available for allocation at 27 October 2011 is £179,177 after grants approved at the last decision day (including the grant detailed in paragraph 2 above), 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. Recommendations:

- i. That the £200 grant awarded by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, to the Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare Trust for its event at Winchester Cathedral be noted.
- ii. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves grants of £11,000 to those voluntary organisations and other bodies 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:

- iii. The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

II. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- i. 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 Business Services, 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

BE YOUR BEST FOUNDATION**HOG ORG NO: 1438****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Be Your Best Foundation encourages young people to take an active role in building safe and healthy communities by delivering the annual Rock Challenge, a fun music competition run through schools. The funding will go towards the delivery of Rock Challenge 2012.

Total Expenditure: £146,500 (includes: Venue hire (Portsmouth and Siuythampton Guildhalls) £75,000, Production staff £26,000, Technical hire £35,000, Prizes £5,000, Insurance £1,500)

Total Income: £130,000*

Shortfall: £16,500

* Includes: Portsmouth City Council (£2,500), Southampton City Council (£5,000), tickets sales (£75,000), Hampshire Police Authority (£25,000) and Hampshire County Council's Children's Services (£5,000)

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

2007 – 2011 - £5,000

Since 2009 this organisation has received grants totalling £47,500 from Children's Services department.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a Countywide organisation and therefore, there is no local Member.

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 Children's Services: Children's Services fully support and value this project which is extremely successful, with excellent evidence of outcomes.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

**HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE
HOG ORG NO: 3794**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance aims are the relief of sickness and the protection of human life by the provision of and support for an air ambulance service for the benefit of the population of the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The funding will go towards 10 new flying helmets for the ambulance crew.

Total Expenditure: £12,000

Total Income: £6,000 (own funds)

Shortfall: £6,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£6,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a Countywide organisation and therefore, there is no local Member.

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 Adult Services: Although this application would not meet the Adult Social Care objectives of this department, it is recognised that the provision of air ambulance services are vital aspects of clinical and health services. A grant is therefore recommended.

Chief Executive: Grants from this budget are usually set at a maximum of £5,000.

RECOMMENDATION

£6,000