

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	8 December 2011
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	3321
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider four 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 8 December 2011 is £168,177 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. Recommendations:

That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves grants of £14,110 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:

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 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

SOLENT SKY, SOUTHAMPTON

HOG ORG NO:

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Solent Sky is a registered charity which works towards the conservation, display and interpretation of the aviation history of the city of Southampton and the County of Hampshire.

The funding will go towards an exhibition to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Great Britain claiming victory in the Schneider Trophy Contest, being held at Calshot Activity Centre.

Total Expenditure: £70,000 (includes exhibition structure, repair and conservation work, professional fees, education packs, film-making and editing, and publicity)

Total Income: £50,000 (from Heritage Lottery Fund)

Shortfall: £20,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

Up to 2010, Solent Sky received an annual sum of £15,000 per year from the County Councils's Culture, Communities and Business Services Department.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This organisation is based in Southampton 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 Culture, Communities and Business Services: This is a good exhibition and proving popular at Calshot. There is good external matched funding and we fully support this application.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION TRUST, BEAULIEU

HOG ORG NO:

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Countryside Education Trust is a charity aiming to educate and reconnect people, in particular children, with the environment and countryside, using the resources of the New Forest and the Beaulieu Estate to do so. Funding is sought to purchase a new tractor as the existing one is beyond repair.

Total Expenditure: £7,000

Total Income: £2,000 (from own funds)

Shortfall: £5,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

This budget:

2007-2009 - £10,000 for Tree House Study Centre

- £5,000 replacement barn.

Culture, Communities and Business Services grants budget:

£43,000 p.a. revenue funding

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The local Member is Councillor Thornber.

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, Communities and Business Services: It is noted that the income for this project is low and therefore a grant of £2,500 is recommended.

Chief Executive: Schoolchildren from all over Hampshire visit this centre and a grant of £5,000 may be appropriate on this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION

THE SOLENT ADVANCED MOTORCYCLISTS, WINCHESTER

HOG ORG NO:

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Solent Advanced Motorcyclists (SAM) provides training and preparation for motorcyclists to undertake the Advanced Riding Test of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) This leads to increased safety on the road and higher skilled motorcyclists. The funding will be used to purchase a new Mobile Display Unity (MDU) to promote the work of the SAM and encourage motorcyclists to undertake additional training.

Total Expenditure: £10,000

Total Income: £8,235 (own fundraising)

Shortfall: £1,765

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£1,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This organisation is based in Winchester, however the initiative will benefit residents countywide.

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 Economy, Transport and Environment: This application links to the 3 Corporate Priorities. The work being carried out by SAM supports the delivery of the Road Safety Education Programme by encouraging motorcyclists to take advanced training. Motorcyclists are a priority target group in our casualty reduction programme.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,000

UNIVERSITY OF READING, READING
HOG ORG NO:

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The University is committed to higher education: teaching, research, enterprising and community engagement. A major part of the Silchester Town Life project is an archaeological excavation which takes place each summer in July and August.

The funding will be used to engage the public by providing elevated walkways (£4,040), staff costs (£3,200), hire of toilets (£1,150), visitors cabin (£650) and tour guide equipment (£1,110)

Total Expenditure: £10,150

Total Income: £5,850 (from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council)

Shortfall: £4,300

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£3,110

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

This organisation was awarded an annual sum of £5,000 from Culture, Communities and Business Services until March 2011.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The local member, Councillor Chapman, fully supports this grant as it is important that we discover the secrets of this roman town, which is owned by the County Council. Public access to the dig, including schools, shows how we educate the visitors to an unique history of Silchester.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 would seem to be the best fit as this is a body providing a public service other than for gain.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This is a longstanding project which involves work on County Council land.

RECOMMENDATION

£3,110 "one-off" contribution for this year only