

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources		
Date of Decision:	9 March 2011		
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations		
Decision Reference:	2456		
Report From:	Chief Executive		
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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider one application 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 March 2011 is £40,985 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 totalling £2,500 be made to a voluntary and community organisation as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
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Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
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.)

Document

Location

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:-
 - 1 District or Parish Councils
 - 2 Government Institutions
 - 3 Schools
 - 4 Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
 - 5 Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
 - 6 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.
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

CAMBERLEY DISTRICT OPEN MIND ASSOCIATION
HOG ORG NO:1141

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Camberley District Open Mind Association is a registered charity which provides assistance through the provision of a day centre to people recovering from mental health illnesses within the districts of Hart and Rushmoor. This is a user-led organisation supporting people with mental health problems to regain control over their lives by enabling members to develop a social and support network. The members are encouraged to become involved in activities within their local community. Funding will support the running costs of the Open Mind Club day centre of which 55% of their members are Hampshire residents.

Total Expenditure:	£8,910 (to include the hire of premises, office stationary etc)
Total Income:	£3,416 (Surrey County Council £2,266)
Shortfall:	£5,494

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£2,500

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY

OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Adult Services:

£2,500 - 2010/11

£2,500 - 2009/10

£2,500 - 2008/09

£2,000 - 2007/08

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Collett is the local member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Camberley District Open Mind Association 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: This application meets the Corporate Priority 'Maximising Wellbeing' and would enable this department to meet the Care Quality Commission performance indicator Outcome 2 'Improved Quality of Life'. Continued grant funding from the Policy and Resources budget for 2011/12 would be supported.

Chief Executive: This request is for 2011/12. However, it should be noted that grants from this budget are not usually awarded towards an organisation's running costs.

RECOMMENDATION

£2,500