

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	21 July 2011
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	2459
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider five 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 21 July 2011 is £219,877 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:

4.1. That grants of £25,000 be made to voluntary and community organisations 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 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:-
 - 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

HART WILDLIFE RESCUE
HOG ORG NO:2560

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

HART Wildlife Rescue is a registered charity which runs a wildlife hospital in the north east of the County providing a rescue, treatment and rehabilitation service for wildlife throughout Hampshire. It also provides advice to vets, the RSPCA and members of the public from all over the county.

Funding will go towards purpose built aviaries and outbuildings and constructing a pond.

Total Expenditure: £30,000
Total Income: £25,000 (Trusts & Foundations £20,000; Own Funds £5,000)
Shortfall: £ 5,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee is the local member and is fully supportive of this application.

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, Community and Business Services: The natural environment and heritage of rural Hampshire is conserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of residents and visitors, this includes the conservation of wildlife of Hampshire. The hospital helps to fulfil this objective. It is advantageous to the Countryside Service to have such a facility in Hampshire, so that the public may be referred there with injured animals and birds. It is recommended that a grant be awarded.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

THE RINGWOOD SOCIETY
HOG ORG NO:3714

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Ringwood Society is a community organisation which stimulates public interest for the care, history and character of the town. The Society encourages the preservation, improvement and development of features and general public amenities in and around the town of Ringwood.

Funding will go towards the provision of two large planters with trees as part of an environmental improvement scheme at Southampton Road in Ringwood.

Total Expenditure: £5,720
Total Income: £ 0
Shortfall: £5,720

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£10,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Rippon-Swaine is the local the Member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This organisation is a voluntary and community group and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport & Environment: I would support the application on the grounds that it enhances the visual amenity of a County Council funded scheme in this area. The proposed planters complement the measures that are being taken, which was originally hoped would be more extensive.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

ST MARYS CHURCH, STRATFIELD SAYE
HOG ORG NO:3713

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

St Mary's Church, Stratfield Saye is a Grade I listed building dating from 1758 and one of the community's most important historical buildings which is utilised by the wider community for a variety of purposes. The Royal British Legion, North Hampshire Youth Orchestra and Yateley Boys Choir are among those who use the Church premises for their own activities. The exterior of the church is in need of renovation and preservation work will include re-pointing the brickwork and repainting to restore it to its original state.

Total Expenditure: £31,000
Total Income: £18,780 (Basingstoke & Deane BC £10,000; own funds £8,780)
Shortfall: £12,220

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Chapman is the local the Member and is fully supportive of this application.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The County Council has the power under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Section 57 (1) to contribute to the preservation of a listed building.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: St Mary's Church is a particularly fine 18th century Grade I listed building of distinctive design with an octagonal central tower and copper domed roof. It is a prominent local feature and the repairs proposed would enhance the quality of place. It is recommended that a grant be awarded.

Chief Executive: Grants from this budget are usually only awarded to churches where its building is used by other local community organisations rather than just for church-related activities and that it relates to works in connection to the Disability Discrimination Act.

RECOMMENDATION

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL, ST MARY'S CHURCH, ALVERSTOKE
HOG ORG NO:2648

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Mary's Church, Alverstoke is a registered charity responsible for the care and maintenance of the Church fabric and its contents. Its premises are utilised by the wider community such as school groups, concert groups and choirs. The Church is currently fundraising towards renovating the building and a grant is being sought towards a disabled toilet.

Total Expenditure: £ 106,760 (disabled toilet £18,000)

Total Income: £ 78,310*

Shortfall: £ 28,450

* (incl Gosport BC £1,000; Devolved Budgets £2,000; Foundations: £20,000; own funds £50,310)

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000 towards the disabled toilet

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

Devolved Member Budgets:

Councillor Carter - £1,000 in 09/10 and £500 in 10/11

Councillor Edgar - £1,000 in 09/10 and £500 in 10/11

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Edgar is the local member and is fully supportive of this application

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: St Mary's Church is a Grade II listed building, designed by the eminent Victorian architect Henry Woodyear. It is a prominent focal point in the Alverstoke Conservation Area. Provision of disabled toilets will make the building more accessible. The proposals will maximise well being and enhance the quality of place.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

SOLENT SEA RESCUE ORGANISATION
HOG ORG NO:1253

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO) was established in 1977 to preserve and assist in the preservation of life and prevention of injury at sea, on the foreshore of the Solent and on other coastlines in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Funding will go towards their insurance costs (£50,000 p.a.) and contributions towards each of the 9 units (£14,000).

Total Expenditure: £65,150

Total Income: £75,543 *

Surplus: £10,393

*includes Southampton CC £10,576; IoW CC £7,145; Eastleigh BC £3,083; New Forest DC £4,469; Fareham BC £2,810; Portsmouth CC £9,830; Gosport BC £2,010

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£10,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER MEMBERS

Culture, Communities and Business Services: £26,680 2011/12

Economy, Transport and Environment: £5,700 2011/12

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

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

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, Community and Business Services: The service supports residents who enjoy water based sports and activities, thereby supporting the corporate priority of maximising wellbeing and the sports strategy's vision for people to be more active, more often. A grant of £10,000 from Policy and Resources to help maintain balances would allow the organisation:

- 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)
- to have emergency reserves to assist sea rescue units that incur a major problem with equipment during the high season.

Chief Executive: A one-off grant would allow the organisation to maintain some reserves to pay its insurance costs and it is recommended that this grant be combined with Culture, Communities and Business Services monies for 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATION

A “one-off” grant of £10,000 in 2011/12 be awarded from the Policy and Resources Grants budget to Solent Sea Rescue Organisation to be combined with the contribution made from Culture, Communities and Business Services monies.