

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	28 th September 2011
Title:	Grants from Children's Services Integrated Grant 2011/12 (Round 2)
Reference:	3037
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services for grant recommendations over £5,000, totalling £144,679 to voluntary sector organisations within Hampshire as listed in Appendix 3. A further £102,362 will be awarded in sums of £5,000 and under within officer delegated powers (listed for information in Appendix 4), bringing the total grants awarded to the voluntary sector in round two of the Children's Services grants programme to £247,041.
- 1.2. The report provides information about the work of the organisations who applied to the second round of the Children's Services Integrated Grant 2011/12 funding programme.
- 1.3. Grants to organisations listed in this report will enable them to continue with their services and undertake projects which contribute towards the first two priorities of Hampshire County Council (Making Hampshire safer and secure for all, Maximising well-being), and all work towards the outcomes of the Hampshire Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) and towards all five outcomes of Every Child Matters.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. The Children's Services Integrated grant budget is an amalgamation of previously separately administered grant funding streams. This is the third year now that the new integrated approach to grant and other funding has been employed to provide a more transparent, accessible and coherent approach across this area. The major proportion of the available funding is

initially scrutinised by the district based representatives from the Local Children's Partnerships.

- 2.2. Each local panel is allocated a virtual budget determined by using the formula drawn from the government's 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation, adjusted for population.
- 2.3. This allows for local accountability, enhances local gap analyses, and allows communities a direct route to be involved in the decision making process. The recommendations from these groups, and from key stakeholders, are then scrutinised by the county Multi-agency Panel, which includes representation from Children's Services, prior to their inclusion in this decision paper.
- 2.4. This year's funding was limited to services and projects already operating and delivering work, to aid sustainability and to strengthen existing provision.
- 2.3. Appendix 3 excludes projects which did not meet the CSI funding criteria as approved in the Executive Member report 2437 dated 9th March 2011 and detailed in the guidance notes on the grant website. Applications which have not been supported have been provided with individual, specific feedback explaining why they have not been successful in this round and to encourage future applications.

3. Budget position

3.1.

(a) CSI Total Grant Budget available 2011/12 £	(b) Total grants awarded in round one	(c) Total grants of £5,000 and under awarded £	(d) Total grants of over £5,000 proposed £	(e) Balance (a-b-c-d)
1,300,000	1,016,308	102,362	144,679	36,651

3.2. Proposals for the use of the remaining balance are being invited from the Scrutiny Panel and will be forwarded for consideration by the Executive Member in due course.

4. Criteria of grant

4.1. All applications must meet strict eligibility criteria which ensure that the funding is aligned with the Local Children's Partnership priorities, linked to Every Child Matters and the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2012 (CYPP). All applications use a common process and are supported where necessary by the Children's Services Procurement Unit (CSPU) officers. All project applications over £5,000 must be approved by the Executive Member.

5. Other considerations

- 5.1. It is proposed that the criteria for 2012/13 grants will be as detailed in Appendix 2 of this report, with the addition that applications for funding will also be invited for new and developmental work which meet the CYPP and Local Children's Partnership priorities. The funding will not be restricted to only supporting existing provision as has been the case this financial year.

6. Recommendation(s)

- 6.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the grant applications over £5,000, totalling £142,316 for organisations within Hampshire as listed in Appendix 2.
- 6.2 That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services approves the proposed criteria for Children's Services Integrated grant funding for 2012/13 as detailed in paragraph 5.1 and Appendix 2 of this report.

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):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: N/A	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> Grants from Children's Services Integrated Grant 2011/12	<u>Reference</u> 2437	<u>Date</u> 09/03/11
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> Every Child Matters Children Act Children's Plan		<u>Date</u> 2003 2004 2007

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1. N/A

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. The funding of projects directly impacting on more vulnerable groups of young people is expected to impact positively to reduce potential crime and disorder.

Criteria for these grants

- The Children's Services Integrated Grant process has been created to support projects delivered by the voluntary or not for profit sector.
- The services, projects or activities of the organisation are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of Hampshire County Council and the Children's Services Department as laid down in the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priorities for 2009/12, with a particular focus on the Local Children's Partnership priorities.
- The services, projects or activities benefit people living in the county of Hampshire.
- The proposal is presented in the standardised form required by the Children's Services Department.

To be eligible for support the organisation must:

- Benefit children, young people and their families and carers in the Hampshire County Council area.
- Demonstrate how their work meets the outcomes of the CYPP and LCP's and the priorities, aims and objectives of the Children's Services Department.
- Have in place appropriate insurances.
- Have policy statements and guidelines in place for Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Child Protection, and Quality Assurance (where applicable).
- Ensure all staff, both paid and voluntary, who have contact with children and young people have an up to date Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau clearance.
- Apply for funding from other sources such as trusts, district/borough councils, businesses or other sponsorship or contribute to the costs in kind.
- Comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements.

Details of grant applications

The table below shows a summary of round two CSI grants over £5,000 recommended for 2011/12.

Name of organisation	Project title	Recommendation for 2011/12 £
Basingstoke		
1. Speakeasy Advocacy	Advocacy for children, young people and families affected by autism	12,000
Eastleigh		
2. Pilands Wood Community Association	Pilands Wood Youth Club (UFEE)	12,224
Gosport		
3. Motiv 8 South Ltd	Motiv8 Gosport Youth Inclusion Programme (YIP)	12,000
New Forest		
4. Fairbridge Solent	Back on Track	15,000
Multiple District		
5. The Forest Bus Ltd	New Milton and Penny Hill after school groups	9,491
6. Relate North & East Hampshire and Borders	Relate Counselling for Young People & Families	6,000
7. Relate Portsmouth and District	Learn and Thrive- Helping Young People Achieve Potential	19,818
8. Moving on	Moving On	19,100
9. Fareham and Gosport Family Aid	Child Support Services for children and parents affected by domestic abuse.	14,268
10.KIDS	Explorers Nursery and early Years Service	12,500
11.Y Services	LGBT Gosport and Fareham	12,278
Totals		
	Grants recommended over £5,000	144,679
	Grants recommended under £5,000	102,362
	Total grants recommended	247,041

Details of grant applications

Basingstoke

1. Speakeasy Advocacy - Advocacy for children, young people and families affected by autism

The “Advocacy for children, young people and families affected by autism” project began in 2005. The project seeks to continue to employ a specialist advocate for three days per week for six months from October 2011 to March 2012. The currently employed advocate is a very skilled member of staff who is able to engage and work well with young people who have Aspergers syndrome. Funding will contribute to the costs of a specialist advocate for three days per week for six months.

A grant of £12,000 is recommended.

Eastleigh

2. Pilands Wood Community Association - Pilands Wood Youth Club

The project is a dedicated Youth Club offering a safe environment for young people. Recognised as an area of deprivation, the club in Eastleigh offers a way for young people to improve their life chances by organising and taking part in fun and enjoyable activities. Funding is sought to allow for the employment of trained youth workers for this dedicated youth club. It will also pay for outreach and off-site activities as well as teaching the young people social and communication skills as they learn about mental and physical healthy living.

A grant of £12,224 is recommended.

Gosport

3. Motiv 8 South Ltd - Motiv8 Gosport Youth Inclusion Programme (YIP)

Motiv8 Gosport provides individual and group support for vulnerable young people aged 13-19 years. The programme offers young people the opportunity to take part in activity sessions, one-to-one mentoring and additional activities such as outdoor activities, community projects and residential. Forton YIP works with partners to identify a core group of fifty young people who receive targeted one-to-one support and small group work. Funding is recommended as a further six months contribution towards the total cost of delivering the programme as the organisation had been invited to apply in a second round of funding and evidence how the project meets local needs and priorities.

A grant of £12,000 is recommended.

New Forest

4. Fairbridge Solent - Back on Track

Fairbridge engages disadvantaged young people aged 13-25 and provides a combination of personal support and challenging activities to equip them with self-belief, motivation and skills. Through well developed programmes Fairbridge offer targeted programmes to vulnerable young people. This programme has seen significant results with young people, enabling young people to be more confident, motivated and enabling them to gain access to accredited learning opportunities. Funding will contribute towards the core costs of the programme including transport costs for the young people, insurances and staff costs.

A grant of £15,000 is recommended.

Multiple District

5. The Forest Bus Ltd - New Milton and Penny Hill after school groups

This project delivered by Forest Bus is to provide a service specifically for New Milton (New Forest) and Penny Hill (Hart) sites, both disadvantaged areas with a high proportion of children of Gypsy origin. Using the Forest Bus it delivers two after school sessions, one in each area per week, engaging those young people who are either excluded from school or on part-time timetables. The service engages with families and young people and aims to raise awareness of the value of education. Funding will contribute towards staffing and activity costs to deliver the sessions using the mobile unit.

A grant of £9,491 is recommended.

6. Relate North & East Hampshire and Borders - Relate Counselling for Young People & Families

This service targets vulnerable young people experiencing difficulties at home, including domestic abuse, substance abuse, and young carers' issues. Family Counselling Service is provided by Relate counsellors who have completed appropriate qualifications in Systemic Therapy. This is largely preventative work working with people to improve relationships and communication by providing 1 to 1 support in a safe and secure environment at the time of family conflict. The main focus of the work is relational and looks at communication problems between people but does not involve any diagnoses or assessments. Funding is sought to provide no cost counselling for young people aged 10-19 years and a bursary for families with children who are on low income or benefits.

A grant of £6,000 is recommended.

7. Relate Portsmouth and District - Learn and Thrive- Helping Young People Achieve Potential

This service provides an early intervention service for families, parents, carers and young people identified clusters across Havant, Fareham and Gosport. The service is offered through a referral process and delivers sessional counselling for those families and young people. Funding is sought to provide no cost counselling for young people and contribute a small proportion for staff training within schools to ensure young people are supported in the long term.

A grant of £19,818 is recommended

8. Moving On - Moving On Project

The project delivers free one to one counselling, advice and support guidance to young people aged 11-25 who reside across Fareham and Gosport. The service reaches targeted groups of vulnerable young people and is accessible through either self referral or through partner agencies and provides a service to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young people. This project was originally established by a charity and has been funded by Children's Services for the last twelve years, this application has been made by the charitable trust which now manages the service. Funding is sought to contribute towards core costs including staffing including professional supervision.

A grant of £19,100 is recommended.

9. Fareham & Gosport Family Aid - Child Support services for children of clients affected by domestic abuse

Funding is sought to sustain this well established project which mainly supports service users' children by identifying needs, supervising contact between the children and relatives, obtaining school places, establishing mother and toddler groups and after school clubs for the children, organising activities, supplying play materials, as well as liaising with local primary and secondary schools to present domestic abuse awareness to children and staff. Funding is recommended as a six months contribution towards the costs of providing staff involvement, associated travel expenses, training, telephone and play materials to give help, support and advice to children and their mothers. The organisation had previously received the first six months funding in the first round of funding and invited to reapply evidencing how they met local needs and priorities.

A grant of £14,268 is recommended.

10. KIDS - Kids Explorers Nursery and Early Years Service

This multiple district service supports predominantly the Gosport and Fareham areas enabling disabled children to play and learn in an inclusive setting. The service also supports siblings, gives parents the opportunity to engage with each other and promotes choice, creating a one stop shop for families with disabled children. Families also have access to Speech and Language Therapists, Community Paediatricians, visiting physiotherapists, occupational therapists and teacher advisors. Funding is recommended as a six months contribution towards towards the total cost of delivering the service. The organisation had previously received the first six months funding in the first round of funding and invited to reapply evidencing how they met local needs and priorities.

A grant of £12,500 is recommended.

11. Y Services for Young People - LGBT project

Y Services provide a targeted youth support service for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people through weekly specialist groups delivered across Fareham and Gosport. Funding is sought to contribute towards staffing costs to sustain the provision of LGBT work with vulnerable young people across the districts.

A grant of £12,278 is recommended.

For Information Grants under £5,000 approved

Organisation Name	Project Title	Amount Recommended
Basingstoke		
Daybreak FGC	Daybreak Dove FGC Programme	£5,000
Basingstoke Voluntary Services	Basingstoke Youth In Action (BYIA)	£3,000
Basingstoke Mencap	Basingstoke Mencap Youth Club	£2,638
Whitchurch Youth Project	Chill2This Junior Youth Club	£2,160
Buckskin and Worting Community Association	The Jam Youth Club	£2,000
Basingstoke Voluntary Services	MAD Fridays	£2,000
East Hants		
Crossover- Liss Youth Centre Ltd	Core running costs	£5,000
Headley Down Comm. Ass.	Woodlands Children	£500
Eastleigh		
Eastleigh Mela	Eastleigh Mela	£3,000
Fareham		
Titchfield Community Association	'Oasis' Youth Centre at Titchfield Community Association	£4,000
Gosport		
Groundwork Solent	Mix-Up Seafield	£4,000
Naval Personal & Family Service	Armed Forces Families Fun Day	£1,400
Hart		
Hart Voluntary Action	Rushmoor & Hart Young Carers	£4,181
Havant		
Guinness Hermitage	Streetsport	£5,000
Off the Record	Havant Young Carers Project	£5,000
New Forest		
Families Matter at Hythe URC (FM)	Family Work	£5,000
Youth of Burley	Youth of Burley	£3,334
Rushmoor		
Rushmoor Healthy Living (RHL)	Fit4Life	£5,000
The Source Young Peoples Charity	The Source Young Peoples Café and Anger Management	£5,000
The Gaming Zone	The Gaming Zone	£3,307
Test Valley		
Testway Housing Ltd.	Testway 7s	£3,533
Romsey Family Support Group	Romsey Family Support Group	£2,652
Winchester		
Winchester Youth Counselling	Counselling project for young people aged 11-19	£5,000
Wickham Youth Club	Securing the future existence of Wickham Youth Club	£1,500

Multiple district projects		
Rushmoor & Hart		
Step by Step Partnership Ltd	First Steps Programme - Sex, Relationships Education (SRE) Element	£5,000
Parents Action Group (PAG)	MADD Club (Music, Arts, Dance, Drama)	£4,190
Parkside (Aldershot & District Mencap)	Our Space	£3,367
County wide projects		
The Hampton Trust	ADAPT (ADAPT Domestic Abuse Prevention Training)	£5,000
The Children's Society	Put Yourself in my Shoes	£600
Adjustment to reflect round one grants under £5,000 total		£1,000
		£102,362