

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	8 March 2012
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	3236
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider six 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 March 2012 is £108,205 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 £18,544 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

**HAWLEY SCOUT GROUP, BLACKWATER
HOG ORG NO: 2322**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The funding will be used to convert two small existing toilet cubicles into one communal toilet facility that has disabled access and amenities.

Total Expenditure: £7,390

Total Income: £2,699 (£2,599 own funds, £100 from local donation)

Shortfall: £4,691

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000- as requested by organisation

**GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND
CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**

Councillor Collett- 2008- £1,000- security fencing

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Collett is in full support of this Group's plans to provide a disabled toilet that will open up the use of their facilities to people to whom they are currently unavailable.

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: A grant will help the organisation meet its obligations in enabling participation by all and help meet Disability Discrimination Act Regulations.

Director of Children's Services: The County Council strives to ensure that all services are inclusive for young people in Hampshire. A grant of £4,691 would go some way to achieve this.

RECOMMENDATION

£4,691

NORTH BADDESLEY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CLUB**HOG ORG NO: 3832****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The funding will go towards the North Baddesley Youth and Community Club Arts, Awareness and Life Skills Project. The project is a collaboration with Romsey Town Centre Police, Scrapstore, Romsey Youth and Art Together Now and will run for 40 sessions from March to the end of the year. It will be split into 3 areas- The Arts (music, theatre, sculpting, painting), Awareness (critical thinking, debates, and research) and Life Skills (communication, thinking, passage to work) and will encourage all members of all ages to be actively involved.

Total Expenditure: £6,000 (instruments, microphones, laptops and instructors,)

Total Income: £4,000 (£2,000 from the Borough Council, £1,500 from Trusts and £500 from local member)

Shortfall: £2,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£2,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

Councillor Dowden - 2011- £500- for above project

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Dowden is in full support of the application and states that North Baddesley is presently suffering from anti social behaviour and supporting Youth Clubs will assist in helping reduce these problems.

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 Children's Services: The organisation meets department priorities by delivering opportunities to young people and enabling them to make a positive contribution and build resilience and personal confidence. The organisation has shown further commitment by sourcing other funds from other funding streams before applying to this grant.

RECOMMENDATION

£2,000

**BRENDONCARE CLUB HAMPSHIRE
HOG ORG NO: 3579****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The funding will go towards the Brendoncare Club Hampshire Olympics Project, which will enable older people to feel part of the Olympics Year by taking part in a series of events similar to the Olympic programme. Over 70 community groups are under the umbrella of Brendoncare. The request for £4,500 will be used to purchase 15 kurling sets.

Total Expenditure: £11,867 (foam javelins, discuss, skittles, floor target and beanbags, kurling sets, carpet bowls, table top games)

Total Income: £7,367 (£7,000 Lottery)

Shortfall: £4,500

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£4,500

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

Adult Services- 2011/12- £109,190- The grant contributes towards transport costs, accommodation and staff salaries. The organisation has been supported since 2002.

Members- 2011: Councillor Kyrle, Fairhurst, Leversha, Collett, Radley and Wheale- £350 each to provide day outings

Councillor Payne - £700 - transport costs

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This organisation is County-wide and benefits the whole of Hampshire.

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: The department supports this application and does not see it as conflicting with the annual award for core running costs- which is used for transport costs, accommodation and staff salaries.

RECOMMENDATION

£4,500

UK YOUTH - AVON TYRRELL, BRANSGORE, NEW FOREST
HOG ORG NO: 1535

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The funding will be used towards upgrading the fire protection- mainly doors and window replacements in Avon Tyrrell House. This is a new legal requirement following a fire service inspection last year. The grade 1 listed historic house is used by young people from across Hampshire on trips as well as for local community events.

Total Expenditure: £30,000 (£8,321- zoned fire doors and windows, £11,483- detection system upgrade, £188- training for upgrade work) an additional £10,000 for upgrades needed later in the year

Total Income: £14,000 (applying for £6,000 from Foundations)

Shortfall: £16,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

Culture, Communities and Business Services- 2010- £2,000- local community mental health project, 2010/11- £6,000- Environmental education programmes and playschemes

This budget - 2010- £5,000- Construction of an off-road cycle track and cycle club

Councillor Rippon-Swaine - 2011- £2,000- Replacing a jetty and improving pathways

Children's Services- 'Inspiring You' Programme- £20,000- disability facilities and activity weekends

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Rippon- Swaine commends the application for positive consideration, stating it is an important facility for guiding young people and it is very worthy of our support.

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: Although the service offers some bursaries the majority of services are sold to youth groups and schools at a cost and therefore it should be assumed that the organisation should have contingency plans in place to fund such repairs and upgrades. It is suggested that UK Youth explore this and look at the reserves to fund it.

RECOMMENDATION

That the organisation be asked to explore its own reserves for the upgrades required

GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HOG ORG NO: 1272

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The funding will be used to help fund a Falklands 30th Anniversary Commemoration Event which is being held on the 27 May 2012. The Falklands greatly affected residents of Gosport and Hampshire and the event will contribute to the wellbeing of the community.

Total Expenditure: £29,907(printing costs, marquees, security, band, buffet, traffic management, drummers and toilet hire)

Total Income: 0

Shortfall: £29,907

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

Culture, Communities and Business Services:

2011- £2,000- Celebrate Gosport

2010- £4,000 – Waterfront Music Festival

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Carter is in full support of this application and acknowledges that Gosport was the first town in the country to recognise Falkland Veterans.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The County Council has the power under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 as the activities are incidental to the functions of the County Council.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: Gosport with its strong naval association was particularly involved in the 1982 Falklands Campaign and many of its families were affected. A 30th anniversary commemoration is a fitting tribute to those that did not return and also to those who have had to deal personally with the consequences. It will also ensure that younger members of the community are able to better understand their local history.

Chief Executive: Grants are not usually awarded to Districts/Boroughs as they have the ability to precept funds. However in view of the significance and importance of this event a one off grant may be appropriate on this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

THE MEDUSA TRUST
HOG ORG NO: 3889

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

HDML Medusa, currently based in Gosport, is being invited to participate in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee river pageant on 3 June this year, where it is expected that up to 1,000 boats will take part.

Funding will pay for diesel fuel for a return journey from Gosport to London, servicing the vessel's life raft, equipment upgrades to meet the pageant rules and catering provision for the crew.

Total Expenditure: £7,000

Total Income: £2,420 (£800 own funds, £1,200 Trusts, £420 contributions from veterans)

Shortfall: £4,580

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£4,580

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Carter is in full support of the application. It is very important that Hampshire should be represented in this important pageant, which will attract widespread publicity.

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: By assisting the Medusa Trust with the expenses necessary to participate, the county of Hampshire will have representation in this important celebratory event of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Participation in this event will promote the county's long association with military and navy. A grant of £4,580 is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

£4,580