

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	19 April 2012
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	3745
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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**1. Executive Summary**

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider nine 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 budget provision for 2012/13 totals £477,644. This is made up from: budget allocation in 2012/13 (£298,500); underspends from 2011/12 (£92,384) and awards not taken up by organisations (£86,760).

2.2. Commitments of £79,497 made at previous meetings against this year's budget will further reduce the total figure given in paragraph 2.1 above by this amount.

**3. Use of the Great Hall**

3.1. For many years the County Council has set aside a sum of £6,000 to help voluntary and community organisations towards the cost of using the Great Hall for their functions. In view of increasing requirements of the organisations for their events, it is recommended that this sum be increased to £9,000 from 2012/13. These monies are already reflected in the figure given in paragraph 2.1.

**4. Criteria of grant**

4.1. A copy of the criteria used for allocating grants is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**5. Recommendations:**

- i. That grants totalling £22,700 be awarded to those voluntary organisations and other bodies as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

- ii. That a sum of £9,000 be set aside in 2012/13 for voluntary and community groups to use the Great Hall in Winchester for their events.

**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

**WYVERN COMMUNITY BOWLING CLUB, EASTLEIGH  
HOG ORG NO:3910**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Wyvern Community Bowling Club, currently using facilities at Wyvern Community College, is seeking funding to pay for the room hire and items of equipment.

The bowling club is open to anyone to join but mainly attracts pensioners and helps older people to keep active and provides a means of socialising.

**Total Expenditure:** £4,500 (room hire approximately £4,200, £300 bowling equipment)

**Total Income:** £3,500 (member contributions)

**Shortfall:** £1,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£1,000

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

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Roling fully supports the 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 Culture, Communities and Business Services:** This is a club for older people who wish to stay active. This application is for revenue funding which is not normally supported through this grants budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£1,000 one-off sum for this financial year only.

**FLEET PHOENIX**  
**HOG ORG NO:3795**

### **PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Fleet Phoenix is a new youth and community organisation based at The Point in Fleet. Funding is being sought towards its Problem Solving Group Mentoring Project. The project will supply holistic support for clients including mentoring, housing needs, health and wellbeing, drug and alcohol advice, educational and self development needs.

**Total Expenditure:** £11,700 (£9,000 - salary costs; £1,000 -staff training and insurance; £700- emergency fund, £750- travel expenses, £250- publicity)

**Total Income:** £7,000 (£6,000 - Borough Council, £500 - own funds, £500 from Hart Youth Partnership)

**Shortfall:** £4,700

### **APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£4,700

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

Councillor Radley- £1,500 Nov 2011- 'The Walk-It' Project

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Radley supports this application and believes that it will enable continued support to young people from Fleet and the surrounding areas.

### **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:** The work described in the application is already supported by local partners who attend sessions i.e. Housing, Children's Services, Police etc. who provide any support needed by the young person. A grant is therefore not recommended on this occasion.

**Chief Executive:** Grants from this budget are not usually awarded towards an organisation's running costs. However, should the organisation have another request of a capital nature then this could be considered.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

NIL

**FARNBOROUGH AIR SCIENCES TRUST  
HOG ORG NO: 1472****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Farnborough Air Sciences Trust is seeking a grant towards the FAST Cody Centenary Statue Project to create a statue to mark the centenary of Samuel Franklin Cody's death in August next year.

The statue will be sited in the Museum grounds and will enhance the sense of pride in the long aviation history of Hampshire.

**Total Expenditure:** £100,000 (£50,000- design/casting of statue, £50,000 design/casting support structure)

**Total Income:** £90,000 (£10,000- own funds, £10,000- Borough Council, £5,000 - Foundation, £40,000- businesses, £25,000- environmental trust)

**Shortfall:** £10,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£10,000

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

Councillor Wall- 2010-£3,856- new display items and recording equipment  
Councillor Leversha- £700 Councillor Wall- £800, 2011- microfilm scanner

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Wall supports this application and recommends £10,000 to match the contribution from Rushmoor Borough Council.

**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:** The Arts and Museums Service is supportive of this project given the historic significance of the site in the history of powered flight and the role that Samuel Franklin Cody played. However, any funding should not be seen as the County Council having ongoing responsibility for maintaining the statue.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£10,000

**HAMPSHIRE WATER PARTNERSHIP  
HOG ORG NO: 1323****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Hampshire Water Festival request funding for marquee hire, PA and staging for the Hampshire Water Festival. The festival will run from the 14-15 July 2012 and provide facilities such as seating for formal talks on water conservation and management, electric power for projectors and tables for interactive activities.

**Total Expenditure:** £17,600 (£3,900-marquee hire, PA, staging, £2,200- toilet hire, adverts, first aid, £7,700-event organiser costs, entertainment, £3,800- labour costs, website, sundries, security, marshals)

**Total Income:** £13,600 (£1,000- Hampshire Water Partnership, £4,000- own funds, £5,000- Havant Borough Council, £600- Environment Agency, £3,000- Exhibitors)

**Shortfall:** £4,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£4,000

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

Councillor Buckley 2009 - £2,000, Councillor Fairhurst-2010- £2,000, Councillor Bolton, 2010, £2,000- towards the Hampshire Water Festival  
Culture, Communities and Business Services Activity Grant- 2009- £4,000- Hampshire Water Festival

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a countywide Festival, which will benefit the whole of Hampshire.

**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 Environment, Transport and Economy :** The Hampshire Water Festival is a well attended event which publicises the message of water conservation. Supporting the Festival helps deliver elements of the County Council's Adaptation Action Plan task-to work with others to influence behaviour change.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£2,000

**6<sup>th</sup> FARNBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP**  
**HOG ORG NO:2664**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Farnborough Scout Group request funding towards their Scout Hut refurbishment. Their headquarters is now over 25 years old and they need to replace the roof and windows, remodel toilets and carry out minor decorations/repairs.

**Total Expenditure:** £21,400( £9,900- roof, £5,000- windows, £6,100- remodel toilets, £400-repairs, decorating

**Total Income:** £20,500 (£2,000- parent organisation, £300- own funds, £18,200-Veolia)

**Shortfall:** £900

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£900

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

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Chadd 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 Children's Services:** The application supports the 3 corporate priorities: Making Hampshire more safe and secure for all, Maximising well being and Enhancing quality of place. The applicant has secured funding from other sources and is also contributing to the costs.

**Chief Executive:** To recognise the amount the scout group has already raised it may be appropriate to award a sum of £1,000 to complete the project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£1,000

**VIABLES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, BASINGSTOKE**

**HOG ORG NO: 1858**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Viabes Community Association request funding for their garden project, which is to extend their memorial garden to include a shrubbery, which will be created and maintained by people with mental health issues.

**Total Expenditure:** £1,450 (£300- plants and shrubs, £450- materials, £700- raised bed)

**Total Income:** £1,000 (Councillor Gurden)

**Shortfall:** £450

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£300

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

Councillor Gurden- 2010- £1,000- install driers, 2011- £1,000- towards this project  
Councillor Hussey- 2010- £1,200- craft workshop for people with learning disabilities

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Gurden has already contributed to the garden project and feels it is inappropriate for the County Council to provide more funding for this project

**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 Culture, Communities and Business Services:** The organisation has already received £1,000 from the local Member and has reserves of £58,000. On the basis that they have already received a substantial grant from the County Council towards this project, I would not recommend further funding.

**RECOMMENDATION**

NIL

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FARNBOROUGH CORPS OF DRUMS  
HOG ORG NO: 3750**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Royal British Legion Farnborough Corps of Drums request funding to be used to purchase drums for the Corps, which provides an opportunity for young people to learn to play musical instruments, particularly those from deprived areas of the community.

**Total Expenditure:** £10,000 (£5,300- instruments, £3,400-drums, £1,300- uniforms)

**Total Income:** £6,578 (£2,167- Members Devolved Budgets: see below, £3,111-

Friends of Corps, £500- Rushmoor Borough Council, £800- Fundraising event

**Shortfall:** £3,422

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£3,400

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

Councillor Wall- 2011- £2,166- essential equipment and Corps of Drums (£779)

Councillor Chadd- 2011- £600- Corps of Drums

Councillor Leversha- 2012- £788- Corps of Drums

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Wall is in full support, stating it is extremely worthwhile and will complement the work being done in the deprived areas in the community.

**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: The County Council strives to ensure that all services are inclusive for young people. This organisation demonstrates a clear commitment to achieving this by targeting those young people who may be prevented from accessing services due to financial costs. The organisation has secured funding from other sources and we fully support this application for the shortfall needed to start the project and ensure that services are accessible to all young people.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£4,000

**7<sup>th</sup> BRAMSHILL HOOK SCOUT GROUP**  
**HOG ORG NO: 2469**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

7<sup>th</sup> Bramshill Hook Scout Group request funding for a barrier to be fitted outside the scout headquarters to prevent cars from coming too close to the building to enable a safer area for young people.

**Total Expenditure:** £3,350 (security barrier and installation)

**Total Income:** £1,500- own funds

**Shortfall:** £1,850

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£1,850

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

Councillor Glen- 2009- £1,000- refurbish toilets, 2011- £525- purchase tent

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Glen is in full support of the grant request

**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:** The application supports the 3 corporate priorities and also supports the Children and Young People's Plan around ensuring that children and young people are safe and providing vocational, leisure and recreational activities that provide opportunities for children and young people to experience success and make a positive contribution.

**Chief Executive:** To recognise the amount the scout group has already raised it may be appropriate to award a sum of £2,000 to complete the project

**RECOMMENDATION**

£2,000

**LAVERSTOKE PARK EDUCATION CENTRE, OVERTON****HOG ORG NO: 3942****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Laverstoke Park Education Centre, a charity based at Laverstoke Park Farm request funding towards mobile hand washing stations to comply with new health and safety executive directives. The Education Centre provides talks, tours and hands on experiences for all school aged children.

**Total Expenditure:** £2,700 ( £858- equipment and materials, £1,208- water heater materials, £236- hand sanitiser and dispensers, £339- labour costs, £60- signage and towel dispensers

**Total Income:** £1,086 (Councillor McNair Scott)

**Shortfall:** £1,614

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£1,700

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

Councillor McNair Scott- 2012- £1,086-towards this project

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor McNair Scott is in full support of this request. The Education Centre works very positively with local schools and particularly with young people who may not find academic work easy.

**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:** We would suggest a proportion of the requested amount is awarded and that the provider covers the remaining amount. It is also suggested that they may want to introduce a charging policy to aid them in working towards long term sustainability.

**Chief Executive:** In view of their work with local schools, an increased grant of £1,700 may be appropriate to complete the project

**RECOMMENDATION**

£1,700