

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	6 July 2012
Title:	Culture and Community Activity Grants 2012/2013
Reference:	4077
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider two applications received for Culture and Community Activity Grant stream funding in the financial year 2012/13. The organisations each seek financial support towards a community event.
- 1.2. It recommends the Executive Member does not approve these applications for 2012/13 Culture and Community Activity Grant funding as the application do not meet the scheme's criteria. Constructive feedback will be provided to each organisation.

2. Applications to be considered in this Report:

- 2.1. a) Wecock Events Team - £480.00
- b) Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall - £250.00

3. Contextual information

- 3.1. The Culture and Community Activity Grants stream is one of the five new grant streams approved by the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation on 20 January 2012 following a major review of the previous 10 service based Culture and Community grants.
- 3.2. The Culture and Community Activity Grants stream aims to provide general support to groups and organisations which encourage opportunities for individuals and communities to participate in community- focused, cultural and recreational activities. Following further work, the details of the Culture and Community Activity Grants stream was approved by the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation on 14 May 2012.

- 3.3. Before the deadline dates for the Activity Grants Scheme for 2012/13 were published, two applications were received from Wecock Events Team and Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall.
- 3.4. Neither application meets the criteria for Culture and Community Activity Grants as outlined in Appendix 1. There is an application summary for each organisation in Appendix 2.

4. Other key issues

- 4.1. Impact Assessment: No groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions. Organisations applying for grants are either open to all the public or accessible to all the public as defined in their objects. The application procedure does not include equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.
- 4.2. Legal Implications: The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of a grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities and activities.

5. Recommendation(s)

- 5.1. The applications from Wecock Events Team and Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall are not approved for 2012/13 Culture and Community Activity Grant funding as they do not meet the scheme's criteria.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
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):	

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

None

Criteria for Culture and Community Activity Grants

This programme funds projects and proposals which support the priorities and outcomes in Hampshire's 'Open for Business' Plan 2011-13 which are most relevant to CCBS. These are:

- Improved quality of life for all, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.
- Enhance community engagement and partnership working – strengthening and empowering communities.
- Enhance Hampshire's environment and promote sustainability.

Grant criteria and eligibility

We will fund organisations and services who fulfil the following criteria:

- The services, projects or activities of the organisation support the priorities detailed above.
- The organisation has a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference.
- The organisation must be able to demonstrate that without the support from Hampshire County Council the activity/event would not be able to proceed at all or to the extent outlined in the application.
- Organisations with significant funds in place or higher levels of reserves must demonstrate why funding from Hampshire County Council is needed.
- The organisation must have actively sought funding from other sources, including district, borough, town or parish council funding. Priority will be given to applications which have partner funding in place from other sources.

All successful applicants will be required to provide appropriate reporting and/or monitoring for their service, projects and/or activities.

Funding criteria

Culture and Community Activity Grants will fund up to a maximum of £5,000.

We can match fund business sponsorship up to £500. The sponsorship you are receiving must be monetary, we can not match fund any in kind sponsorship, e.g. free/subsidised marketing. Match funding must be a minimum of £200 per business and businesses must be first time sponsors. Maximum of one application per organisation per year.

Financial Eligibility

Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. In cases where reserves held exceed this level a reduced level of funding may be agreed. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

What is funded

- Any high quality project that delivers measurable results against the objectives set out above.
- Countryside access and rights of way projects.
- Conservation projects to benefit the habitat or species particularly important to a site.
- Community, cultural or recreational projects, activities or events that provide opportunities for local people to become involved.
- Match funding for business sponsorship.

What isn't funded

- Individuals
- Further or higher education fees, personal development or training fees for individuals
- Curriculum based activities
- Building based capital works
- Capital schemes – i.e. buying instruments, equipment or uniforms.
- Setting up an organisation
- General running costs of an organisation
- Profit making events/activities
- Services, projects or activities solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council
- Uniformed groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides etc.

Please note we cannot retrospectively fund works or projects that have already been carried out. Grants are issued for works or projects to be carried out in the future.

DETAILS OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

Application Reference	CG00000001	Category:	Community-focused	
Organisation:	Wecock Events Team	Activity Date:		12/12/2012
Activity Title	0-5 years Children's Christmas Party			
Activity Description and Venue: Organise a children's Christmas Party for residents of the Wecock Farm estate. To provide food and entertainment for the children and parents. To be held at the Acorn Centre, Wecock Farm, Havant.				
Total Expenditure: £480.00		Total Income: £0.00		
Food:	£150.00			
Presents:	£80.00			
Venue:	£160.00			
Entertainment:	£60.00			
Decorations:	£30.00			
Shortfall: £480.00		Requested: £480.00	Recommended: £0.00	
Officer comments: Insufficient information provided to demonstrate how this event meets the fund's criteria. Principally no evidence of how this projects meets the Open for Business Plan 2011- 2013 priorities. Limited aims and objectives in governance document. No match funding actively sought. No clear sustainability element to the project.				

Application Reference	CG00000007	Category:	Community- focused
Organisation:	Itchen Abbas and Avington Village Hall	Activity Date:	02/06/2012
Activity Title	The Queen's Jubilee Party		
Activity Description and Venue: Hold a party for residents to celebrate the Jubilee, bringing the community together for a few hours. The hall needs a subsidy to help provide entertainment for the children and to subsidise the less affluent in the village (by subsidising the cost of the food for an child under 12 years of age, so that larger families are not put off by the costs).			
Total Expenditure: £1000.00		Total Income: £1000.00	
Food: £750.00 Children's Entertainment: £250.00		Source unknown	
Shortfall: £0.00		Requested: £250.00	Recommended: £0.00
Officer comments: Insufficient information provided to demonstrate how this event meets the fund's criteria. Principally no evidence of how this project meets the Open for Business Plan 2011- 2013 priorities. No evidence that without Hampshire County Council support this event would not be able to proceed/or proceed to the extent outlined in the application. No financial shortfall for this event (no match funding information provided). A one off event with no clear sustainability element to the project. The grant stream does not retrospectively fund projects that have already been carried out.			
Member Comment: The local Member, Councillor Porter, supports the decision not to award a grant.			