

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

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	5 October 2012
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	3747
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Policy and Governance

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**1. Executive Summary**

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider 2 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 5 October 2012 is £284,547 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 considering grants from this Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**4. Recommendation:**

- i. That decisions being recommended on grant applications outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

**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. Further information can be found on individual requests.

### **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

**HELPING HANDS FOR THE BLIND, BASINGSTOKE  
HOG ORG NO:3951**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Helping Hands for the Blind, Basingstoke is a voluntary organisation that promotes the welfare and Independent living of blind and partially sighted people in Basingstoke and the surrounding area. The funding being requested is to operate a support centre, offering help, advice and information on issues of blindness. The centre will also offer a demonstration of talking products, supply of shopping buddies and guides and will provide a drop in centre for the blind, their friends and family. The centre will also help blind people regain or maintain the ability to function independently after vision loss

**Total Expenditure:** £10,750 (£5,000-premises rent, £1,500- 4talking computer suite, £2,500- demo product suite, £1,750- stationary, office PC, marketing)

**Total Income:** £1,500 - Parent Company

**Shortfall:** £9,250

**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**

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Hussey is in full support of this application

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

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 Adult Services:** The application does not provide sufficient detail or evidence of:

- a) a track record of the organisation in delivering similar services over a period of time. Consultation with internal stakeholders supports this conclusion.
- b) how the service will be delivered, what links there are to existing services, (both for this client group and links to other services) and how sustainable the service will be in ensuring services are maintained for potential service users. In view of this a grant is not recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

NIL

**WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
HOG ORG NO: 3658****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Winchester City Council, working with 'To Honour a Promise' Morn Hill Memorial Project request funding to honour the service personnel of the British Commonwealth and American armies, who passed through Winchester Morn Hill Camps, on their way to the Great War in 1914. The funding is for an exhibition in 2013 to be set up at the City Space gallery in Winchester Discovery Centre for the public to share their memories about the war, collect local stories and educate youngsters about the past. The plan in the longer term is to erect a stone memorial in Winchester, the work will only be commissioned if there is a positive HLF grant response. The project group has a Chairman (Brig David Harrison), a Secretary (Cllr Porter) and a Treasurer and any funding received by the Project is being hosted by Winchester City Council, who will take responsibility for the delivery of the project.

**Total Expenditure:** £41,000 (£35,000- stone memorial and installation, £5,650- presentation boards, £350-filming for presentation)

**Total Income:** £35,000 (£30,000- Heritage Lottery Foundation, £4,000- donations, £150- Winchester Cadets, £500- parent organisation, £250- Winchester CC, £100- Itchen Valley PC)

**Shortfall:** £6,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£6,000

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

None

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Jackie Porter is in full support of this request for funding

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION**

The County Council has the power under S1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do. This includes the power to give grants.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Economy, Transport and Environment:** The project looks worthwhile to support, but there is a concern that there's no evidence of a constituted organisation, although a committee of 10 people is mentioned.

**Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services:** On the cultural strategy front the proposal fit well with wider ambitions to commemorate the 1914 anniversary in 2014.

**Chief Executive:** The applicant has advised that the Lord Lieutenant is supporting this project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£6,000, subject to the Society securing the funding from HLF