

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	14 March 2013
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	3751
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider 6 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 14 March 2013 is £254,249, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes. The amount available has increased due to prior years creditors being written off.

2.2. Urgent grant payment to Gosport Community Association

Since the last meeting, an urgent grant request of £3,331 was received from Gosport Community Association to pay for remedial works to the building's roof and walls following flooding due to recent bad weather. The local member, Councillor Chris Carter, was in full support of awarding a grant.

In this instance, it was felt appropriate to make an immediate payment of £3,331 so that repairs could be carried out straight away. This would allow other users of the building, such as the local pre-school, to continue using the facility.

This payment has already been deducted from the figure quoted in paragraph 2.1 above and is reported here for noting 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. Recommendations:

- i. That the grants being recommended as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.
- ii. That the Director of Policy and Governance, in consultation with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, awarding a grant of £3,331 to Gosport Community Association for urgent remedial works to the building's roof/walls be noted.

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

Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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

**FRIENDS OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH ORCHESTRA
HOG ORG NO: HOG 1818****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Friends of Hampshire County Youth Orchestra are requesting funding to replace a full set of concert dresses. The current dresses are over 20 years old and have been altered and recycled over that time. The grant will contribute towards the total cost of replacing the full stock of current dresses including purchase of fabric and dressmaking.

Total Expenditure: £10,000 (replace 100 dresses)

Total Income: £ 3,600 (applications have been approved by 14 County Councillors)

Shortfall: £10,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£200

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

Grant requests to Councillors Graham Burgess, Chapman, Davidovitz, Drew, Ellis, Glen, Kimber, McNair-Scott, Wall have approved grants totalling £3,200

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The organisation is Hampshire wide and therefore there is no local Member.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION

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: This organisation provides an opportunity to young people to develop and present their talent across the County providing musical pleasure to many audience members. The work the orchestra does helps support the County Council's aims of improving the quality of life for all, particularly the vulnerable and disadvantaged and enhances community engagement and partnership working.

Director of Children's Services: This is a low value application, particularly given the longevity of the project and the fact that it is for a Hampshire wide service for children and young people. Recommend the organisation also commits to contributing to overall costs of £10,000 via income from fundraising.

RECOMMENDATION

Up to £10,000, depending on total of other Councillors individual contributions

**JUBILEE SAILING TRUST
HOG ORG NO: 1268**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The aim of the Jubilee Sailing Trust is to promote the integration of men and women of all physical abilities through the challenge and adventure of Tall Ship sailing. The Trust is applying for funding towards providing subsidies to the voyage crew, and making the ships seaworthy and safe.

Total Expenditure: £100,000 (subsidy provision to all Voyage crew- based on 200 residents)

Total Income: £7,200 (County Council Members – see details below)

Shortfall: £92,800

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

2011- Executive Member for Culture and Recreation- £3,000- Pumpkin Festival

2013- Executive Member for Culture and Recreation-£3,500 Autumn Pumpkin Festival and Scarecrow avenue

A total of £7,200 confirmed from Cllrs Wall, Radley, Drew, Stallard, Collett, Ellis, Wall, Evans. Also applied to all parish and town councils - awaiting result.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The organisation is Hampshire wide and therefore there is no local Member.

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

Culture, Communities and Business Services: Jubilee Sailing Trust is a good all inclusive organisation which brings together communities and gives an opportunity to all people with physical abilities to participate in sailing tall ships . The organisation has a successful track record of delivering these events.

Director of Policy and Governance, Corporate Services: This organisation has submitted multiple requests to Members and has also received monies from the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department. Should a grant be awarded then further information would need to be sought on what percentage of crew would come from Hampshire and details of benefits which would accrue.

RECOMMENDATION

£10,000

**CAMBERLEY DISTRICT OPEN MIND ASSOCIATION
HOG ORG NO: 1141****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Camberley District Open Mind Association (CDOMA) are seeking funding for the Open Mind Club, which is a day centre for people with mental health problems three mornings per week. The club provides social contact which increases members self confidence through taking part in activities.

Total Expenditure: £9,700 (£2,250- hire of premises, £4,750- salary, £1,520-mileage costs, £600- holiday and sickness cover, insurance, phone calls, £350- refreshments, £280-stationary, postage, miscellaneous

Total Income: £6,050

Shortfall: £3,650

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£3,500

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

This budget- 2012 and 2011- £2,500- The Open Mind Club
Adult Services- 2008, 2009, 2010- £2,500- The Open Mind Club

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Collett is the local Member and he is in full support of this application for this extremely valuable service. Half the catchment area and clientele are in Hampshire it would be a great shame if we cannot help to keep the group open. If this service did not exist their needs would fall back on the County Council to support at much higher cost.

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: We have supported the Camberley Open Mind Club in previous years and believe it is a worthwhile facility, but have not been able to financially support for the last two years.

RECOMMENDATION

£3,500

**7TH BRAMSHILL HOOK SCOUT GROUP
HOG ORG NO:2469**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

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

Total Expenditure: £744 (security barrier and installation)

Total Income: £0

Shortfall: £744

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£744

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

2011-Devolved Budget- Councillor Glen- £525- mess tent replacement

2009-Devolved Budget- Councillor Glen-£1,000- toilet refurbishment

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Glen is in full support of this application. This scout group does a huge amount of good work for the youth of 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 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.

RECOMMENDATION

£400

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PENTON MEWSEY IN ANDOVER
HOG ORG NO: 3954**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

In December last year, a grant of £5,000 was approved to the Holy Trinity Church in Penton Mewsey towards the cost of modernising its building to provide water/drainage facilities, new kitchen and extension and so that it can be used as a crèche/meeting room for community activities.

The Church is seeking a further award of £5,000 in the 2013/14 financial year.

Total Expenditure: £85,500

Total Income: £53,700

Shortfall: £31,800.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

A further £5,000 in 2013/14

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

This Budget:

Dec 2012 - £5,000 – towards this project

Councillor Patricia West - £1,000 - church improvements (Nov 2012).

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor West is in full support of this application and has approved a grant to this project (see above).

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 Policy and Governance - Corporate Services: A further contribution towards this project would help improve facilities within the community and a sum of £5,000 is recommended for 2013/14.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000 in 2013/14

HOSPITAL OF ST CROSS, WINCHESTER
HOG ORG NO:3955

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Trustees of St Cross Hospital are seeking grant aid from the County Council to contribute to the repairs to the church tower, including flintwork, leadwork, windows etc.

The Hospital has been successful in its fundraising campaign to contribute towards the estimated cost and details of this are shown below:

Total Expenditure: £350,000 (£185,000- roof repairs, £38,000- timberwork,
£6,000- clock and bells repairs, £35,000- preliminaries,
£25,000- contingency, £50,000-fees, £1,000- VAT)

Total Income: £339,150 (£150,00 - own funds, £60,000- Trusts/Foundations and
£129,150 – other donations)

Shortfall: £10,850

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**

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Collin is in full support of the funding 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 Culture, Communities and Business Services: This project, in it's wider sense, meets priorities 3 and 4 of the County Council's Open for Business Plan 2011-2013. The Hospital of St Cross benefits a large number of people and is a tourist attraction. The building is of historic value and is on the Pilgrims Way path. A fairly modest request is being asked and which is supported.

RECOMMENDATION

£10,000