

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Culture and Recreation |
| Date: | 25 April 2013 |
| Title: | Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2013/14 |
| Reference: | 4815 |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services |

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation for £10,000 of grants from the Culture and Community Organisational Change Fund 2013/14 and £4,000 from the Culture and Community Activity Grants 2013/14.

2. Summary of Grants

2.1. Culture and Community Organisational Change Fund 2013/14

| | Recommended Amount |
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| Rowner Community Trust | £10,000 |
| Total | <u>£10,000</u> |

2.2. Culture and Community Activity Grants 2013/14

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| Winchester Festival | £4,000 |
| Total | <u>£4,000</u> |

- 2.3 This leaves £24,500 of grant funding available for other grant applications that come in during 2013/14.

3. Other Key Issues

- 3.1. 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.

4. Recommendation(s)

- 4.1. That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation:
- i) Approves a grant for £10,000 from the Culture and Community Organisational Change Fund set out in Appendix 3.
 - ii) Approves a grant for £4,000 from the Culture and Community Activity Grants 2013/14, as set out in Appendix 4.

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

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| 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): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
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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

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A high level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. It identified that the proposed changes to the grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality by creating a more open and transparent funding programme.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Not applicable.

- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable.

Culture and Community Organisational Change Fund (Culture, Communities and Business Services - CCBS)

Purpose

The Organisational Change Fund supports specific, time-limited projects for organisations to achieve efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding. This could include the exploration of:

- Alternative funding opportunities and new delivery models.
- New approaches of relevance to future investment from the Culture and Recreation and Community Investment Funds.

The fund will also support a reasonable approach to disinvesting from organisations that are currently funded, but are not considered to be priorities for the future.

This programme funds projects and proposals which supports the following priority and outcome in Hampshire's 'Open for Business' Plan 2011-13:

- Develop new models of service provision, meeting the challenges of reduced resource and evolving national policies, whilst improving the quality of services for users.

Grant Eligibility Criteria and Who Can Apply

We will fund organisations and services, who fulfil our criteria and have submitted a good project proposal, for a grant of up to £10,000. Joint bids between separate organisations can be accepted if appropriate governance is in place. We are unable to award funding to individuals.

Our criteria are:

- The project or proposals of the organisation(s) support the priority detailed above
- The organisation(s) has a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference.

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

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 we can fund

Maximum grant up to £10,000 for feasibility studies, management consultants etc.

No maximum for grants for organisations the County Council is disinvesting from.

Feasibility Studies and Management Consultants

In order to assist organisations, Hampshire County Council will support the costs of feasibility studies and management consultant fees.

What we can't fund

- Ongoing financial support or contributions towards a deficit. Projects must have clear outcomes and must support a sustainable future business model.
- Individuals
- Organisations already in receipt of funding from other Hampshire County Council departments for the majority of their core costs and/or service/project activity delivery
- Services provided solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council
- Capital projects or capital grants for equipment
- Parish/Town Councils
- Schools
- Uniformed groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides etc

Please note we cannot retrospectively fund projects or proposals that have already been carried out. Grants are issued for projects or proposals to be carried out in the future. This includes any contracts issued to consultants before grant approval.

When can I apply for a grant?

The Organisational Change Fund is open for applications all year.

Culture and Community Activity Grants (Culture, Communities and Business Services - CCBS)

Purpose

The purpose of the Culture and Community Activity Grants is to provide general support to groups and organisations which encourage and provide opportunities for individuals and communities to participate in community-focused, cultural and recreational activities.

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 Eligibility Criteria and Who Can Apply

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 do we fund?

- 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 (please see Funding Criteria below)

What we can't fund

- 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.

When can I apply for a grant?

Culture and Community Activity Grants are available all year round.