

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	20 June 2013
Title:	Community Buildings Fund 2013/14
Reference:	4882
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The County Council provides partnership funding from the Community Buildings Fund for capital projects to Community Associations, Village Hall Trusts and similar bodies as outlined in the fund's criteria. This enables the voluntary and community sector to maintain the quality of Hampshire's community centres and village halls.
- 1.2 This report provides details of the financial position of the Community Buildings Fund in 2013/14 and details requests for partnership funding from this fund.

2. Applications considered in this report:

Hall/ Centre	District	£
Portchester Community Centre Ltd	Fareham	3,116
Highclere Village Hall	Basingstoke and Deane	798
St Andrews Church	New Forest	12,500
PCC of Froxfield with Privett	East Hampshire	£0
Emsworth Community Association	Havant	3,990
Popley Fields Community Association	Basingstoke and Deane	11,909
The Ridley Hall, South Warnborough	Basingstoke and Deane	5,000
Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall	Test Valley	7,947

Silchester Pavilion	Basingstoke and Deane	11,000
TOTAL		56,260

3. Contextual Information:

- 3.1 The County Council works in partnership with specific community organisations, particularly Community Associations and Village Hall Trusts which seek to enable local people to meet the recreational, educational, social, cultural and environmental needs of their local communities. These organisations give local people an opportunity to participate in local activities and encourage local initiatives by people of all ages.
- 3.2 Partnership funding from the Community Buildings Fund enables the voluntary and community sector to maintain the quality of Hampshire's village halls and Community Association buildings. This finance enables improvements to be made to those buildings and can assist with the development of new facilities where appropriate. The provision of these buildings by the voluntary and community sector enable local communities to access the services and facilities they need.
- 3.3 By providing financial support to these organisations for the maintenance of their buildings the County Council is able to work in partnership with the community sector to achieve the Corporate Priority – Enhancing our Quality of Place.

4. Budget Position:

- 4.1 A sum of £125,000 has been set aside in the 2013/14 capital programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services to support the Community Buildings Fund. If the recommendations in this report, which amount to £56,260 are approved then £68,740 will remain.

5. Criteria for Grant:

- 5.1 The partnership funding distribution criteria is set out in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 Nine projects have been put forward for a grant and, of these, Eight meet the criteria, as set out in Appendix 2.

6. Other Considerations

- 6.1 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 grant or loan towards expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

6.2 Impact Assessment

Organisations applying to this scheme are by their nature defined as accessible to all members of the community. This is embodied within their charitable objects, therefore no groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions. Furthermore the application procedure includes equalities monitoring information.

7. Recommendations:

That partnership funding totalling £56,260 as listed below be approved for allocation from the Community Buildings Fund for 2013/14.

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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**

Applications for financial assistance

Community Support Service
 Department for Culture, Communities
 and Business Services
 Castle Avenue, Winchester

Criteria for these grants

The partnership funding distribution criteria for the Community Buildings Fund is as follows:

Partnership funding is granted for:

- Building repairs, extensions and refurbishments
- Health and safety issues
- Equipment to improve the buildings and increase usage
- Feasibility studies

Who can apply:

- Village Halls (not parish run halls)
- Community Associations
- Faith organisations that have a separate open access community programme on the property.

Who can't apply:

- Parish Councils and other local authorities
- Individual groups: youth clubs; playgroups; lunch clubs; uniformed organisations etc.
- School properties
- Sports Clubs.

Funding criteria:

- For projects costing less than £15,000, the funding criteria is up to one third of the cost.
- For projects costing more than £15,000, the grant is calculated at 50% of funding from sources other than the organisations own funding up to a maximum of 25% of the project costs or £12,500, whichever is the lesser.

Priority Criteria:

1. Health and safety issues that could result in the building being closed or activities seriously curtailed if the work is not carried out.
2. The work is absolutely essential in order to meet the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act. (It has been widely publicised that These types of buildings will not be closed provided reasonable steps have been taken to meet the terms of the Act).
3. The project is part of a phased development and this element is essential to its overall completion.
4. Non priority work.

Name	Portchester Community Centre Ltd
Consultation	Cllr R Price has been consulted
Project	To install blinds in the reception, main room, children's centre and day nursery rooms.
Statement	These rooms currently overlook a car park and a public walkway and so are only suitable for use by certain groups. Installing the blinds will ensure the safety, security and privacy of all user groups.
Cost	£9,350.40
Amount organisation has for project	£4,350.40
Funding from other sources	None
Recommendation	£3116.80 as one third of the total project cost.

Name	Highclere Village Hall
Consultation	Cllr T Thacker supports this application.
Project	To insulate and sound proof the chair store.
Statement	The chair store needs to be sound proofed and insulated in order to reduce noise nuisance to neighbouring residents. This also means that hall users will be able to clear the room later into the evening after their events.
Cost	£2395.20
Amount organisation has for project	1395.20
Funding from other sources	0
Recommendation	£798.40 as one third of the total project cost.

Name	St Andrew's Church
Consultation	Cllr M Wade supports this application
Project	Coffee Shop Project
Statement	Develop the coffee shop providing better facilities and opening the coffee shop after school, in the evenings and at weekends to be used for children, young people and the elderly.
Cost	£87,815.94
Amount organisation has for project	£2,000
Funding from other sources	Marchwood Power Station - £3,000 (Confirmed) Exxon Mobil - £550 (Confirmed) Fundraising - £31,000 (Confirmed) Sony - £1,000 (Confirmed) Dibden Allotments Fund - £7,500 (Not Confirmed) Biffa Landfill Funding - £10,000 (Not Confirmed) HIWCF - £3,000 – (Not Confirmed)

	Veolia Landfill Fund - £10,000 (Not Confirmed)
Recommendation	£12,500 as 50% of funding from other sources up to a maximum of £12,500. Please note applications have also gone to the Activities fund and Children's Services.

Name	PCC of Froxfield with Privett
Consultation	Cllr V Clarke supports the project
Project	Church Roof Restoration
Statement	It is a single cell structure with tiled roof and west end bell turret. The walls are faced with flint with stone dressings. The condition of the oak bell turret is a cause for concern and the adjacent roof areas leak in bad weather. The tiled roofs have been maintained with patch repairs but the courses are now uneven and battens are failing. No major repairs have been done since construction and stripping and re-laying is now necessary. Additional insulation will be laid to reduce future heating costs. While access is in place, carpentry repairs and overhaul of the cast iron rainwater goods will also be carried out, and the original bell rehung in the bellcote for chiming. Minor works internally will be carried out. The church is freehold
Cost	£108,000
Amount organisation has for project	£27,500
Funding from other sources	English Heritage - £47,000 (Not Confirmed) EHDC - £1,500 (Not Confirmed) Parish Council - £1,250 (Confirmed) Idlewild Trust - £3,000 (Not Confirmed) Garfield Weston Foundation - £2,000 (Not Confirmed) Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust - £3,000 (Not Confirmed) Alan Evens - £3,000 (Confirmed)
Recommendation	£0 This organisation does not meet the grant criteria as it offers a limited amount of community activities for the wider community

Name	Emsworth Community Association
Consultation	Cllr R Bolton has been consulted.
Project	Roof and floor repairs, feasibility study for new porch, installation of LED lights.
Statement	1.Repair to 15 roof areas to stop leaks caused by splits in lead flashing, broken tiling, damage to ridge tiles and defective pointing, guttering, joints and pipes. Cost £6030 2. Repair, sand and seal half-sprung maple dance floor - retrospective application as job was done as an an emergency Cost: £2141 3. Feasibility study for a porch to create one entrance for both the old and new buildings and redesign the reception area to include a coffee lounge. Cost: £1000 4. Replace 20

	fluorescent tube lights with LED ones Cost: £2300
Cost	£11,471
Amount organisation has for project	£6,921
Funding from other sources	None
Recommendation	£3,990.33 as one third of the total project cost and £500.00 for a feasibility study.

Name	Popley Fields Community Association
Consultation	Cllr J. K. Frankum has been consulted.
Project	Refurbishment of the facilities.
Statement	Popley Fields Community Centre was built in 1996 and is now in need of updating and improvement. We have a footfall of 55000 residents per year. This project is to install low carbon lighting, which will reduce our energy bills by £400 per month. We want to improve our heating system to maximise its efficiency and flexibility. we want to completely refurbish our toilets including making improvements to our accessible toilet facilities. We want to completely refurbish the kitchen with new units, new equipment and a new servery to increase the versatility of our busy community facility.
Cost	£102,209.00
Amount organisation has for project	£6000.00
Funding from other sources	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council - £84,300 (Not Confirmed)
Recommendation	£11,909 as amount requested and under one third of the total project cost.

Name	The Ridley Hall, South Warnborough
Consultation	Cllr J.K Glen has been consulted.
Project	Storage, entryway upgrade and heating
Statement	Construction of two single storey block and brick extensions to the hall. The first (an extension of the south side) for storage and the second to replace a porch that is in poor repair and because of this hardly used. The porch will also include some further badly needed storage space. This would enable better multi use of the space for the community The heating system is outdated and this funding would allow more efficient panel heaters to be installed.
Cost	£29264.00
Amount organisation has for project	£9264.00
Funding from other sources	BIFFA – £10,000 (Not Confirmed) Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation £5,000 (Not Confirmed)
Recommendation	£5,000 as amount requested and under one third of the total project cost.

Name	Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall
Consultation	Cllr A Gibson has been consulted.
Project	Kitchen and storage reconfiguration
Statement	The project will reconfigure the existing kitchen and storage to provide a new kitchen space (in the storage area). This will then improve the space used by the nursery school in the 'new room' that is created . The kitchen will then be brought up to commercial standards to enable use by a wider range of hirers
Cost	£31787
Amount organisation has for project	£7947.00
Funding from other sources	Abbots Ann Parish Council - £11920 (Confirmed) Test Valley Borough Council - £3973 (Confirmed)
Recommendation	£7947.00 as amount requested and under one third of the total project cost.

Name	Silchester Pavillion (Committee)
Consultation	Cllr K Chapman supports this application
Project	Replacement sewerage system
Statement	Building inspectors will not allow a £50,000 extension and refurbishment of the pavilion to be completed unless the sewerage system is replaced. This funding is to cover this portion of the project.
Cost	£11,000
Amount organisation has for project	
Funding from other sources	Sport England £50,000 (Confirmed)
Recommendation	£11,000 as amount requested and under one third of the total project cost. It is recommended this grant is awarded on the condition Silchester Pavilion Committee provide evidence of wider community use over the next 12 months.