

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	25 July 2013
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	4986
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 one application 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 from 2013/14 grant budget at 25 July 2013 is £249,900, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

4. Criteria of grant

- 4.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from this Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

5. Recommendations:

- i. That the grants totalling £3,000 recommended as 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

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

TRINITY WINCHESTER**HOG ORG NO:****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Trinity Winchester and Winchester Churches Nightshelter are holding a Big Sleep Out at Winchester Cathedral on 20 September. Local people will be sleeping under the stars to raise money for the City's homeless and vulnerably housed.

Total Expenditure: £3,000 (£750- advertising, £750- entertainment/food, £1,500- goody bags/cardboard for participants.

Total Income: nil

Shortfall: £3,000

Winchester City Council are helping with the publicity of the event, including promotional opportunities with Mayor of the town. The Big Sleep Out in 2009 raised over £30,000 and had around 350 people taking part. This year it is hoped for up to 500 participants and with the addition of entertainment, food and drink aim to raise around £40,000. If the County are able to provide a grant, this will cover all costs and mean that all funds will go straight to helping homeless and vulnerable people in Winchester.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£3,000

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

Councillor Mather is in full support of this application. The Big Sleep Out increases awareness of homelessness issues in Winchester and raises much needed funding for the organisations working to support the homeless. Councillor Mather is minded to consider £500 from her devolved budget towards this project.

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 Adult Services: As the activity proposed would potentially raise significant funds (based on previous figures a ten fold return on the investment) this application is supported.

Director if Corporate Services: The local Councillor minded to consider £500 from her devolved budget towards this project

RECOMMENDATION

£3,000