

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	15 May 2014
Title:	Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2014/15
Reference:	5790
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The primary purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for £3,500 of grants from the Culture, Community and Business Services Organisational Change Fund 2014/15.
- 1.2 This report notes the grant award of £6,900 to Making Space from the Culture, Community and Business Services Organisational Change Fund 2014/15. This decision was made by the Director for Culture, Community and Business Services with delegated authority following the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside Decision Day on 6 March 2014.
- 1.3 This report also notes the grant award of £20,100 to the Privett Centre Trust from the Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15. This decision was made by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside, following the deferral of the application at the 4 December 2013 Decision Day.

2. Organisational Change Fund

- 2.1 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 developing new ways of working in partnership to deliver services to primarily support a reduction in organisational costs and create alternative funding opportunities (from non Hampshire County Council departments). (See Appendix 1 for full details of the scheme).

2.2 Kala The Arts has submitted an application to the Organisational Change Fund 2014/15. It is recommended the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside awards the organisation £3,500 to support the proposal. Details of the application are set out in Appendix 2.

2.3 At the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside Decision Day on 6 March 2014 the application from Making Space was deferred and delegated authority was given to the Director for Culture, Community and Business Services after obtaining more information about certain elements of the project and the organisation. Following a review of the information provided, the Director awarded Making Space £6,900. Details of this application are set out in Appendix 2.

3. Culture and Recreation Investment Fund

3.1 This grant stream provides investment in the major strategic cultural and recreational organisations in Hampshire. Decisions are only made once a year for applications to this grant stream.

3.2 At the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside Decision Day on 4 December 2013, the application from the Privett Centre Trust was deferred, pending a visit to the organisation by the Executive Member. Following a visit in January 2014 aimed at establishing further information about the proposal and the organisation as a whole, the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside awarded the Privett Centre Trust £20,100 for 2014/15. Details of this application are set out in Appendix 2.

4. Other key issues

4.1 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.

5. Recommendations

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

5.1 Approves the Organisational Change Fund 2014/15 grant of £3,500 to Kala The Arts.

5.2 Notes the Organisational Change Fund 2014/15 grant award of £6,900 to Making Space made by the Director for Culture, Communities and Business Services.

5.3 Notes the Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15 grant award of £20,100 to the Privett Centre Trust made by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside.

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):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Exec Member for Culture and Recreation		20 January 2012
Exec Member for Culture and Recreation		14 May 2012
Exec Member for Culture and Recreation		4 December 2013
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
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:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
Not applicable.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?
Not applicable.

Organisational Change Fund Criteria

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:

- developing new ways of working in partnership to deliver services to primarily support a reduction in organisational costs and create alternative funding opportunities (from non Hampshire County Council departments).

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.

Applicants must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's 'Open for Business' Plan 2011-13;

1. Improved quality of life for all, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.
2. Enhance community engagement and partnership working – strengthening and empowering communities.
3. Support and enable sustainable economic development – 'place shaping'.
4. Enhance Hampshire's environment and promote sustainability.
5. Develop new models of service provision, meeting the challenges of reduced resource and evolving national policies, whilst improving the quality of services for users.

What is funded?

A maximum grant of up to £10,000 can be awarded to eligible organisations within Hampshire to contribute towards specific, time-limited projects (usually no more than a one year period) to achieve organisational efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding. Projects must have clear outcomes and must support a sustainable future business model.

A grant can be awarded to organisations currently receiving funding from Culture, Communities and Business Services grant schemes although are not considered to be priorities for the future, to support a reasonable approach to disinvestment. There is 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 consultancy fees.

What isn't funded?

- Organisations that do not meet the Fund's criteria
- Ongoing financial support or contributions towards a deficit
- Individuals
- Capital projects or capital grants for equipment

- Services provided solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth
- City Council and Southampton City Council
- Parish/Town Councils
- Other local authorities
- Schools
- Uniformed groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides, cadets 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.

Grant criteria and eligibility

We will fund organisations in Hampshire that are either not-for-profit, community based organisations with local governance arrangements or organisations, partnerships and consortiums delivering cultural and recreational services.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria;

- The project or proposals of the organisation(s) support the corporate priorities above.
- The eligible organisation(s) has a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference.
- The project or proposals must be specific, time-limited projects (usually no more than a one year period) to achieve organisational efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding with clear outcomes.
- Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. Where it is judged that unallocated reserves are unreasonably in excess of what is required or not allocated for legitimate purposes, those organisations may receive a reduced grant. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.
- As a minimum standard we would expect your organisation to meet the minimum legal requirements along with policies and procedures to cover your organisation's services/programmes. Generally we would expect organisations to have £10m cover for Public Liability and Employers' Liability Insurance.

Where appropriate, depending on the grant sum requested, the organisation will be expected to submit supporting documentation. All documentation will be used, alongside the application form, to assess against the grant criteria.

On occasions, at our discretion, we may require further information and documentation in addition to the above to support the assessment process. All successful applicants will be required to provide appropriate reporting and/or monitoring for their services/programmes, including completion of a 6 monthly and end of grant monitoring and evaluation forms.

**Organisational Fund 2014/15
Application assessment summary**

Each grant application has been assessed against the Organisational Change Fund criteria (Appendix 1) using a standard template.

Project funding requests – new proposals

Organisation	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended Organisational Change Fund 2014/15
Kala The Arts (based in Basingstoke)	Kala The Arts at BCOT - partnership project £12,649	<p>The organisation seeks support to work towards an integrated process/programme with Basingstoke College Of Technology's (BCOT) management and staff to sustain a long term growth. The organisation wish to recruit a project worker with marketing and liaising experience and work in other geographical areas.</p> <p>This application focuses on employing a project worker and outlines a programme of activity to reach out to wider audiences and research and develop course/s at BCOT. In addition the organisation wishes to train volunteers to expand geographic spread and increase the pool of people able to deliver at a reduced cost. The funding from HCC will enable a project coordinator to be appointed to support the development of income generating courses in the future, train volunteers to support the work of Kala The Arts in a more efficient way and explore other income generating opportunities. The application states the organisation has requested £2,000 from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to support this proposal. The organisation has confirmed they have been granted £1,255 to support their proposal.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> The organisation has been awarded £2,000 from the Culture and Community Activity Grant 2014/15 by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside on 20 January 2014.</p> <p>Councillor Connor supports this application and would like to recommend the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside awards a grant of £3,500 based on the aspect of the level of training to place volunteers into the community which will have a widespread good effect.</p> <p>It is recommended Kala The Arts is awarded a one off grant of £3,500.</p>	£3,949	£3,500
Total			£3,949	£3,500

Appendix 2

Project funding requests – Delegated authority award decision made by Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

Organisation	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended Organisational Change Fund 2014/15
Making Space (Leigh Park, Havant)	Organisational Change and Development £10,500	<p>The organisation seeks support to develop new business models, while keeping the core priorities at the heart of its function and pay for specialist advice, develop trustee skills and write a new business plan.</p> <p>Making Space aims to consult with key stakeholders on the development of the business plan and new business models. The organisation will also involve participants and local communities. Making Space operates in an area of deprivation and has suffered in the recession. It does offer a unique service of engaging the community in a quality resource. It is felt that by developing new staffing structures and a five year business plan and the development of partnership programmes, finding new ways to increase audiences and new income will support the organisation to make organisational and financial efficiencies and reduce reliance on County Council funding.</p> <p>The application states the organisation has not requested funding from Havant Borough Council to support this proposal.</p> <p><i>Note 1:</i> Further detail on the organisation's current financial status, future viability and the consultant's brief will be required before funding is awarded.</p> <p><i>Note 2:</i> The organisation currently holds a management agreement with Hampshire County Council receiving £34,000 funding from HCC in 2014/15.</p> <p>Councillor Fairhurst hopes the proposal achieves the changes needed.</p> <p>Councillor Finch has been consulted.</p> <p>It is recommended Making Space is awarded a one off grant of £6,900 on the condition the organisation provides further information on the current and future health of the organisation and the proposed consultant's brief.</p>	£8,400	£6,900
Total			£8,400	£6,900

**Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15
Application assessment summary**

Project funding requests – Previous award decision made by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside

Organisation	Project Title	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended Culture & Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15
Privett Centre Trust, near Petersfield <i>(Trading as The Privett Centre)</i>	The Privett Centre	<p>The Privett Centre provides a residential as well as a non-residential facility to both primary and special needs schools and offers a residential experience as a sole use policy. The Centre gives specific user groups the ability to run their own programmes to develop life skills and experience what, on some occasions, is a first residential experience in a secure and safe environment. The application states there is no match funding from East Hampshire District Council.</p> <p>The organisation has a high reliance on funding from Hampshire County Council. The application and supporting documentation demonstrate a low occupancy level which would need targeting to ensure future financial sustainability.</p> <p>Councillor Clarke was consulted.</p> <p>It is recommended the Privett Centre Trust is awarded £20,100 from the Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15.</p>	£28,972	£20,100
Total			£28,972	£20,100