

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	24 January 2014
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	5604
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 a request received from Chichester Harbour Trust for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

2. Grants Criteria

2.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budgets are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

3. Legal Implications

3.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

4. Recommendation:

4.1 That a grant totalling £8,000 from the Policy and Resources budget as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

4.1 Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
4.2 Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
4.3 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

Letter from the Chairman of the
Chichester Harbour Trust

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

CHICHESTER HARBOUR TRUST

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

To assist with the management and administrative costs associated with the conservation of the very special landscape and wildlife habitats of 240 acres of land in sites spread around Chichester Harbour, some of which are in Hampshire and some in West Sussex.

Total Expenditure: £28,000 (management and administrative costs in 2012)

Total Income: Not known

Shortfall: Not known

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£8,000

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

A grant of £5,000 per year was given to the Trust for three years from 2005.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Frank Pearce is the local Member and is a member of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Trust.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Chief Executive: Chichester Harbour Trust has previously received grants from the County Council (2005 – 2007). Support is also provided to the Trust by West Sussex County Council and the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Trust. This request is supported to enable the Trust to continue its important conservation work.

RECOMMENDATION

£8,000 in 2014/15