

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	11 March 2014
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	5441
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 two applications 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 grants being recommended for award can be accommodated within the Policy and Resources budget.

3. Grants Criteria

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

4. Legal Implications

4.1 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.

5. Recommendation:

5.1 That grants totalling £8,840 from the Policy and Resources grants budget as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

5.2 Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
5.3 Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
5.4 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 forms 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

HAMPSHIRE MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES TRUST (HMGT)

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The EDGE Young Volunteers project is dedicated to encouraging young people to become actively involved with Hampshire's museums, galleries and arts centres and currently delivers activities in Andover, Aldershot, New Milton, Havant, Odiham, Bordon and Basingstoke. Projects have included theatre workshops and performances, youth band nights, fashion shows, film making, and conservation projects.

In 2010 the Trust was awarded funding by Big Lottery which comes to an end in January 2014 and it is now looking for monies to continue until the end of this financial year. It would also continue to look for funding for 2014/15 from a variety of sources, including Big Lottery, Heritage Lottery Fund and other charitable trusts and foundations.

Total Expenditure: £10,870 (equates to 2.5 months)

Total Income: £5,870 (own funds)

Shortfall: £5,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000 towards operating costs for the remainder of 2013/14 f/year

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

P&R budget: Jan 2012: “one-off” £5,000 towards the Edge Project

CCBS budget: - £19,600 in 2013/14 and £20,000 in 2014/15 (subject to CC budget approval)

Councillors Reid, Kemp-Gee, P West and Connor each awarded £500 and Councillor Rolt awarded £400 in 2013/14

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The Trust operates in various venues around the County and there is therefore no local member.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This request relates to The Edge Project which is a specific and time limited project which has successfully and creatively engaged young people in activities in museums, galleries and arts centres. The Leader of the Council has previously supported the project and the current request appears focussed upon enabling the HMGT to bring the current project to a successful conclusion.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

CAMBERLEY DISTRICT OPEN MIND ASSOCIATION

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Camberley District Open Mind Association (CDOMA) is seeking grant aid towards its running costs. The Association runs the Open Mind Club 3 times per week which caters primarily for 30 working age adults with mental health issues. Costs include: staffing (incl on-costs) plus office expenses.

Although this organisation meets in Surrey, over half its members live in Hampshire.

Total Expenditure: £11,830 p.a.

Total Income: £7,990

Shortfall: £3,840

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£3,840

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

This budget:

2011/12 - £3,500

2012/13 - £2,500

Adults Services

2013/14 – unsuccessful as did not meet grant programmes objectives

2014/15 – unsuccessful, see Director of Adult and Social Care’s comments below.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Collett is the local member and he strongly supports this request for funding.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Adult and Social Care: The grant application submitted to this department was based around sessions in the Hart and Rushmoor area for people with Mental Health problems. It was not supported as it was felt that this provision was already being catered for by our Wellbeing services.

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: Grants are not usually awarded from this budget towards an organisation’s running costs. However, in order to allow the organisation time to seek alternative, longer term funding, it is recommended that a final “one-off grant of £3,840 be awarded.

RECOMMENDATION

A final “one-off grant of £3,840