

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	10 April 2014
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	5693
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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#### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to consider applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget. Details of these requests are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

#### 2. Budget Position

2.1 The balance available for allocation from the 2014/15 grant budget at 10 April 2014 is £270,800, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

#### 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 £6,000 be awarded from the Policy and Resources grants budget as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.

**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

**WHITEHILL AND BORDON TOWN PARTNERSHIP (CG00006087)**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Whitehill and Bordon Town Partnership is seeking grant aid towards the cost of purchasing 50 crowd barriers to be used for its Soapbox Derby, Christmas event and firework display.

Funds have not been sought from East Hampshire District Council for this particular project but £250 is being requested from them for other purposes, the outcome of which will be known at the end of May.

**Total Expenditure:** £1,539

**Total Income:** £539 (own funds raised)

**Shortfall:** £1,000

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£1,000

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

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Comments have been sought from the local member, Councillor Adam Carew.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** This partnership has worked effectively with the County Council on a number of aspects and has arranged a number of community events over the years. A grant of £1,000 is recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£1,000

**ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND (HAMPSHIRE)**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Army recently assisted the County Council with work after flooding incidents to parts of the County.

The Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) is the British Army's national charity and provides financial and practical support to soldiers, former soldiers, and their families in times of need.

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

Not specified

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

One-off grants were awarded over a number of years to help Hampshire residents towards costs for medical equipment.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Not applicable

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services:** The Army assisted the County Council with the relief effort required after recent flooding in areas of the County. To recognise the County Council's appreciation, it is recommended that a donation of £5,000 be awarded to the Army Benevolent Fund and allocated as approved by the Leader.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000