

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	25 June 2014
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	5830
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 five 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 20 June 2014 is £210,960, 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 where recommended, grants totalling £11,281 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

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY VOLUNTEER POLICE CADETS (CG00005563)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

By April 2016, Hampshire Constabulary wishes to set up 10 Volunteer Police Cadets units within the County, each containing 25 cadets. Six of the units will be within Hampshire, the remaining four in Southampton/Portsmouth/Isle of Wight.

The aim of each unit is to promote a practical understanding of policing amongst young people. Grant aid is being requested towards providing each cadet and leader with a uniform.

Total Expenditure: £78,000 for total cost, which includes a sum of £30,000 for uniform costs for 250 cadets and 60 leaders

Total Income: £4,400 from OPCC and £20,000 from own funds

Shortfall: £5,600

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide application and therefore no local member

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children's Services: The County Council is delighted to offer some practical support to the establishment of a police cadet initiative across Hampshire. We value our ever closer links with the constabulary and this is an important scheme which will engender greater understanding among our young people of the ever increasing pressures upon our police service as well as providing an opportunity for them to taste the possibilities of a career with the police.

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services (STFP): This is a good project which is being rolled out in 2014/15 and would benefit from grant funding. It is based on the national model rolled out in other Force areas and is being delivered by the Constabulary. Although focussed on young people, this request links to community safety, reducing offending (both current and future) and the positive role of young people in communities.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

**WARREN YOUTH CLUB, HATCH WARREN, BASINGSTOKE
(CG00006143)**

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Warren Youth Club in Hatch Warren, Basingstoke meets on a weekly basis and provides activities for approximately 60 young people aged between 10 and 17 years of age. It also gives assistance and education on matters which are important to young people.

Due to its popularity, the Club would like to open an extra night to provide a health and wellbeing club for older children and it is for this that grant aid is sought.

Total Expenditure: £4,132 (staffing, volunteer expenses, training, mobile screen and leaflet holders)

Total Income: £2,215 (incl £1,000 - own funds and £631- Basingstoke & Deane BC

Shortfall: £1,917

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£1,917

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

This budget:

Nil

Children's Services:

13/14 - £1,500 summer activity scheme

14/15 – application for above scheme rejected (didn't meet criteria as it was a universal request rather than targeted).

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Rita Burgess is the local member and her comments have been sought awaited.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Policy and Governance, Corporate Services: This appears to be a popular venue for young people and a grant of £631 to match the Borough Council contribution is supported.

RECOMMENDATION

£631

NORTH BADDESLEY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CLUB (CG00006169)

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

North Baddesley Youth and Community Club is seeking grant aid towards its Learning Awareness and Building Skills Project.

As part of the Project, the Club will engage the services of youth, arts and community development workers as well as volunteers who will run 25 workshops over a year-long period, to teach and enhance the skills of young people. A variety of vehicles will be utilised to bring about the desired outcomes including sports, the arts, literature, debates and discussions etc. Funding is being sought to purchase sport and arts equipment.

Total Expenditure: £4,000 (£1,800 staff costs and £2,200 purchase sports/arts equip)

Total Income: £2,000 (Awards for All) – not applied to Parish Council

Shortfall: £2,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£2,000

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

12/13 - CCBS - approved

12/13 - P&R - approved

13/14 - CCBS - rejected

14/15 HIOW Community Safety (police) rejected

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Dowden is the local member.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children's Services: Comments awaited.

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: The applicant has not applied to the Parish Council for funds but has received grant aid in the past from Test Valley Borough Council through its Have Your Say budget towards these workshops.

RECOMMENDATION

FRIENDS OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH WIND BAND (CG00006278)

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The Friends of the Hampshire County Youth Wind Band are seeking a financial contribution towards the cost of their musical tour to the Czech Republic from 26 July to 2 August.

Total Expenditure: £39,000

Total Income: £38,350

Shortfall: £650

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£650

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

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This application has come from a countywide group and therefore there is no local member

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children's Services: The Youth Bands, including the Youth Wind Band, provide opportunities for promising young musicians to experience performance at a high level in a range of settings. Support from the County Council would be very valuable in maintaining the commitment and excitement of young musicians from all backgrounds so they pursue their instruments at a time when many other pressures come into their lives. The European nature of this tour is an added dimension providing real experience for young people to help build their confidence and understanding of living, and performing, in an increasingly global society.

RECOMMENDATION

£650

THE BLUE LAMP TRUST (CG00006203)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Blue Lamp Trust (formerly Hampshire Bobby Trust) was launched in 1998 to provide home security and peace of mind for the elderly and vulnerable who have been the victims of burglary. Through its Hampshire Bobby Scheme, the Trust receives referrals from the Police, Fire Service and local authorities to provide home security and safety hardware.

Each security/safety upgrade averages at £10 and the Trust is seeking £5,000 to fund 500 upgrades.

Further details have been requested towards the level of District/Borough Council contributions.

Total Expenditure: £90,000

Total Income: £5,000 appl submitted to C/Cllr - not confirmed (August)

Shortfall: £85,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

Over the last year, the Trust has received many grants through the local members' devolved budgets and through this budget.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide application and therefore no local member.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Adult Services: The organisation has £233,000 in free reserves. Even with them contributing £80,000 (as stated in their application form), it would still mean that they have in excess of one years running cost in reserve so I would not recommend supporting this application.

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: Over the last 12 months the Trust has carried out Home Safety and Security Surveys and associated works at over 1700 homes in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. A grant of £5,000 is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000