

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	12 December 2014
Decision Title:	Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarships – 2014/15 academic year
Decision Reference:	6249
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek approval from the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for the payment of seven scholarship awards which are recommended based on the provisions of the Evelyn Mace Educational Trust.
- 1.2 The previous report to the Executive Members on the 12 December 2013 highlighted a potential shortfall in 2014/15 of £4,095. However, due to a lower than expected number of applications, the trust has sufficient surplus to fund the new applications and existing awards. Any future funding deficit will require an application to the leader's one off grant budget.
- 1.3 The proposed new scholarship awards for seven applicants amount to £2,500 for the 2014/15 academic year.
- 1.4 The background and terms of the Trust are set out in section 2.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 In 1999 the Evelyn Mace Educational Trust was established following a bequest received by the County Council from Mrs Evelyn Mace, a former head teacher and Winchester School Governor. The net yearly income of the trust is to be applied by the County Council for the advancement of education through the award of scholarships, bursaries or similar financial assistance to students under the age of 25 years resident in Hampshire.
- 2.2 At that time, it was agreed by the County Council's former Charities Panel and the Community and Conservation Committee that the most efficient way of using the Trust would be to establish two types of annual scholarship:

- Evelyn Mace Drama Scholarships for students due to start a drama or poetry course of Higher Education
- Evelyn Mace Scholarships to be made to students formerly in the care of Hampshire County Council in order for them to pursue a course of Higher Education.

3. Finance

- 3.1 The Trust's annual income is estimated at approximately £5,400 for 2014/15. This annual income along with any surplus income from previous years will fund scholarship awards for both continuing students, agreed in previous years, as well as new awards approved.
- 3.2 From 2015/16 it will be necessary to seek additional funding to continue to support awards at their current levels. Table 1 below highlights the funding shortfall in future years.
- 3.3 This table assumes that, from 2015 /16, the Trust will continue to receive five new care applications and two new drama applications each year with awards funded at the same level in future years (£400 and £250 respectively). In order to sustain awards at this level, £339 of additional funding would need to be made available from the Leader's one-off grants budget in 2015/16 rising to £2,448 in 2016/17 onwards.
- 3.4 At this time last year, the estimated shortfall in 2014/15 was £4,095, which was based on 12 new applicants in 2013/14 and 12 in 2014/15. However, there is now an estimated surplus of £2,009 in 2014/15, primarily because only seven scholarships were subsequently awarded in 2013/14 and the projected take-up has been correspondingly reduced.

Table 1 - Annual and cumulative surplus, if award remains at £400

Year	2011/12 £	2012/13 £	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	*2015/16 £	*2016/17 £	*2017/18 £
Income per year	5,308	5,406	5,452	5,452	5,452	5,452	5,452
Surplus b/f	11,441	7,849	7,355	4,357	2,009	0	0
Total income	16,749	13,255	12,807	9,809	7,461	5,452	5,452
Total of annual awards	8,900	5,900	8,450	7,800	7,800	7,900	7,900
Proposed funding from Leader's one-off grants budget	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	339	2,448	2,448
Cumulative surplus / (deficit)	7,849	7,355	4,357	2,009	0	0	0

* Estimated

- 3.5 It is recommended that, for applications received from young people who were formerly in the care of the County Council, the award should remain at £400 per year. For 2014/15, five scholarship awards are recommended (at a total value £2,000), compared with twelve awards of which ten were claimed in 2013/14 (total annual value £4,000).
- 3.6 It is proposed that the award for drama and poetry students should remain at £250 per year. For 2014/15, two scholarship awards are recommended (at a total value of £500), compared with no awards claimed in 2013/14.

Evelyn Mace Scholarships¹ - £400 per student

Student A – 3 years

Student B – 3 years

Student C – 4 years

Student D – 3 years

¹ In view of the eligibility criteria for these awards, the students are not identified. Details are available on request.

Student E – 3 years

Evelyn Mace Drama Scholarships - £250 per student

Caroline Herszenhorm - 3 years

Kristian Wall - 3 years

3.7 In addition to these proposals a further £5,300 will be provided in relation to continuing students who were awarded a scholarship in previous years. Therefore this will result in a total award of £7,800 being made during 2014/15. The total awards recommended in this paper, combined with ongoing awards from previous years, exceeds the total income available. However, it is possible to meet the excess from a cash surplus of around £4,357 that had accumulated up until 2013/14.

4. Recommendations

4.1 That subject to approval, the new scholarship awards totalling £2,500 for the 2014/15 academic year to be awarded to the individuals for the amounts outlined in Appendix 1, subject to the applicants providing the necessary confirmation of attendance from their college or university.

4.2 It is recommended that the funding deficit in 2015/16 of £339 be met from the Leaders one-off grants budget as detailed in Table 1.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	5297	12.12.13
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	4370	13.12.12
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	3308	27.10.11
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	2093	28.10.10
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	941	19.10.09
Evelyn Mace Educational Trust Scholarship	338	16.10.08
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. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- 1.2. The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- 1.3. Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- 1.4. Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.5. Equalities Impact Assessment:

See guidance at <http://intranet.hants.gov.uk/equality/equality-assessments.htm>
Inset in full your Equality Statement which will either state

(a) *why you consider that the project/proposal will have a low or no impact on groups with protected characteristics*

Equality objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 Crime and disorder objectives are not considered to be adversely affected by the proposals of this report.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? No impact

b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

– No impact

Evelyn Mace Educational Trust and Scholarship**Recommended Applicants who were formerly in the care of the County Council.**

Name	Age	University	Course	Course Length	Start Date	Amount
Student A*	19	UCA	BA Hons Fine Art	3 years	Sep-14	£400
Student B*	20	Winchester University	Primary Education with QTS	3 years	Sep-14	£400
Student C*	21	University of Kent	Chemistry	4 years	Sep-14	£400
Student D*	19	The University of Gloucestershire	Illustration BA	3 years	Sep-14	£400
Student E*	18	University of South Wales	BA Photography	3 years	Sep-14	£400

Recommended Applicants for drama and poetry courses.

Caroline Herszenhorn	18	Bird College	BA Hons Professional Dance & Musical Theatre	3 years	Sep-14	£250
Kristian Wall	19	Arts Educational Schools London	BA Acting for TV and Film	3 years	Sep-14	£250

* NB: in view of the eligibility criteria for these awards, the students are not identified, details are available on request.