

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	19 January 2015
Title:	Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2015/16
Reference:	6388
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for £35,478 of Culture and Community Activity grants 2015/16 to 18 cultural, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire, including a Business Sponsorship grant.

2. Culture and Community Activity Grants

- 2.1. The Culture and Community Activity grant is one of five grants streams set up in May 2012, following an extensive review of grants.
- 2.2. The purpose of this grant stream is to provide general support, up to a maximum of £3,000, to groups and organisations which encourage and provide opportunities for individuals and communities to participate in community focussed, cultural and recreational activities. Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3. 32 organisations have applied for funding and the details are set out in Appendix 2.

3. Consistent Approach to Assessing Applications:

- 3.1 One of the aims of the grants system is to ensure a consistent approach is taken when assessing a grant application. Whilst each service (Arts, Museums, Countryside, Outdoor Service, Community and Sport) still assess

the grant applications most relevant to them, all the officers use the same criteria and complete the same internal assessment form.

4. Financial Information 2015/16

- 4.1. The total original budget for the 2015/16 grants is £1,140,000. £1,016,380 was allocated in December 2014 leaving £123,620 for Activity and other smaller grants in 2015/16. If all these applications are approved there will be £87,842 remaining. These are indicative figures subject to the County Council approving the overall budget in February 2015.

5. Other key issues

- 5.1. Legal Implications: The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of a grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities and activities.

6. Recommendations

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:

- 6.1. Approves the Culture and Community Activity Grants of £35,478 for 2015/16 subject to approval of the County Council budget in February 2015.
- 6.2 Approves the Business Sponsorship Grant of £300 to Grayshott Concerts for 2015/16 subject to approval of the County Council budget in February 2015.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Exec Member for Culture and Recreation		20 January 2012
Exec Member for Culture and Recreation		14 May 2012
Exec Member for Culture and Recreation		4 December 2013
Exec Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside		20 January 2014
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:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) 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.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A high level Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken when the grants process was reviewed. It identified that the proposed changes to the grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality by creating a more open and transparent funding programme.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. Not applicable.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption? Not applicable.
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts? Not applicable.

Hampshire County Council Grant Criteria for Culture and Community Activity Grants (Culture, Communities and Business Services - CCBS)

The purpose of the Culture and Community Activity Grants is to provide general support to groups and organisations which encourage and provide opportunities for individuals and communities within Hampshire to participate in cultural, community-focused, and recreational activities.

This programme funds projects and proposals which support the priorities and outcomes in [Hampshire County Council's Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future'](#).

- Health and wellbeing: Improving health and wellbeing for all, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.
- Economy: Promoting economic prosperity and protecting the environment.
- Communities: Working with communities to enhance local services.

Culture and Community Activity Grants will fund up to a maximum of £3,000.

What is funded

- Community, cultural, recreational or community conservation projects, activities or events that provide opportunities for local people (Hampshire residents) to become involved
- A high quality eligible project, programme or activity that delivers measurable outcomes and results against the priorities set out above
- Match funding for business sponsorship

What isn't funded

- Individuals
- Further or higher education fees, personal development or training fees for individuals
- Curriculum based activities
- Building based capital works
- Capital and equipment schemes – i.e. buying instruments or uniforms
- General/core running costs of an organisation
- Website development projects or medical/complimentary treatment activities
- Setting up an organisation
- Profit making events/activities
- County, District or Borough Councils
- Services, projects or activities solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council
- Uniformed groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides, military groups etc
- Street parties or village fetes

Please note we cannot retrospectively fund projects/activities that have already been carried out. Grants are issued for projects/activities to be carried out in the future.

Grant criteria and eligibility

We will consider funding eligible organisations who fulfill **all** of the following criteria:

- The proposed programme, project or activity of the organisation is a cultural, community, recreational or community conservation activity/project that encourages and provides opportunities for individuals and communities within Hampshire to participate.
- The programme, project or activity must also support one or more of the Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future' priorities detailed above.
- A high quality project, programme or activity that delivers measurable outcomes and results against the priorities set out above.
- The organisation **must** have actively sought funding from other sources, this could include district, borough, town or parish council funding. Priority will be given to applications which have partner funding in place from other sources.
- The organisation must be able to demonstrate that without the support from Hampshire County Council the activity/event would not be able to proceed at all or to the extent outlined in the application.
- Organisations with significant funds in place or higher levels of reserves must demonstrate why funding from Hampshire County Council is needed.
- The organisation has a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference.
- Match funding for business sponsorship.

All organisations requesting support are required to submit their latest Annual Accounts/annual financial summary.

All successful applicants will be required to provide appropriate reporting and/or monitoring for their service, projects and/or activities.

Organisations will be expected to have appropriate policies, procedures and levels of insurances in place. This will include child and vulnerable adult protection/safeguarding policies, health and safety policy, a minimum of £5m Public Liability and £5m Employers Liability Insurance.

Applications to other County Council grant schemes for the proposed project will be considered when reviewing applications.

Business Sponsorship - additional criteria and eligibility

We can match fund business sponsorship up to £300. The sponsorship you are receiving must be monetary, we can not match fund any in kind sponsorship, e.g. free/subsidised marketing. Match funding must be a minimum of £150 per business and businesses **must be first time sponsors**. Maximum of one application per organisation per year.

Financial Eligibility

Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold a high level of unallocated reserves, particularly in excess of one year's running costs. In cases where reserves held are felt to be high or exceed one year's running costs a reduced level of funding may be agreed. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

Organisations must submit their most recent audited/examined accounts or financial summary when applying to this scheme.