

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Deputy Leader
Date:	21 January 2015
Title:	Grants from Children's Services Integrated Grant Programme 2015/16
Reference:	6126
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services for grant recommendations from the Children's Services Integrated grant programme. Grant programme budgets for 2015/16 are subject to Cabinet approval February 2015.

Children's Services Integrated Grant (CSI):

1.2 Approval from the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services is sought for grant recommendations of £5,000 and over totalling £453,955 to voluntary sector organisations within Hampshire as listed in Appendix 3 for 2015/16. A further £40,345 will be awarded in sums of under £5,000 within Officer delegated powers (listed for information in Appendix 4), bringing the total grants recommended to the voluntary sector from the Children's Services integrated grants programme to £494,300.

2. Contextual information

2.1. Children's Services Integrated Grant

2.1.1 The Children's Services Integrated grant budget is an amalgamation of previously separately administered grant funding streams. This is the sixth year now that the integrated approach to grant and other funding has been employed to provide a more transparent, accessible and coherent approach across this area. Reflecting changes in planned budgets for 2015/16 the CSI grant was targeted to specific vulnerable groups. Only eligible applications that met the priorities of one of the following key categories including Counselling, Young Carers and LGBT were

considered. A smaller amount of grant was also allocated to “other” services to meet the needs of other vulnerable groups of children and young people as identified by the children and young people’s plan. In a change to previous community consultation procedures the Local Children’s Partnerships were not required to organise local consultation panels. Instead all Early Help Hub Managers received eligible applications for their areas and were asked to prioritise them following discussion with their local representatives from Health, Community Safety, LCPs and the voluntary sector.

- 2.1.2 This process continues to allow for local accountability, enhances local gap analyses and allows communities a direct route to be involved in the decision making process. The priority recommendations from the Early Help Hubs are then presented to the County Scrutiny Panel, which includes representation from Children’s Services, prior to their inclusion in this decision paper.
- 2.1.3 Grants to organisations listed in this report will enable them to continue with their services and undertake projects which work towards the outcomes of the Hampshire Children and Young People Plan (CYPP).

3. Criteria of grant

3.1. Children’s Services Integrated Grant (CSI)

Applicants for the CSI Grant programme must apply via the Council’s corporate grant web portal. All applications to the Children’s Services Integrated grant programme must meet strict eligibility criteria which ensure that the funding targeted vulnerable groups within the Children and Young People Plan 2012-15 (CYPP). Applications are required to provide services to one of the key themes, Counselling, Young carers, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and transgender) or one of the “other” themes including black, minority, ethnic, traveller or young people who are facing barriers to participation or experiencing prejudice and discrimination because of their ethnic background , young offenders, young parents, living in relative poverty, children in care (including post adoption) and disadvantaged because of learning difficulties and/or disabilities. In addition applicants must identify the level of intervention using The Hampshire Children’s Trust Thresholds Chart. Level two early interventions and level three targeted early intervention projects were prioritised for funding. Applications must also demonstrate additional support from other funding sources such as trusts, district/borough councils, businesses or other sponsorship.

4. Finance

- 4.1. The proposed grants can be funded from within the budget proposals set out in the 2015/16 revenue budget report elsewhere on this agenda. This includes the provision for Counselling and LGBT previously incorporated in the Youth Support Services grants.

5. Other considerations

- 5.1. Organisations which applied to the Children's Services Integrated grant programme for funding for 2015/16 but which were unsuccessful will receive individual feedback explaining why their application was not recommended for funding.
- 4.2 Some projects may receive an award which is significantly lower than the amount requested. This may potentially compromise their ability to fully achieve the original outcomes of their project. In these cases revised outcomes/targets will be supported.

6. Recommendation(s)

- 6.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services:

Approves the Children's Services Integrated grant applications of £5,000 and over for 2015/16 totalling £453,955 for organisations within Hampshire as listed in Appendix 3.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
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>
Youth Support Service Re-design	2993	29/07/11
Children's Services and Youth Support Services Grants 2012/13	3442	20/02/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2012/13	3904	31/05/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2012/13	4034	17/07/12
Youth Support Service Grants 2013/14	4075	26/09/12
Grants from Children's Services 2012/13 and 2013/14	4331	23/01/13
Grants from Children's Services 2013/14	4718	25/03/13
Children's Services grant awards 2013/14	4926	24/10/13
Grants from Children's Services 2014/15	5106	21/01/14
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Every Child Matters		2003
Children Act		2004
Childcare Act		2006
Apprenticeship Skills Children and Learning Act		2009

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. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1 The funding of projects targeted at supporting priority groups of vulnerable children and young people across the county is expected to have a positive impact on improving outcomes for equalities groups.
- 1.2 Each applicant must outline how their project will contribute towards the elimination of unlawful discrimination, the advancement of equality of opportunity for everyone including those having a protected characteristic and the fostering of good relations between all including those having a protected characteristic.
- 1.3 Protected characteristics are those defined in the Equalities Act 2010, namely race (including ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality), age, disability, gender, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1 The funding of projects directly impacting on more vulnerable groups of young people is expected to impact positively to reduce potential crime and disorder.

Criteria for Grants

Please refer to section 3 of the report.

To be eligible for support organisations must:

- Benefit children, young people and their families and carers in the Hampshire County Council area.
- Provide services that fall within one of the key categories for provision.
- Demonstrate how their work meets the outcomes of the CYPP and the Hampshire Children's Trust Thresholds Chart.

Demonstrate the project has funding from other sources such as trusts, district/borough/parish/local councils, businesses or other sponsorship or contribute to the costs in kind.

- Have in place appropriate insurances.
- Have policy statements and guidelines in place for Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Child Protection, and Quality Assurance (where applicable).
- Ensure all staff, both paid and voluntary, who have contact with children and young people have an up to date Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.
- Comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements

Details of CSI grant applications

The table below shows a summary of CSI grants of £5,000 and above recommended for 2015/16.

Theme / Organisation / Project	Area of provision	Recommendation
Counselling		
1. Relate North & East Hampshire & Borders - Young People & Family Counselling	Basingstoke	5,000
2. No Limits - Supporting vulnerable children and young people's (CYP) emotional wellbeing and mental health – youth counselling in Hampshire.	Countywide	196,500
3. Southampton Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service - Young People's Counselling	Countywide	15,000
4. Southampton Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service - Family Therapy	Countywide	9,000
5. The Source Young People's Charity -The Rushmoor and Hart Counselling Service	Multi district	10,000
Young Carers		
6. Basingstoke Voluntary Action - Hampshire Young Carers Alliance	Countywide	164,205
LGBT		
7. Breakout Youth - Targeted support services for young LGBT	Eastleigh & Basingstoke	9,000
8. Step by Step Partnership Ltd - Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Group	Rushmoor & Hart	9,000
Other		
9. Yellow Brick Road Projects Ltd (YBRP) - Young Mums Matter (YMM)	Gosport	9,000
10. HCCS Community Action (trading as Community First HEH) - Anger and Anxiety Management Courses	East Hants	9,250
11. Autism Hampshire - The Community Access Project for Children with Autism	Countywide	7,000
12. Forest Forge Theatre Company - Hidden Identities	New Forest	6,000
13. Friends of the Family Winchester - Under 5s Project	Winchester	5,000
Totals	Grants recommended of £5,000 and above	453,955
	Grants awarded under £5,000	40,345
	Total grants recommended	494,300

Appendix 3 cont./**Details of CSI grant applications****Counselling Projects****1. Relate North & East Hampshire & Borders**

Offer Counselling for Young People providing 1:1 support, in a safe and secure environment at the time of family conflict. The service targets vulnerable young people experiencing difficulties at home. (Basingstoke)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £5000

2. No Limits

A consortium: No Limits (Hampshire wide); It's Your Choice (New Forest); Youth in Romsey; Winchester Youth Counselling; Eastleigh Youth Counselling; Moving On Project (Fareham & Gosport); Step By Step (Aldershot & NE Hants); Off the Record (Havant); YPI (Basingstoke) & 121 Counselling (Hart & Yately) will deliver local youth information, advice, counselling & support services across Hampshire. (Countywide)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £196,500

3. Southampton Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service

Young People's Counselling element – individual or group therapy to young people aged 11-18 from Hampshire who have been sexually abused. (Countywide)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £15,000

4. Southampton Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Counselling Service

The project will offer a Family Therapy Service to provide holistic support to families struggling with the impact of child sexual abuse or adult sexual assault. The Project aims to help people develop healthier emotional coping skills and protective strategies that will support physical and psychological recovery, facilitate independence and reduce the likelihood of repeat victimisation. (Countywide)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £9,000

5. The Source Young People's Charity

This project supports the young people of Rushmoor and Hart by providing a counselling service to help 24 children and young people aged 13 to 19 who are vulnerable and at risk of harm in some way. (Multi District)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £10,000

Young Carers Project

6. Basingstoke Voluntary Action - HYCA

HYCA - Hampshire Young Carers Alliance is a consortium of 10 local independent and autonomous Young Carers' Projects managed by voluntary organisations which provide a support service within each district of Hampshire. Young Carers project workers will offer intensive 1-2-1 support to young carers with identified high levels of need. HYCA projects will provide opportunities for young carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities. (Countywide)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £164,205

LGBT Projects

7. Breakout Youth

The project will provide support and services for young LGBT, particularly those who have additional, multiple and complex needs thus ensuring that this vulnerable group are given the best possible life chances. (Eastleigh and Basingstoke)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £9,000

8. Step by Step Partnership Ltd

This LGBT project aims to help clients build healthy relationships, break down prejudices, develop confidence and self-esteem. They will offer 2 x 2 hour sessions per month and draw upon support from a confirmed network of multi agencies who have given commitment to attend groups and refer cases. The group will, offer 1 to 1 support to young people. (Rushmoor and Hart)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £9,000

Other Projects supporting vulnerable groups identified in Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)

9. Yellow Brick Road Projects Ltd (YBRP)

Young Mums Matter project offers a 12 week course providing young mothers from deprived backgrounds vital skills, enabling them to manage their everyday lives more independently and to reach their individual goals. (Gosport)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £9,000

10. CCS Community Action (trading as Community First HEH)

Will offer Anger and Anxiety Management Courses to help young people in East Hants, overcome anxiety, develop strategies for managing their anger and develop resilience enabling them to fulfil their potential. (East Hants)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £9,250

11. Autism Hampshire

The project will provide early help to children affected by autism via telephone, e-mail, appointment, home visits and other community-based initiatives such as Activity Days. (Countywide)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £7,000

12. Forest Forge Theatre Company

This project contributes to social cohesion through the provision of a weekly 2 hour club at Bransgore where settled Gypsy and Traveller children and young people in the area both communities are able to use drama as an opportunity to interact in a safe, creative and dynamic space. Young people are able to explore their cultural background and differences, celebrate their history and culture, reducing loss of cultural identity and reducing feelings of alienation, and social isolation. (New Forest)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £6,000

13. Friends of the Family Winchester

They offer 1:1 counselling and group work to pre-school mothers to improve confidence and raise self-esteem, while their children are supported by trained play leader and volunteers. (Winchester)

Amount recommended as a contribution to the project: £5,000

For Information - 2015/16 CSI Grants under £5,000 and approved

Theme / Organisation / Project	Area of provision	Recommendation
Counselling		
The Moving On Project - Supporting vulnerable children and young people's (CYP) emotional wellbeing and mental health – youth counselling in Fareham and Gosport.	Multi District	4,500
LGBT		
Y Services for Young People - LGBTQ Support Service	Multi District	4,500
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Y Services for Young People - LGBTQ Support Service	Multi District	4,500
HCCS Community Action (trading as Community First HEH) - LGBT Questions	Multi District	4,500
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Other CYPP Priorities		
Eastleigh Child Contact Centre - (ECCC)	Countywide	4,000
Positive Action - Young People Living with HIV	Countywide	3,000
The Community Furniture Project (Basingstoke) - Youth Mentoring Project	Multi District	4,345
Home-Start North West Hampshire - Teenage Parent Support	Basingstoke	2,000
Total	Grants awarded under £5,000	40,345