

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for making grant awards to the voluntary and community organisations outlined in this report.

All grant applications received are considered in relation to how well they link with current Adult Services priorities, in particular:

- Maximising independence and inclusion;
- Right support in the right place at the right time for users;
- Vulnerable people are protected;
- Delivering a high quality, cost effective service to the vulnerable people of Hampshire;

Consideration has also been given to Adult Service responsibilities under the Care Act 2014 (in particular the Wellbeing duty), and the Transformation to 2017 programme.

- 1.2. The report outlines the following recommends £574,972 between 40 organisations. The report delivers further efficiencies following on from the 2014/15 grants programme in line with the need to align future spending with reduced Government funding. The investment, combined with that contained in the Public Health grant report, still represents a major investment in the Hampshire voluntary sector.
- 1.3. In addition to the amount recommended to be awarded in 1.2, the recommendations regarding Advocacy services and Public Health Grants are being considered separately and in tandem with this report. In previous years these budgets were all considered in a single report.

- 1.4. This paper seeks to
- Offer background details of the Adult Services grant programmes, including grant programme criteria;
 - Provide details of recommendations of organisations supported including recommended funding allocations and details of proposed activities;
 - Provide details of the monitoring and evaluation process;
 - Provide a summary of the Equality Impact Assessment.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. A voluntary organisation may be considered for grant aid from Adult Services only if its services, projects or activities are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of the Adult Services Department.
- 2.2. Grants are awarded to support services that are better provided by the voluntary sector e.g. the mobilisation of community resources to help vulnerable people maintain their independence.
- 2.3. The publication 'A Guide to Procuring Care and Support Services', published by the Department for Communities and Local Government, October 2006, draws a helpful distinction between grants and contracts.
- 2.4. A grant is defined as a sum of money to support a particular activity. It does not usually cover the entire cost of the activity and it is legally considered to be a one-sided gift, rather than a payment in exchange for services.
- 2.5. Voluntary and community organisations provide valuable locally based services that are often rooted in the communities which they serve. Significant benefit is produced through this activity, often through voluntary action and focused towards activity that clearly assists in providing early intervention and prevention initiatives. Grant funding by Adult Services contributes to and helps sustain this activity.
- 2.6. As grants are a contribution to service or activity costs the economic benefit to the department can be significant, leveraging in additional funding, the benefit of volunteer time and therefore providing good value for money to the authority.
- 2.7. The grants funding by Adult Services contained within this report were advertised to Voluntary and Community Organisations under three separate grant streams, namely Adult Services Annual Grant Programme, HIV Grants, and Learning Disabilities Grant.
- 2.8. The Department and the organisations being recommended for grant funding are expected to show a commitment to the One Compact for Hampshire (the jointly agreed framework of principles to guide the working relationship of the Voluntary and Community Sector and the Public Sector).

- 2.9. Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold balances in excess of one year's running costs. Those organisations receiving recurring funding which hold in excess of three months' running costs, and where they cannot demonstrate through their reserves policy that these reserves are justified, may receive a reduced grant. To establish the level of reserves, organisations are required to provide a set of their latest accounts and annual report with their application and before grant payment is made – in the case of organisations with an income of £10,000 or above, these must be independently examined or audited. If organisations have reserves in excess of three months, we will apply the newly adopted reserves policy which is inline with the Charity Commission's policy on these matters.
- 2.10. In 2011-12 the Best Value Statutory Guidance came into place, which requires local authorities to give statutory notice to all organisations receiving grant funding. All organisations applying for a grant in 2015-16 have signed a declaration stating they accept that grant funding can only be awarded for a single year and no commitment exists from the Council to continue funding in future years.

3. Adult Services Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations Grant programme 2015-16 (£574,972)

- 3.1 Hampshire County Council Adult Services Department runs an annual programme to award grant funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations providing services and activities to vulnerable people and their carers in Hampshire. Details of the organisations recommended for grant funding in 2015-16 are listed in Appendices C and D.
- 3.2 Adult Services criteria for grant applications are:
- The grant recipient is a voluntary or community organisation;
 - The services, projects or activities of the organisation support the priorities of Hampshire County Council and fit with the objectives of the Adult Services Department;
 - The services, projects or activities are for people living in Hampshire;
 - The organisation has a clear management structure within its constitution;
 - Where applicable, the organisation shall demonstrate it holds the appropriate level of insurance and has relevant policies in place, in particular Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities and Safeguarding Adults; and
 - The organisation holds no more than one year's running costs in free reserves.
- 3.3 The grant applications received were considered in relation to how well they linked with current Adult Services priorities in particular:

- Maximising independence and inclusion;
 - Right support in the right place at the right time for users;
 - Vulnerable people are protected;
 - Delivering a high quality, cost effective service to the vulnerable people of Hampshire;
- 3.4 All grant applications have been considered in a staged process, initially for recommendation by senior operational and commissioning managers and then at a grant panel where applications and recommendations were considered within the context of the available budget. The grants panel consisted of the Grants Officer, Senior Adult Services Officers and the Strategic Diversity and Inclusion Manager. The Learning Disabilities Grants were considered by a panel drawn from Learning Disability Partnership Board membership and Adult Services staff, chaired by the Head of Prevention and Early Intervention. All grant applications have been subject to scrutiny on need for the service vis-à-vis the Department's strategic commissioning objectives and priorities, as well as financial need.
- 3.5 Due to the high level of applications, those which are most strongly linked to departmental objectives were given priority. The objectives highlight the importance of early intervention and preventative services to empower people and communities to maintain independence, and the value of partnership working to provide services.
- 3.6 Areas which are identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as experiencing multiple deprivations were also considered although the extent to which significant priority is given is dependant on the number of applications received from organisations operating in these areas.
- 3.7 Applications providing services to people who may have difficulty accessing mainstream services were also given added consideration. This includes a project to support people from the gypsy/traveller community to access mainstream services.
- 3.8 Two grants are recommended to support the functions of key county wide partners, Age Concern Hampshire and Good Neighbours Support Service. These agencies work with large numbers of Hampshire residents, supported by significant volunteer bases. Good Neighbours Support Service, for example, supports a network of over 125 groups which in turn supports over 3800 volunteers across the county and they undertook over 156,000 tasks last year.
- 3.9 The balance of grants made reflects the applications received. This results in some regional variation. Adult Services have processes and resources in place to engage actively with excluded groups to address this.
- 3.10 Grants are generally a contribution to core costs or service/project costs. Adult Services expect those organisations applying to find additional funding from other sources, to contribute to the costs in kind (through volunteer time, for example) or both.

- 3.11 Those organisations and services that fulfil the above criteria and comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements will be considered by Adult Services for grant funding, and who in addition have confirmed they are aware of their responsibilities regarding safeguarding adults. Where an application has not been successful, advice and guidance in seeking alternative funding will be offered should an organisation request it.
- 3.12 Adult Services recognises the value of the activities and services delivered by grant funded organisations. Whilst the economic climate continues to pose challenges, the Department remains committed to the grant programme. Efficiencies will be made to overall budget for 2015-16 in line with the current Corporate expectations
- 3.13 There has been continued pressure placed on the grants programme budget in terms of the number of applications received for 2015-16. Despite receiving fewer applications than previous years, the programme has still been significantly oversubscribed, with 64 applications totalling over £1 million worth of applications. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is summarised in Integral Appendix B.

4 Finance

- 4.1 The budget in 2015-16 for the Adult Services Grants to Voluntary Organisations programme is over £600,000. The recommendation of the allocation for grants given was taken after receipt of the applications and after consideration of the Equalities Impact Assessment.
- 4.2 Public Health have taken the decision to separately grant applications that were relevant to the needs of public health. This transfer inevitably led to a reduction of the Adult Services grants to Voluntary Organisations, as part of the process in considering grant applications.
- 4.3 The applications received for Advocacy services have not been considered as alternative commissioned services are being put in place to meet our responsibilities under the Care Act 2014. Funding that had previously been allocated via grants for this purpose have been transferred to meet the objective above.
- 4.4 The allocated sum for recommendation in this report suggests a significant reduction on the available funding for voluntary and community groups compared to previous years. However, this is due to the decision to consider the Public Health grant applications and the provision of Advocacy services separately in 2015-16, as illustrated in the table below. In 2014-15 these were all considered as part of the Adult Services grants programme.

Transfer to Public Health Grants	£280,280
Transfer to support commissioned Advocacy Services	£615,000
Adult Services Grants Budget	£601,000
Total Base Budget for 2015-16	£1,496,000

- 4.5 A total of 92 applications totalling over £2 million pounds were received by the deadline on 5 November 2014 for the 2014-15 grant programme. If the Adult Services Grants Budget is taken with the amounts transferred for the provision of Advocacy services and Public Health Grants, this still represents an oversubscription in excess of £500,000.
- 4.6 Taking all the grants which have been included in this paper for approval, in terms of added value, this could represent over £2.8 million in notational salary costs. This is calculated on 8351 volunteers providing one hour per week for 52 weeks of the year based on the minimum wage which currently stands at £6.50 per hour.

5 Performance

- 5.1 Organisations recommended for grant funding will be able to support, alongside Adult Services priorities, the County Council's strategic aims as outlined in "Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future", in particular the following key themes:
- Health and Wellbeing: Improving health and wellbeing for all.
 - Promote and support healthy choices for all, reducing the difference between those with the best and worst health.
 - Communities: Working with communities to enhance local services. Outcomes include:
 - Work with communities to find the local solutions that work best, giving more control over local services to communities where appropriate.
- 5.2 Given the significant change that the County Council and Adult Services is undergoing, greater consideration is being taken of the requirements of the Transformation to 2017 and the Care Act 2014, in particular the Wellbeing duty contained within it. This will form the basis of any substantial review of grant making programmes to take account of these changes.

6. Risk Assessment and Management

- 6.1 The provision of grants to voluntary and community sector organisations by statutory bodies always presents a degree of risk. Specific risks that statutory bodies are required to manage include voluntary and community organisations accepting funding without providing a service; organisations not delivering the service as expected; and there being an under spend on

the expected activity. This applies to all grants; however larger grants represent a potentially higher risk to the County Council.

- 6.2 A number of mechanisms have been employed successfully over a number of years to mitigate and alleviate these risks. These include nominating a Liaison Officer from the County Council whose responsibility is to monitor how the grant is spent, specifying within the grant agreement that the grant is 'restricted' funding for the provision of the specified activity only and phasing the payment of grants over the course of the financial year.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

- 7.1 A screening Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and it was identified that a full EIA was not needed to evaluate the recommendations outlined in this report. Efficiencies will be made to overall budget in line with the current Corporate expectations
- 7.2 The Equality Impact Assessment also highlights the importance of recommending grant funding to services or activities operating in areas of multiple deprivation as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, improving access to mainstream services for marginalised groups identified in the Equality Act 2010.
- 7.3 Grants are a discretionary funding source, as such, consideration has been given by both grants panels to the potential impact of the recommendations to reduce or not award Adult Services grant funding in 2015-16 to organisations awarded funding in the previous year. All organisations that applied for grant funding within each grant stream and were awarded grant funding in 2014-15 from that source have been recommended grant funding in 2015-16. 7 organisations which have not previously applied for funded have been allocated funding for 2015-16.
- 7.4 The balance of grants recommended reflects the applications received. This results in some regional variation. Adult Services has processes and resources in place to actively engage with excluded groups to address this.
- 7.5 Changes also enable applicants to consider how their services and activities are accessible to protected groups identified in the Equality Act 2010. The Equality Impact Assessment relating to the Corporate Grant Review will reflect this.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/as-equality-ia-archive.htm>.

8 Legal Considerations

- 8.1 Where the relevant power is not provided under Section 65 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968, the General Power of Competence provided in the Localism Act 2011 enables local authorities to do anything that individuals of full legal capacity may do.

- 8.2 In exercising its functions an authority must have due regard to the need to: eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

9 Future Direction

- 9.1 The 2015-16 grant process received less applications overall, compared to 2014-15. Given the imperatives of the Care Act 2014, Transformation to 2017 and the need to drive greater efficiency in Adult Services care spending, during 2015 Adult Services will engage with all relevant stakeholders to review the grants programme for 2016-17. This is part of a wider corporate approach to how County Council manages future demand and supports communities through strengthened working with voluntary and community organisations. This will be subject to a further approval process.

10. Recommendation

- 10.1 That approval will be given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, subject to final budget decisions for Adult Services, for the support of voluntary organisations in 2015-16 for the following grant awards:
- To award an amount of £574,972 between 40 voluntary and community sector organisations (set out in appendix C).

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>
Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Public Health) 2016/16	6334	27 January 2015
Advocacy – Permission to tender	6351	27 January 2015
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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A full Equalities Impact Assessment has been published and is available on the County Council website at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/as-equality-ia-archive.htm>.

Purpose for project/proposal

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to evaluate the recommendations outlined in this report, in particular any reductions proposed to individual organisations. In 2015-16 efficiencies will be made to overall budget in line with the current Corporate expectations.

Grants are a discretionary funding source, as such, consideration has been given by both grants panels to the potential impact of the recommendations to reduce or not award Adult Services grant funding in 2015-16 to organisations awarded funding in the previous year. All organisations that applied for grant funding within each grant stream and were awarded grant funding in 2014-15 from that source have been recommended grant funding in 2015-16. 7 new organisations have been recommended funding.

The Equality Impact Assessment also highlights the importance of recommending grant funding to services or activities operating in areas of multiple deprivation as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, improving access to mainstream services for marginalised groups identified in the Equality Act 2010

Consultation

Adult Services maybe undertaking a review of it grants programmes and should this take place we will engage with all relevant stakeholders in 2015. The purpose of the review is to ensure that our grant making processes are as fair, open and transparent as they can be and that grants are used in the best way possible to meet the priorities of the County Council, the needs the residents of Hampshire and that they are the most effective resources for Hampshire's voluntary and community sector

The balance of grants recommended reflects the applications received. This results in some regional variation. Adult Services has processes and resources in place to actively engage with excluded groups to address this.

The Adult Services grant programmes have been involved in the corporate grant review. Changes to the application process are aimed at improving access to grant funded services for socially excluded or marginalised groups.

Changes also enable applicants to consider how their services and activities are accessible to protected groups identified in the Equality Act 2010. The Equality Impact Assessment relating to the Corporate Grant Review will reflect this.

Impact

The proposal that has been made will have minimal impact for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations in 2015-16 as all applications which were agreed in the 2014-15 round and who applied again in the 2015-16 rounds are recommended for funding. However we are unable to confirm at this stage if there will be any further grant reduction for the grants programme in the future

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposal in this report aims to improve the safety of vulnerable Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does the proposal impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The Adult Services Grant Programme proposes to support local organisations providing services within local communities. This reduces the need to travel and therefore reduces both the carbon footprint and energy consumption.

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

The proposal recognises the need to adapt to climate change and plans to develop a longer term strategy in order to address this.

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1	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-15 Grant Award	2015-2016 Grant Recommended
	Mental Health				
1	MH	Rushmoor Voluntary Services	A community gardening project known as Blooming Marvellous where those suffering with mental health issues can work actively towards their recovery by working on an allotment, or by assisting elderly or disabled residents by tending to their gardens. Improving community open spaces and wildlife sites.	£4,000	£4,000
2	MH	Chrysalis	The main aim of the Chrysalis meeting centre is to provide a safe venue where trained volunteers provide counselling, life skills and support to vulnerable service users who have been recently diagnosed with gender dysphoria, or who are questioning their gender identity. 95% of the service users are at risk of self harm or suicide.	£0.00	£7,500
3	MH	Hart Voluntary Action Limited	'Minding the Garden' provides a weekly allotment session for volunteers who are referred by their GP and have been diagnosed with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression.	£0.00	£3,188
4	MH	Andover Mind	A local charity for people who are affected by, mental health issues. This service is designed to enable people to achieve their individual potential and to participate in society, with the aim of promoting mental well-being, challenging stigma and discrimination.	£0.00	£38,500

2	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-2015 Grant Award	2015-2016 Grant Recommended
	Physical Disability				
1	PD	Huntington's Disease Association	The main aims of the Huntington's Disease Association is to offer information, support, advice and education to people with Huntington's Disease (HD), their families and carers, as well as those at risk of the disease. The association also works closely with statutory authorities and voluntary organisations to ensure a comprehensive, seamless service and to increase awareness and understanding of HD, through training and literature.	£4,600	£4,000
2	PD	The Stroke Association	The Communication Support Service provides a pathway of continuous support to people whose communication has been affected after suffering from a stroke. The service helps isolated individuals accept, adjust and adapt to living with a communication disability by promoting well being through positive interaction with others.	£62,698	£62,698
3	PD	Andover VIPs	Andover VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) helps blind and partially sighted people living in Andover and the surrounding villages. Members are given the opportunity to access support and achieve independence. The resource centre provides help and support and weekly educational, recreational activities.	£3,000	£1,000
4	PD	Gosport Display Club	This club holds twice monthly meetings and aims to provide specially adapted transport for their physically disabled members so that they may benefit from social interaction by attending meetings, outings and weekend breaks.	£1,000	£500
5	PD	Portchester Stroke Club	'Out and about with Portchester Stroke Club' provides a meeting place for stroke survivors and their carers so that they may receive social and mental therapy and stimulation. The provision	£1,200	£900

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			of transport and other facilities enables participation in the wider community by visiting places of interest and entertainment.		
6	PD	Spectrum Centre for Independent Living CIC	Provides the means by which disabled people can take control of their own lives by achieving full participation in society.	£0, (in 2012/13 awarded £100,000 per year for 3 years (2012-13 to 2014-15) to support the development of a User Led Organisation)	£60,000

3	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-2015 Grant Award	2015-16 Grant Recommended
	Older Persons				
1	OP	Age Concern Romsey & District	Linden Road Hall offers varied and inexpensive, social, welfare and educational services to the older residents of Romsey and surrounding areas.	£6,750	£3,000
2	OP	Alton Community Association	A twice weekly club, with provides the elderly with the opportunity to take part in activities which stimulate the mind and the body promoting health and well-being and helping to ensure that service users are able to remain in their homes for longer.	£4,500	£2,000

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3	OP	The Rae Straton Luncheon Club & Day Care	The Luncheon club is available 50 weeks of the year, offering a welcoming and friendly environment in which the frail, elderly or housebound members of the local communities can meet to socialise, share entertainment and have a hot meal.	£1,000	£750
4	OP	St James West End, Lunch Club	The club provides hot lunch and companionship for the lonely, elderly, disabled and housebound residents of St James West End Parish.	£1,500	£750
5	OP	Age UK Andover and District	This organisation is dedicated to delivering a wide range of services, including information and advice and socialisation groups, that benefit disadvantaged, vulnerable service users living in the Test Valley area (Andover, Romsey, Stockbridge).	£7,500	£3,000
6	OP	Emsworth Day Out Scheme	This scheme offers social opportunities for the over 65+ by offering wheelchair accessible transport to and from the weekly meetings and trips out.	£1,000	£500
7	OP	Deafplus	A home benefit service designed to support deaf and hard of hearing clients and their carers, focusing on providing access and information regarding their legal and civil rights and entitlements. The service provides an information and advice and service.	£3,300	£3,000
8	OP	Age Concern Hampshire	Offers an information services including information and advice, via a Freephone (OPAL – Older Persons Advice Line) or home visit service with the aim of preventing deterioration and provide early intervention to enable older persons to remain independent.	£91,000	£85,540

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9	OP	Age UK Winchester	Assists older people in the Winchester area to remain in their own homes for longer, by organising activities which educate, entertain and promotes wellbeing. A grant would help meet core running costs, which are vital to keep the charity functioning, but difficult to fully meet through other methods.	£11,000	£6,500
10	OP	Good Neighbour Support Service	Good Neighbour Support Service supports the development of a network of local independent good neighbour groups in Hampshire, to assist Older persons to live independently.	£91,000	£85,540
11	OP	Age Concern – Cowplain	Provides a person-centred befriending service to assist socially isolated older persons to remain independent.	£3,000	£3,000
12	OP	Asian Welfare and Culture	Provides access to information and advice to socially isolated older persons from the Asian community in Eastleigh.	£4,300	£4,300
13	OP	Winchester and District Hard of Hearing Club	The club provides friendly meetings and social events for the hard of hearing living in the Winchester area.	£200	£200
14	OP	Eastleigh Hard of Hearing Club	Provides support, information and advice to deaf and hard of hearing persons in the Eastleigh area, helping to reduce social isolation and depression often experienced by service users	£0	£300
15	OP	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation	Deliver a small grants programme to Hampshire community groups which support vulnerable older people, to promote social inclusion, health and wellbeing, community activities and advice/signposting.	£11,000	£10,000

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16	OP	Carers Together	Rendezvous and the Care and Share Timebank enables all those that volunteer as carers to develop and implement services which effect them or those that they look after.	£0	£30,000
17	OP	Andover Mind	An outreach support for people 65+ with mental health issues including depression, psychosis and early dementia.	£10,200	£9,500

4	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-15 Grant Award	2015-16 Grant Recommended
	Learning Disabilities				
1	LD	First Step New Forest	First Steps supports the Gypsy Traveller community in the New Forest. This community has a higher than average percentage of people living with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues. The aim is to encourage mainstream integration, so that they may live as independently as possible.	£4,995	£4,995
2	LD	New Forest Mencap	The Gateway Award Programme has been developed by Royal Mencap and is solely for people with learning disabilities. The award enables each participant to work towards increasing their confidence and independence. The request for funding would pay for a scheme leader.	£1,000	£1,000
3	LD	Eastleigh and Borough & Romsey Mencap	The society develops the well-being by enhancing the lives of adults with learning disabilities living in the borough of Eastleigh and Romsey. The grant would partly support the salary of our senior paid member of staff.	£3,000	£3,000

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4	LD	South Hampshire Branch of the National Autistic Society	Supporting Hampshire Autism Voice to expand the user/carer participation by developing the Hampshire Voice Network to raise autism awareness across the County.	£0.00	£4,735
5	LD	Eastleigh Youth and Community Trust	Cycles4all is an inclusive cycling project supporting people with disabilities to access supported cycling. We have a range of cycles which are easy to ride and accessible for all abilities.	£9,983	£9,384
6	LD	The Right to Work	Provide a refreshingly new style of day service which will also increase the paid employment chances for adults with LD, principally but not exclusively within the borough of Havant and East Hampshire	£0.00	£11,410
7	LD	Parkside (Aldershot and District Learning Disability)	A lively evening social club to promote inclusion and independence for 18-30 year olds with a learning disability and/or autism.	£0	£6,621
8	LD	Hampshire Advocacy Regional Group (HARG)	HARG core costs for providing advocacy for people with a learning disability and other care groups	£6,000	£5,640
9	LD	Hampshire Advocacy Regional Group (HARG)	Service user Representatives for the Hampshire Learning Disability Partnership Board	£15,980	£15,021
10	LD	Carers Together	To enable carers who look after a relative, friend or neighbour, without remuneration to have a voice in the development and implementation of services which affect them or the people they care for	£7,050	£3,750
11	LD	Blue Apple Theatre	To use ambitious theatre, dance and film to grow skills, confidence and public appreciation of people with learning disabilities, enable them to enjoy more fulfilled lives, make friends within a secure and purposeful environment, receive better support from professionals, and engage more fully and positively with the wider community	£3,760	£3,534

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12	LD	Hart Voluntary Action	Wednesday Weeders will be a social and therapeutic gardening session for adults with a learning disability and / or autism.	0 (£3,421 was awarded to organisation for another project in 2014-15)	£3,216
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5	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-15 Grant Award	2015-16 Grant Recommended
	Carers				
1	C	New Milton Stroke Club	Provides practical support, advice and non-medical aftercare, social and therapeutic activities) to stroke patients and their families/carers, to restore confidence and promote communication and mobility.	£1,000	£1,000
2	C	Winchester Youth Counselling	Weekly support and counselling for young carers aged between 18-24. The service aims to improve quality of life, and decrease the levels of anxiety and stress and the risk of self harm.	£2,000	£1,500

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6	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-15 Grant Award	2015 -16 Grant Recommended
	Socially Excluded				
1	SE	The Vine Day Centre	The 'Our Journey' programme at the Vine Day Centre provides a safe environment for the vulnerable, homeless and socially disadvantaged residents residing in Aldershot, Farnborough and the surrounding areas. The programme works with multi agencies and Councils to reduces drug and alcohol dependency plus criminal activity.	£11,500	£10,000

7	Cluster	Organisation Name	Project/Service	2014-15 Grant Award	2015-16 Grant Recommended
	HIV				
1	HIV	Positive Action	PA provides personalised, ongoing, low level, preventative social care services which support our service users to not be disadvantaged by an HIV diagnosis and to maximise their health and well-being.	£147,139	£60,000

7.1 The remaining balance has been transferred to Public Health

Adult Services Grant Programme

1 - Mental Health Cluster

1.1 Rushmoor Voluntary Services

A grant of £4,000 will help to fund the above mental health project by; contributing to salaries, training, minibus hire, volunteers expenses and venue hire. Over 150 volunteers with or recovering from mental illness have joined and participated in the project over the past 3 years, they have maintained and tended to 160 gardens owned by elderly residents or those suffering from a disability.

This organisation was awarded £4,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £4,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

1.2 Chrysalis

Chrysalis is a unique service that offers support to transitioning transsexuals. The project offers a safe venue with experienced trained volunteers who provide life skills to enable the change from one gender to another. The main objective is to support each individual and their family to remain united. Over 100 transitioning individuals or those seeking to establish their gender receive help per year.

This organisation did not submit a grant for 2014-2015, but it is recommended that a grant of £7,500 be awarded for 2015-2016.

1.3 Hart Voluntary Action Limited

Minding the Garden 'Ecotherapy' gardening sessions, have been running for the past five years, in partnership with the local GP surgery and Hook Allotment Association, to offer residents the opportunity to improve their personal mental and physical wellbeing through 'growing vegetables'.

Funding is required for core costs

This organisation did not apply for a grant in 2014-2015 but it is recommended that a grant of £3,188 be awarded for 2015-2016.

1.4 Andover Mind

In order to secure the long-term sustainability of Dementia Friendly Hampshire Project, Andover Mind are actively pursuing the route of creating a separate charity, the Hampshire Dementia Action Alliance (HDAA), which would be responsible for maintaining/updating membership administration, receiving and distributing information and feedback to and from members and relevant organisations. The funding would cover core costs

This organisation did not apply for a grant last year, but it is recommended that a grant of £38,500 be awarded for 2015-2016.

Cluster 2 – Physical Disabilities

2.1 Huntington's Disease Association

The focus of the RCAS is to support individuals with Huntington's and their carers to maintain independence, reduce isolation, and improve quality of life by reaching their full potential. This service offers help to 90 individuals with symptoms of the disease and an additional 107 adults who are at the risk of developing the disease. Funding is required to continue raising awareness and understanding of the disease through training and events.

This association was awarded £4,600 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £4,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

2.2 Stroke Association

The Communication Support for Stroke Survivors Service is designed to provide a pathway of continuous support to people whose communication has been affected by a stroke, helping them through the process of acceptance, adjustment and adaptation to their communication disability. Funding is requested to pay for staff salaries and travel, volunteers and client costs, office and management overheads.

This association was awarded £62,698 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £62,698 be awarded for 2015-2016

2.3 Andover VIPs

Andover VIPs is a member-led local charity, run by blind and visually impaired people, two part-time staff and visually impaired volunteers. Members are involved in all areas of the charity, so are well aware of the difficulties and challenges that their members face on a daily basis. The VIPs service includes; a resource centre providing information, support and regular activities. Outreach services delivered include regular home visits & befriending also a small number of outings per year. Funding will go towards transport costs for service users and volunteers

This charity was awarded £3,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £1,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

2.4 Gosport Display Club

This charity provides friendship, social interaction and support for physically disabled service users between the ages of 16-65.

The provision of specially adapted transport means that members benefit from attending trips to the theatre, weekend breaks which offer a sense of achievement, self esteem and stimulation.

This charity was awarded £1,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £500.00 be awarded for 2015-2016.

2.5 Portchester Stroke Club

Portchester Stroke Club aims to provide a meeting place for stroke survivors who are housebound and possibly alone. The main focus is on social and mental therapy by providing stimulation in the form of quizzes, bingo, games, crafts, and guest speakers. Funding will be used towards the cost of hiring the community buses and cost of meals provided on the trips.

This charity was awarded £1,200 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £900 be awarded for 2015-2016.

2.6 Spectrum Centre for Independent Living CIC

This organisation focuses on giving disabled people the means to take control of their own lives, by providing assistance, support and facilities to ensure that their voice is heard. The formation of a new 'Networking Co-ordinating Group' will mean extending the mentor service as well as providing additional training and guidance.

This organisation did not apply for a grant last year, but in 2012-13 it was awarded a grant of £100,000 per year for 3 years (between 2012/13 and 2014/15) to support its development as a User Led Organisation. It is recommended that a grant of £60,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

3 – Older Persons

3.1 Age Concern Romsey & District

'The Hall at Linden Road' in the Romsey area provides social, health, education and information to people over 55. The Hall is also used as a headquarters for the 'Help at Home Service' which is partially supported by HCC Adult Services Department. A wide range of activities are provided for older and vulnerable people in our community help to prevent social isolation, exclusion and associated depression.

Funding has been requested to continue to maintain and develop services, activities and events at the hall. Funding will also contribute towards core costs.

This organisation was awarded £6,750 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £3,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

3.2 - Alton Community Association

This service improves social and physical wellbeing of residents living in Alton and surrounding villages. The service provides various activities as well as information and guidance so that service users can remain in their own homes. This service offers opportunities to older persons, learning disabilities and those with dementia. Respite is also offered to carers.

Funding will pay for salaries and transport costs.

This organisation was awarded in £4,500 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £2,000 in 2015-2016.

3.3 - Rae Straton Luncheon Club/Day Care

This luncheon club provides weekly sessions for frail and elderly members who are often housebound. Members benefit from a two course meal, and the opportunity to socialise. Transport is provided for all members including those that require wheelchair access. Funding is required to contribute to core costs.

This organisation was awarded £1,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £750 be awarded for 2015-2016

3.4 - St James West End, Lunch Club

This luncheon club provides a hot meal and companionship for lonely, elderly or disabled residents of St James West End Parish. Numbers have increased in the past year, and additional transport is required to meet demand.

This organisation was awarded £1,500 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of 750 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.5 - Age UK Andover and District

Age UK Andover and District supports the priorities and objectives of the Hampshire Open Business Plan by improving quality of life for older people, especially those that are vulnerable and disadvantaged. The organisation works with older people and their families to ensure that they claim the correct benefits, over 400 people received help last year, with an 85% success rate, to the value of £275,000.

Grant Funding is required as a contribution towards core costs and Community Engagement.

This organisation was awarded £7,500 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £3,000 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.6 - Emsworth Day Out Scheme

This service is linked to the Older Persons Wellbeing and Carer Support Strategy, the majority of members are over the age of 65, and are encouraged to maintain independence by participating in social integration and community activities.

Funding will contribute to the cost of specialised transport which will enable older people with disabilities to attend weekly sessions.

This organisation was awarded £1,000 and it is recommended that a grant of £500 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.7 – Deaf Plus – Home Benefits Service

The main objective of the Home Benefits Service is to support deaf and hard of hearing clients and their carers with improved access to information and advice. The Service provides specialist support to identify and apply for welfare benefits to meet their needs and improve finances. .

The funding will contribute towards a benefits adviser and core costs.

This organisation was awarded £3,300 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £3,000 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.8 - Age Concern Hampshire

This information and advice service improves quality of life, via the telephone or a face to face visit. The Outreach Service offers sign posting networks and community resilience in rural and urban communities throughout the County. Over 8,000 calls were received this year, with a continued increase for demand. All services are designed to help each individual maintain and sustain their independence, health and wellbeing for as long as possible. Funding is required for core costs

This organisation was awarded 91,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £85,540 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.9 - Age UK Winchester

Age UK Winchester aims to enhance the quality of life for older people in Winchester. The services and activities provide practical benefits, including increased mental and physical health and reducing isolation and loneliness. This lunch club has been running for 50 years, and currently provides five per week, providing a 'door to door' service and a nutritional hot meal and the opportunity to make friends and join in new activities.

Members also benefit from computer literacy training, and talks on fall prevention, fire safety, medicine management and nutrition. The service also promotes active ageing through our regular 'Fit as a Fiddle' chair-based exercise classes.

The funding core grant will help cover core costs.

This organisation was awarded £11,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £6,500 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.10 – Good Neighbour Support Service

The Good Neighbours Support Service has been set up to enable older people to live independently. There is a significant reduction in social isolation through volunteers, befriending and social events. Assistance is provided with everyday tasks such as shopping and minor home assistance that enable independent living e.g. changing light bulbs, light gardening. Funding will pay for the continued support for 125 groups in Hampshire, manned by 3,878 volunteers who undertook a staggering 156, 630 tasks last year.

This Organisation was awarded £91,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £85,540 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.11 – Age Concern – Cowplain

Offers short term outcome based befriending to older people living within the local community. The aim of the befriending service is to lessen social isolation and help to re-build confidence. The service user identifies which activity or group they are interested in attending. The befriender helps them to access this and attends with them, until they feel confident to go alone.

The funding will help to contribute towards core costs

This organisation was awarded £3,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommend that a grant of £3,000 be awarded in 2015-2016

3.12 – Asian Welfare and Culture

The Asian Welfare and Cultural Association (AWCA) was established in 2002, with a view to meet the needs of the minority Asian Community in Eastleigh, who were often isolated and had poor access to information about services and resources in the community and their place in it. It had a particular focus on older people from these communities and this continues through the Asian Elders Group. The Elders group meets weekly in the centre of Eastleigh. The group works on a drop-in basis for members to come along to the group, have lunch and access a range of different activities and services, which work towards enhancing community engagement, which supports the HCC, Older Persons Wellbeing strategy. The AWCA has a membership of around 150 people.

Funding received from Hampshire County Council would contribute to the core costs of the Elders group, which are crucial for the group to exist.

This organisation was awarded £4300 in 2014-2015 but it is recommended that a grant of £4,500 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.13 - Winchester and District Hard of Hearing Club

Provides a friendly meeting place for hard of hearing residents who live in Winchester and the surrounding areas. A grant would pay a contribution towards venue hire..

This organisation was awarded £250 in 2014-2015 but it is recommended that a grant of £200 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.14 – Eastleigh Hard of Hearing Club

A small voluntary club with the emphasis on support and companionship the main aim is to eradicate loneliness, isolation and depression. Members benefit from many varied activities and outings throughout the year.

A grant would contribute towards entertainment, and the cost of transport.

This organisation did not submit a grant in 2014-2015 but it is recommended that a grant of £300 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.15 – Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation

HIWCF have delivered a successful Hampshire County Council small grants programme to 15 community groups which support vulnerable older people during 2014. With the aim of replicating this initiative in 2015 to support small groups and help fund projects and activities that encourage social inclusion that help to keep older people engaged and active; and encourage and promote independence,.

Vulnerable older people will gain access lunch clubs and social outings, which encourage well-being and independence. Provide advice and support, to older people directly to ensure that they receive the right benefits and entitlements to alleviate poverty. Transport and door-to-door pick-up for those most in need particularly those in rural areas.

This organisation was awarded £11,000 in 2013-2014 and it is recommended that £10,000 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.16 Carers Together

The Rendezvous provides easy access to volunteering opportunities, information, advice and practical support, advocacy, training, leisure, therapies, hobbies, and networking. Timebank allows people to offer their time/talents and also seek time/talents from others for different purposes. A grant will cover staff recruitment and training.

This organisation did not receive a grant last year, but it is recommended that £30,000 be awarded in 2015-2016.

3.17 Andover Mind

This community support service follows the principles of the 5 ways to well-being (give, connect, take notice, keep learning and be active) and includes 1 to 1 support both in the well-being centres and in peoples homes. Service users benefit from participating in a wide range of activities.

This organisation was awarded £10,220 in 2013-2014 and it is recommended that £9,500 be awarded in 2015-2016.

4 – Learning Disabilities

4.1 First Steps New Forest

First Steps supports individuals from the gypsy and traveller community with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health issues. The overall aim is to help improve their standard of living, providing the greatest of opportunities, as well as helping them integrate into mainstream society and access mainstream services. We also aim to help them support and manage themselves and live as independently as possible. A grant would contribute towards core costs.

This organisation was awarded £4,995 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £4,995 be awarded in 2015-2016.

4.2 New Forest Mencap

The Gateway Award programme is solely for people with learning difficulties and has been developed by Royal Mencap. The Gateway Award is similar to The Duke of Edinburgh Award. Participants are responsible for deciding each activity and collecting evidence. They receive guidance and support from a leader. The Bronze acts as an introduction to the five sections, encouraging participants to have more control over how they spend their free time. It is also a base for building confidence and friendship. The silver level enables participants to build on their experiences with the bronze level and encourage them to spend more time volunteering and to learn more about their activities, not just participating in them. The gold level encourages participants to be more creative and take more

responsibility for their choices and decisions they make to achieve the award. It supports people to be more healthy and active and to be in more control of their lives. Funding will pay toward the cost for a leader of the scheme.

This organisation was awarded £1,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that £1,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.3 Eastleigh and Borough & Romsey Mencap

The aim of this society is to protect and enhance the lives of those with learning disabilities living in the Eastleigh and Romsey areas. The main emphasis focuses on getting people out of their homes, to be more active and mix with the wider community to improve their mental and physical well being.

This grant will partly support the salary of our senior paid member of staff.

This organisation was awarded £3,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that £3,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.4 South Hampshire Branch of the National Autistic Society

Funding for this project will be used to maintain the Hampshire Autism Voice Network, with two main objectives; to raise awareness and ensure wider participation of people with autism and their family or carers. Feedback is submitted via the Autism Partnership Board.

This organisation did not submit a grant in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £4,735 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.5 Eastleigh Youth and Community Trust

Cycles4all is targeted towards adults with disabilities of all ages, and currently supports 40-60 Hampshire residents per week. This project aims to improve the quality of life for vulnerable and disadvantaged adults by ensuring that everyone, regardless of age or ability, has the opportunity to be active in their community, improve their health through regular cycling activities, and reduce inequalities.

Funding will support this charity to manage and run the project for a year at a subsidised cost to clients.

This Charity was awarded £9,983 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £9,384 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.6 Right to Work

The Right to Work (TRTW) started 2 years ago; with the main objective to promote improved life chances and a sense of wellbeing for individuals with Learning Disabilities.

This provision has been created through partnership with Staunton Country Park and The Acorn Community Centre, where Supported Volunteers complete appropriate and sustainable 'real' work; they are often supported by others with LD employed by TRTW.

The funding would allow 12 months to develop the team and gauge the impact on Staunton business

This organisation did not receive a grant in 2014-2015 but it is recommended that a grant of £11,410 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.7 Parkside (Aldershot and District Learning Disability)

The JET Club provides 18 to 30 years olds with the opportunity to socialise, increase their confidence and find their way in the adult world.

A grant would mean an increase in staff ratio.

This organisation did not receive a grant 2014-2015 but it is recommended that a grant of £6,621 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.8 Hampshire Advocacy Regional Group (HARG)

Advocacy supports people with learning disabilities and other care groups to achieve the aims in the Hampshire Learning Disability Plan, the Hampshire Autism Strategy and the Hampshire Open for Business priorities. Independent advocacy supports vulnerable adults to: - access specialist and mainstream services that they are entitled to or are appropriate to meet their needs. Increased social inclusion through community based networks and self advocacy and other peer groups. Crisis prevention and in safeguarding and court proceedings as well as offering low level advocacy support to reduce the risks of a crisis.

A grant will contribution towards the cost of a full company audit and the necessary insurances (Public and Employers Liability Insurance). It will also contribute towards the costs of a single point of referral and publicity material for Care Act advocacy.

This organisation was awarded £6,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £5,640 be awarded for 2015-2016.

4.9 Hampshire Advocacy Regional Group (HARG)

Support the Hampshire Learning Disability Partnership Board, 10 people with a learning disability (2 from each LIG area) who will be supported to participate in the LIGs and the Partnership Board in order to support the implementation and monitoring of the Hampshire Learning Disability Plan and link with their local self advocacy, day service and voluntary sector groups to get the views of people with a learning disability on the implementation and monitoring of the Hampshire Learning Disability Plan.

This organisation was awarded £15,980 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £15,021 be awarded in 2015-2016.

4.10 Carers Together

Aim to support family carers to have a voice at the five Local Implementation Groups and the Learning Disability Partnership Board
Funding will go towards to a support worker.

This organisation was awarded £7,050 in 2014-2015 and it was recommended that a grant of £3,750 be awarded in 2015-2016.

4.11 Blue Apple Theatre

Blue Apple provides a programme of dance & drama sessions tailored to individual needs in a safe and positive environment. 60- 70 adults with learning disabilities (PWLD) take part each week.

This organisation was awarded £3,760 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £3,534 be awarded in 2015-2016.

4.12 Hart Voluntary Action

Wednesday Weeders is a new project Social and therapeutic garden activities requiring new skills. People with LD doing gardening for older people etc.

This organisation did not receive an LD grant in 2014-2015 but £3,421 was awarded via another project and it is recommended that £3,216 be awarded in 2015-2016

5 - Carers

5.1 New Milton Stroke Club

This club provides practical support and advice to benefit both the patient and the carer. A contribution of £1,000 would help to fund the weekly hire of meeting venues, insurance, transport, therapy, speakers, social activity and basic administrative costs.

This organisation was awarded £1,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £1,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

5.2 Winchester Youth Counselling

Winchester Youth Counselling group provides weekly support and counselling to young carers aged between 18-25, which aims to improve the quality of life for young adults who are carers. It helps to enhance levels of health and wellbeing as well as offering safeguarding and protection. A grant of £1,500 will pay towards the cost of employing a counsellor, accommodation and office costs.

This charity was awarded £2,000 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £1,500 be awarded for 2015-2016.

6 Socially Excluded

6.1 Vine Day Centre

Residents in Hampshire and surrounding areas benefit from the Vine Day Centre continuing to provide a safe place for vulnerable, homeless and socially disadvantaged adults. The client support journey programme actively encourages individuals to engage and ultimately return to independent and responsible living. Funding will go towards paying a contribution towards the core costs.

This organisation was awarded £11,500 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £10,000 be awarded for 2015-2016.

7 HIV

7.1 Positive Action

Positive Action provides personalised, ongoing, low level preventative social care for service users disadvantaged by HIV. Positive Action currently supports 182 service users, plus 40 family members and carers by providing a holistic approach to each individuals needs, enabling them to live with the effects of HIV so that diagnosis does not become the dominant focus on the person's lives. Success is reflected in the growing number of new service users.

Grant Funding will support, staffing and the running of our dedicated centres in Aldershot and Southampton and weekly Portsmouth outreach sessions allow people living with HIV in Hampshire to access a drop-in service on any weekday

This organisation was awarded £147,139 in 2014-2015 and it is recommended that a grant of £60,000 be awarded for 2015-2016. The remaining balance is being considered by Public Health.