

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date:	27 January 2015
Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Public Health) 2015/16
Reference:	6334
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The delivery of the Public Health duties by Hampshire County Council (the Council) is enabled by a ring-fenced grant allocation.
- 1.2. A portion of this funding was transferred to Adult Services in 2013/14 to contribute towards projects that improve or protect the public's health. Some of this is being delivered through its annual Grants to Voluntary Organisations. Thus there is a role for Public Health to assure the Council that the application of these funds meets population need and is inline with finance reporting requirements.
- 1.3. This paper demonstrates the above and recommends the award of funding to voluntary and community organisations outlined in this report for approval by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health.
- 1.4 This report outlines the following recommendation:
 - That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health is asked to consider and approve the proposals recommended for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Public Health) allocation for the grants listed in Appendix 1 totalling **£280,419**
 - This includes **£177,280** between three organisations who applied through the main Adult Services Grant Programme 2015-16 and **£103,139** to contribute towards joint funding (with Adult Services) two organisation's to support people affected by HIV.

2. Context

- 2.1. The delivery of the Public Health duties by Hampshire County Council (the Council) is enabled by a ring-fenced grant allocation.

- 2.2. A portion of this funding (£280, 419) was transferred to Adult Services in 2013/14 to contribute towards projects that improve or protect the public's health. Some of this is being delivered through its annual Grants to Voluntary Organisations programme. Thus there is a role for Public Health to assure the Council that the application of these funds meets population need and is inline with finance reporting requirements.
- 2.3. This grant supports people and their carers to access services from local providers in Hampshire. 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.
- 2.4. 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 Public Health contributes to and helps sustain this activity.
- 2.5. To ensure accountability, the County Council's Grants process has been applied and decisions rest with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health following recommendation by Adult Services grant panel, supported by professional advice from the Director of Public Health.
- 2.6. Four projects were funded from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Public Health allocation in 2013/14 and 2014/15. These same four projects have again bid for resource in the 2014/15 round.

3. Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations 2014/15

- 3.1. The purpose of this programme is to award grant funding to Voluntary and Community Organisations to provide services and activities to meet the needs of people and their carers in Hampshire. Details of the organisations recommended for grant funding in 2015/16 are listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.2. For the purposes of this grant, existing Adult Services grant criteria have been used alongside consideration of local authority Public Health responsibilities and the Public Health Outcome Framework.
- 3.3. All grant applications have been considered by the Adult Services Grant Panel with Public Health professional participation.

4. Finance

- 4.1. The total budget available for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2015/16 programme is **£280,419**.
- 4.2. This includes three applications which total **£177,280** who applied through the main Adult Services Grant Programme 2015-16.
- 4.3. The budget also includes an allocation to support people infected with or affected by HIV, which is a specific grant from national government. In 2015-16 the Public Health budget to support this specific group of people is **£103,139**. This report seeks approval to award the Public Health HIV grant to

two organisation's supporting people affected by HIV as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

- 4.4. Five projects have bid for **£280,419** in total from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Public Health). To remain within budget and meet Hampshire County Council cost efficiencies it is recommended that the projects are funded at 2014/15 levels, which amounts to **£280,419**.

5. Performance / Outcome Measures

- 5.1. Organisations recommended for grant funding will be able to support, alongside Public Health 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.
- 5.2. Each agreed project will have agreed measureable outcomes and a built in evaluation to inform interventions that may be of benefit to population groups.

6. Legal Considerations

- 6.1. The NHS Act 2006 S2B includes the power for a local authority to provide grants on such terms as the authority considers appropriate as one of the steps for improving the health of the people in its area.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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.

7. Risk

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. 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.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 8.1. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and it was identified that funding the projects from this grant stream would positively impact the target population groups.
- 8.2. The Equality Impact Assessment highlights the importance of recommending grant funding to services or activities that support target populations as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), improving access to services for marginalised groups as identified in the Equality Act 2010 and ensuring that local authority Public Health responsibilities are met.
- 8.3. Grants are a discretionary funding source, as such, consideration has been given by Public Health to the potential impact of the recommendations to reduce or not award this Grants to Voluntary Organisations 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 2013/14 and 2014/15 from that source have been recommended grant funding in 2015-16.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, approves (subject to approval of the 2015/16 Public Health Budget), the support of voluntary organisations in 2015/16 through the award of the grants set out in Appendix 1 totalling up to £280,419 and that authority be delegated to the Director of Public Health to make final arrangements for grant awards, including ensuring that the agreed outcome measures set out in the appendix are met.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate)	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u> None	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u> The Health and Social Care Act 2012		<u>Date</u> March 2012

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 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 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.
- 1.2 **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.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 2.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed to evaluate the recommendations outlined in this report. The use of County Council Public Health grant to support work across the county that improves health and reduces inequalities has been assessed and has been highlighted to have a positive impact.
- 2.2 The projects recommended for funding in this report will improve health and reduce inequalities in target populations within Hampshire.
- 2.3 The Equality Impact Assessment highlights the importance of recommending grant funding to services or activities that support target populations as identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), improving access to services for marginalised groups as identified in the Equality Act 2010 and ensuring that local authority Public Health responsibilities are met. The criteria for approving these grants particularly considered how inequalities could be addressed. All the proposed projects will positively impact the identified target populations (older people, people with autism and people living with HIV) as identified in the JSNA.
- 2.5 The proposals that have 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.

3. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 3.1. There is no anticipated negative effect on Crime and Disorder
- 3.2. By definition, interventions considered to improve and protect the public health are designed to support the citizens of Hampshire to live safely and have improved health and health outcomes.

4. Climate Change:

- 4.1. The 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.

Provider and description of project	Total cost of bid submitted 15/16	Amount funded in 14/15 from Adult Services	Funding recommended 15/16	Conditions of funding (outcome measures)
Club Hampshire Ltd (Brendoncare) – Brendoncare Club Hampshire friendship clubs provide older people with opportunities to make new friends and get involved in a range of activities. There are 47 Club Hampshire clubs and the service will be used by approximately 800 people and supported by 260 volunteers. Club member attendances will be approximately 22,000 for the financial year. The funding will pay for running costs such as salaries, hall hire, activities, refreshments and volunteer expenses.	£140,000	£108,000	£108,000	Specific outcomes to be agreed with Club Hampshire on measuring reduced isolation increased independence and community involvement. Improved physical and mental health and wellbeing.
Autism Hampshire – To provide advice, guidance, information and support for individuals, families/carers and professionals supporting access to health services, housing, education and training, work, community/social inclusion, safeguarding and criminal justice in line with the Hampshire Autism Strategy for Adults (2012-2015) and the Government's Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives.	£56,119	£43,930	£43,930	Quantify outcome measures
Age Concern Hampshire (Basingstoke Office) - supports the running of 7 activity centres across Basingstoke and Deane. The centres aim to keep older people independent by providing a regular social opportunity and support from Age Concern. The funding will contribute towards the salary & on-costs, office space & IT equipment, staff travelling expenses, volunteers training, volunteers expenses, stationery/photocopying and equipment purchase.	£28,700	£25,350	£25,350	More detailed outcomes to be agreed which could include reduced isolation increased independence and community involvement. Improved physical and mental health and wellbeing. Include outcome for carers and families.
TOTAL	£224,819	£177,280	£177,280	
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	£147,139	£87,139 (Adult Services to fund remaining amount)	Clearer outcomes to measure impact of service.
The Groundswell Trust - Groundswell provides an outreach service for those affected by HIV, offering a range of services including befriending, emotional and practical support, advocacy as well as support for carers.	£16,000	£16,000	£16,000	Clearer outcomes to measure impact of service.
TOTAL HIV Grant projects	£147,139	£147,139	£103,139	
TOTAL	£371,958	£324,419	£280,419	