

**Organisational Change Fund 2015/16 and Culture and Community Activity Fund 2015/16  
Application assessment summary**

Each grant application has been assessed against the Organisational Change Fund criteria (Appendix 1) using a standard template.

**Project funding requests**

Organisation	Project Title  Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended Organisational Change Fund 2015/16
The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)  <i>(Hampshire wide)</i>	Parish Greenspace Programme  £5,000	<p>The organisation seeks funding to develop and pilot a tailored offer of support in the management of green spaces to parish and town councils in Hampshire. TCV currently engages with 16 of the 241 parish and town councils. They aim to develop an 'offer' (both hard copy and online), distribute this to 100 parish and town councils in 2015, start two pilot projects based on the offer to parish and town councils new to working with TCV, source funding for two pilot projects outside of this programme. The offer will be developed through consultation with parish and town councils. The application has limited explanation of engagement with parish and town councils, although it mentions using existing contacts and sending a questionnaire to more than 90% of such local councils. If successful the scheme will help TCV diversify sources of funding and reduce their reliance on the County Council. There are clear, time specific outcomes. The project seems to be a well thought out approach to developing financial resilience for the organisation whilst providing an offer to local councils that many will find very useful.</p> <p>The organisation seeks the full project costs in this application.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> The organisation was awarded £12,415 Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2015/16 (decision date 04/12/2014), £1,400 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2015/16 (decision date 19/01/2015).</p> <p><u>Note 2:</u> The organisation was awarded £12,800 Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15 (decision date 04/12/2013), £1,400 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2014/15 (decision date 20/01/2014).</p> <p><u>Note 2:</u> The organisation was awarded £8,557 Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2013/14 (decision date 05/12/2012), £4,500 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2013/14 (decision date 21/01/2013).</p> <p><b>Although it is a clear and well presented application it is felt it meets the</b></p>	£5,000	£3,000  <i>(Culture and Community Activity Grant)</i>

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		<b>Culture and Community Activity Grant criteria rather than Organisational Change Fund criteria. It is therefore recommended the application is transferred to the Culture and Community Activity Grant scheme and that The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) is awarded £3,000. This will be the final grant to TCV from the Culture, Community and Recreational grants for 2015/16.</b>		
Friends of Corhampton Church <i>(Meon Valley, Winchester)</i>	Meon Valley Community Heritage Development Project £6,500	The organisation has lead the Meon Valley Community Heritage programme for five years and now seeks support for an infrastructure to further develop and sustain the programme, including websites, knowledge and opportunity sharing, volunteer coordination and training and programme/project management. The application lacks detail and it is not clear how the programme will be sustainable beyond the funding period, what opportunities will be delivered, how communities will be engaged and how dependence on County Council grants will be reduced. It seems to be an extension of the Culture and Community Activity Fund grants they applied for in 2014/15 and 2015/16 rather than meeting the Organisational Change Fund criteria. The application suggests they will carry on without funding. The organisation has been granted £1,000 from WACA / Have Your Say Grant. <u>Note 1:</u> The organisation has applied for £3000 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2015/16 (decision deferred to gain more information 19/01/2015). <u>Note 2:</u> The organisation was awarded £2,100 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2014/15 (decision date 20/01/2014) <u>Note 3:</u> The organisation received County Councillor grants in 2013/14 and 2012/13 for activity related to this programme (total £1,500 from three awards). Councillor Huxstep has been consulted and is supportive of the organisation. <b>As the application does not fit the scheme criteria, it is not recommended the application is supported.</b>	£5,000	£0
The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre <i>(Havant)</i>	Developing Models of Sustainable Workshop Activity £4,772	The organisation seeks funding to support the selection of a specific children's holiday workshop type out of three potentials to determine the best model for future delivery to meet the needs of the local community and increase income generation. Dropping income from workshops suggests they are not meeting need but The Spring's research suggests other organisations are able to draw audiences to workshops so they need to change their model. They will also undertake in depth research including data analysis of previous attenders, analysis of previous marketing activities, surveys via website and social media, feedback and evaluation from tutors, participants and parents and research into models offered by other providers. Children's holiday	£3,818	£3,818 <i>(Organisational Change Fund)</i>

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		<p>workshops have been identified by the organisation as the weakest part of the current participation programme. Drawing larger audiences to their workshops will help the Spring achieve their surplus target and have less reliance on County Council funding. If the project is successful, they will increase their annual income by £7000. The Spring has a good history of presenting quality events. The application shows they hope to raise £250 of project costs through ticket income and the remaining £704 will be met through in-kind support (room hire from The Spring).</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> The organisation was awarded £9,980 Organisational Change Fund 2014/15 (decision day 06/03/2014). This project was to support sustainability including strategy development, philanthropic giving campaigns and training. This project is not due to be completed until March 2015 so evaluation has not yet been received.</p> <p><u>Note 2:</u> The organisation was awarded £109,805 Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2015/16 (decision day 04/12/2014)</p> <p><u>Note 3:</u> The organisation was awarded £113,390 Culture and Recreation Investment Fund 2014/15 (decision day 04/12/2013), £700 Culture &amp; Community Activity Grants 2014/15 (decision day 16/09/2014), £1000 County Councillor Grants 2014/15. An application to Adult Services Annual Programme Grant 2014/15 (£4,175) was rejected as it did not meet departmental objectives. Two County Councillor Grants 2014/15 applications (total £1500) await outcomes.</p> <p>Councillors Fairhurst, Finch, Keast, Bolton, Pearce, McIntosh and Briggs for the Havant District have been consulted. Councillor McIntosh expressed support for the application. Councillor Fairhurst replied with no comment. Councillor Briggs expressed support for the application and the work carried out by the organisation.</p> <p><b>It is recommended The Spring Arts &amp; Heritage Centre is awarded a one-off grant of £3,818 on condition that satisfactory evaluation of the 2014/15 Organisational Change Fund award is received. This will be the final grant to The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre from the Culture, Community and Recreational grants for 2015/16.</b></p>		
<b>Total</b>			<b>£13,818</b>	<b>£6,818</b>