

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	05 March 2015
Title:	Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2015/16
Reference:	6506
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for £6,818 of grants for 2015/16 to two organisations in Hampshire.

2. Organisational Change Fund

- 2.1. The Organisational Change Fund is one of five grants streams set up in May 2012, following an extensive review of grants.
- 2.2. The purpose of this grant stream is to support specific, time-limited projects for organisations to achieve efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding. Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3. 3 organisations have applied for funding and the details are set out in Appendix 2.

3. Summary of grants:

Organisation	£	Grant Stream
The Conservation Volunteers	£3,000	Move to Activity Grants Stream
Friends of Corhampton Church	£0	-
The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre	£3,818	Organisational Change Fund

4. Financial Information 2015/16

- 4.1. The total original budget for all the cultural, recreational and community 2015/16 grants is £1,140,000. £1,016,380 was allocated in December 2014 and £36,278 allocated in January 2015 leaving £87,342 for other smaller grants in 2015/16. If all these applications are approved there will be £80,524 remaining for the rest of 2015/16.

5. Other key issues

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

6. Recommendations

That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside approves the grants of:-

- i) £3,000 to the Conservation Volunteers from the Activity Grants stream.
- ii) £3,818 to the Spring Arts and Heritage Centre from the Organisational Change Grants Stream.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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

Other Significant Links

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

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

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

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. Not applicable.

3. Climate Change:


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

Hampshire County Council Grant Criteria for Organisational Change Fund

The Organisational Change Fund supports specific, time-limited projects for organisations to achieve efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding. This could include the exploration of:

- developing new ways of working in partnership to deliver services to primarily support a reduction in organisational costs and create alternative funding/income opportunities (from non Hampshire County Council departments).

The fund will also support a reasonable approach to disinvesting from organisations that are currently funded, but are not considered to be priorities for the future.

Applicants must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future'](#) , improving the quality of life for all, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged:

1. Health and Wellbeing: Improving health and wellbeing for all.
2. Economy: Promoting economic prosperity and protecting the environment.
3. Communities: working with communities to enhance local services.
4. Efficiency: Delivering high quality, cost-effective public services.

What is funded?

A maximum one off grant of up to £5,000 can be awarded to eligible organisations within Hampshire to contribute towards specific, time-limited projects (usually no more than a one year period) to achieve organisational efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding. Projects must have clear outcomes and must support a sustainable future business model.

A grant can be awarded to organisations currently receiving funding from Culture, Communities and Business Services grant schemes although are not considered to be priorities for the future, to support a reasonable approach to disinvestment. There is no maximum for grants for organisations the County Council is disinvesting from.

Feasibility Studies and Management Consultants

In order to assist organisations, Hampshire County Council will support the costs of feasibility studies and management consultancy fees.

What isn't funded?

- Organisations that do not meet the Fund's criteria
- Ongoing financial support or contributions towards a deficit
- Individuals
- Profit-making organisations

- Capital projects or capital grants for equipment
- Services provided solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council
- Parish/Town Councils
- Other local authorities
- Schools
- Uniformed groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides, cadets etc

Please note we cannot retrospectively fund projects or proposals that have already been carried out. Grants are issued for projects or proposals to be carried out in the future. This includes any contracts issued to consultants before grant approval.

Grant criteria and eligibility

We will fund organisations in Hampshire that are either not-for-profit, community-based organisations with local governance arrangements **or** organisations, partnerships and consortiums delivering strategic cultural and recreational services. Applicants **must** meet all the following eligibility criteria

- High quality specific, time-limited projects/proposals/programmes (usually no more than a one year period) to achieve organisational efficiencies and reduce on-going dependency on grant funding with clear, measurable outcomes and results.
- Proposals must support a sustainable future business model.
- The project or proposals of the organisation(s) support the corporate priorities above.
- The eligible organisation(s) has a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference.
- Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. Where it is judged that unallocated reserves are unreasonably in excess of what is required or not allocated for legitimate purposes, those organisations may receive a reduced grant. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.
- As a minimum standard we would expect your organisation to meet the minimum legal requirements along with policies and procedures to cover your organisation's services/programmes. Generally we would expect organisations to have £10m cover for Public Liability and Employers' Liability Insurance.