

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	12 March 2015
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies and Investing in Hampshire
Decision Reference:	6252
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report is to be considered in two parts: Part One covers Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies and Part Two covers 'Investing in Hampshire'.

PART ONE

1. **Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies**

- 1.1 One application has been received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget. Details of this request are outlined in Appendix 2 to this section of the report.

2. **Budget Position**

- 2.1 The balance available for allocation from the 2014/15 grant budget after grants approved at the last decision day and therefore, the amount available for allocation at the 12 March 2015 meeting is £78,069.

3. **Grants Criteria**

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budgets are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. **Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

5. **Recommendation:**

- 5.1 That a grant of £7,500 in 2014/15 and 2015/16 be awarded to The Gallipoli Association from the Policy and Resources grants budget, subject to condition as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.

PART TWO

1. Investing In Hampshire

- 1.1. In December 2014 the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approved an Investing in Hampshire award of £150,000 to the Winchester Cathedral Trust towards the final works required to complete a new Education Centre at the Cathedral.
- 1.2. The total works were estimated to cost £300,000 and were required to ensure proper accessibility for all potential visitors to the facility and to complete the works to external areas that will complement and link the various facilities together. This would all help to maintain the Cathedral's position as a key heritage asset and tourist attraction within the County and also secure the educational, wellbeing and economic benefits that this brings.
- 1.3. The balance of funding of £150,000 was to be raised by the Trust as their contribution to the works. Significant fund raising activity has been undertaken since this time and a total of around £100,000 has already been received, with potential for further contributions in the future. However, at this point in time, it has not been possible to generate the full £150,000 contribution to fund the remaining works which are already planned and are currently in progress.
- 1.4. The remaining works consist of making the centre fully accessible to all visitors, together with the installation of external lighting for safety and aesthetic purposes. Surety of the balance of £50,000 funding is therefore required at this point in time to avoid time delays and cost overrun on the remaining works and importantly to ensure that the original vision for the facility is brought to life and is befitting of a key heritage asset such as the Cathedral.
- 1.5. Given this position, it is therefore recommended to agree on an exceptional basis a further Investing in Hampshire award of £50,000 to the project in order for the final vital works to be completed.

Recommendation

That a further £50,000 award be given to Winchester Cathedral Trust to complete the final works to the Education Centre at Winchester Cathedral.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
None		
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
None		

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>
Application forms received from organisations	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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:

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information can be found on individual requests.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc.) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
 - District or Parish Councils
 - Government Institutions
 - Schools
 - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
 - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
 - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

THE GALLIPOLI ASSOCIATION (CG00008575 and CG00008578)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

As part of its Centenary, The Gallipoli Association is seeking funding towards its Education Project to help Hampshire students go to Gallipoli and study some part of the Campaign.

On the Association's visit in October last year, ten students from Bay House School and Sixth Form in Gosport, along with 2 teachers, a film-maker, tour guide and staff from the Project, made the 2,000 mile journey, following in the footsteps of over 500,000 Allied soldiers and sailors in 1915. During the visit, they explored the battlefields in the Helles, Anzac and Suvla sectors, learning about the campaign and what life was like for the men from all countries that took part.

On their return, students will provide a presentation to a gathered audience.

Total cost: £10,000 (cost of last year's visit)

Total income:

Total shortfall:

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

£7,500 in 2014/15 and 2015/16

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

This budget: Nil

Councillors Edgar and Carter each gave £1,000 towards Bay House School's visit last year.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide application and there is therefore no local member.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: These visits would provide a valuable opportunity for our school children and a grant is therefore recommended, subject to receipt of a satisfactory breakdown of costs, how these grants would be spent and confirmation that only children within Hampshire would benefit from these monies.

RECOMMENDATION

£7,500 in both 2014/15 and 2015/16 subject to the above conditions