

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	23 July 2015
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	6644
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report is to consider requests received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Details of these requests are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

2. **Budget Position**

- 2.1 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 23 July is £126,500.

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 grants of £5,834 be awarded from the Policy and Resources grants budget to those organisations listed in Appendix 2 of this report.

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 and correspondence 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.

WHITEHILL AND BORDON TOWN PARTNERSHIP (CG00008193)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Whitehill and Bordon Town Partnership is seeking funding to purchase, install and maintain, four defibrillators for the town, including 10 year maintenance costs. The chosen locations will give minimum of 17 hrs a day availability - this being peak times of day.

The group has already committed its own funds for one defibrillator, which is located at the sports pavilion and this request is to purchase another four.

Total cost: £6,334

Total income: £2,000 (£500 from East Hants District Council)

Total shortfall: £4,334

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

£4,334

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

April 2014 - £1,000 – purchase safety barriers for community events.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Carew has been contacted for his comments on this application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Public Health: There is some evidence to indicate clinical and cost effectiveness. However this is slightly dependent on where they are located (ease of access by the community).

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: Should a grant be awarded, it is recommended that it be subject to receipt of satisfactory details of location of equipment. It is also suggested that Councillor Carew be invited to consider a contribution from his Member Devolved budget.

RECOMMENDATION

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HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (1) (CG00008714)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Funding is sought to publish an Annual Bird Report which is a full colour, 240 page book and catalogues details of all records received for the year, plus papers. A full set is then given to the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre.

Total cost: £24,000 (£20,000 for the Report and the remaining sum for running costs of the Society)

Total income:

Total shortfall:

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

£1,000

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

Hampshire County Council has given an annual grant of £1,000 for many years (up to the 2012 report) and were acknowledged with full logo on the inside front cover.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is countywide organisation and therefore there is no local member.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: The print costs of the Annual Report run to about £6,000. All data gathered by HOS is provided annually to the County Council through the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre, amounting to around 100,000 species records annually. The data is used to help inform land use decisions.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,000

HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (2)

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Seeking funding to produce the Hampshire Bird Atlas as one off hardback book, which will map the breeding and winter distribution of all species recorded in the County during that seven year period of field work.

It will update with comparisons of the previous County avifauna, which the CC helped to support.

Corporate sponsors are being asked for a minimum donation of £500.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

£500

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: The Hampshire Bird Atlas is produced every 20 years or so and gives a detailed analysis of the distribution and long term trends of our bird species. The last one was produced in 1993 with a substantial grant from the County Council. This time, HOS are seeking corporate sponsorship from both the private and public sector, hence the more modest amount of £500.

RECOMMENDATION

£500