

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date:	22 April 2016
Title:	Community Buildings Capital Fund 2015/16 (requests for £25,000 and over)
Reference:	7416
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The primary purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for awards totalling £646,000 from the Community Buildings Capital Fund 2015/16.

2. Summary of grants:

- 2.1 Applications to the Community Buildings Capital Fund 2015/16 (requests for £25,000 and over)

Organisation	District	£
Broughton Village Hall	Test Valley	£150,000
Friends of Droxford Church	Winchester	£75,000
Rowner Community Trust	Gosport	£141,000
Warsash Victory Hall	Fareham	£148,000
Winnall Community Association	Winchester	£132,000
Total		£646,000

3. Contextual Information

- 3.1 The Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside is responsible for a capital grant scheme for community buildings which has been running for many years. There is usually £125,000 in the budget each year which is allocated to a variety of community groups, up to a maximum of £15,000 per organisation. The applications for these grants go to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for approval at his Decision Days throughout the year.
- 3.2 In October 2014 the Leader of the Council announced the allocation of £1million to the Community Buildings Capital Grant scheme. Grants of up to £150,000 will be awarded to projects which substantially increase the usage of a community building or enable joint use of a building by the merger of two or more groups. Details of the grant criteria are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 These grants go to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for decision, having first been via a small Sub Committee set up by the Policy and Resources Select Committee. During 2015/16 three smaller capital grants (over £15,000 and under £60,000) were fast-tracked directly to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for a decision.
- 3.4 A new process has been put in place for the larger grant applications and this is as follows:-
- The organisation fills in an Expression of Interest form which is simpler than the grant application form.
 - Officers then draw up a shortlist and ask the organisations on the shortlist to complete an application form.
 - Officers assess the applications and visit each applicant with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Sub Committee before putting forward recommendations to a Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Select Committee.
 - Applicants present their proposals to the Sub-Committee.
- 3.5 Thirteen organisations submitted Expressions of Interest. Following assessment against scheme criteria, eight organisations were invited to make full applications, three of which were fast-tracked. Subsequently five organisations were invited to present their proposals to the Sub-Committee on 2 March 2016. Minutes of this meeting are included in Appendix 2. Further information on these five projects and recommendations are set out in Appendix 3.

4. Budget Position

4.1 2015/16:	£
Budget Approval for 2015/16	1,000,000
Grants approved 9 April 2015	103,000
Returned grants (other funding secured)	-22,500
Grants approved 26 January 2016	28,000
Grants recommended in this report	646,000
Allocation for technical support	20,000
Remaining balance available	225,500

- 4.2 At the Sub-Committee Meeting on 2 March 2016, Members recommended that the remaining funds in this budget be rolled forwards for similar purposes in future years, so that the County Council might continue to support the ongoing usage of community assets like village halls. In order to meet this purpose, it is recommended that the balance is transferred to the Community Buildings Capital Fund which comes within the remit of the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside.

5. Other Considerations

- 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

- 6.1 That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:
- i) Approves grants to:
 - Broughton Village Hall, £150,000
 - Friends of Droxford Church, £75,000
 - Rowner Community Trust, £141,000
 - Warsash Victory Hall, £148,000
 - Winnall Community Association, £132,000
 totalling £646,000. These are subject to the specific conditions set out in Appendix 2.
 - ii) Approves the transfer of the remaining balance of £225,500 to the Community Buildings Capital Fund, as administered by the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside.

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>
Community Buildings Capital Grants 2015/16	6555	9 April 2015
Community Buildings Capital Fund 2015/16 (requests for £25,000 and over)	7112	26 January 2016
Community Buildings Capital Grant Scheme	7372	2 March 2016
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 has been undertaken. 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 Community Buildings Capital Fund 2015/16

What is funded?

The Community Buildings Capital Fund supports capital based projects including refurbishment and improvement of Hampshire community centres, village halls and charitable and voluntary organisations (which offer a full and varied open access community programme).

For 2015/16 financial year only the County Council has set aside £1m from the Capital Programme for a programme of improvements to community centres and village halls. If you wish to apply for a larger grant of over £25,000, it is also anticipated that a small number of grants of up to £150,000 will be awarded for projects which substantially improve the building to increase usage or which enable the joint use of a building by the merger of two or more community organisations. This budget has been added to the existing Community Buildings Capital Fund and will be granted to projects meeting the criteria below taking place in the financial year of 2015/16 (and 2016/17 if appropriate). **There is a different application process for these larger proposals.**

The aim of this funding programme is to focus primarily on projects which provide improvements that reduce running costs. By way of example at one end of the scale, the installation of insulation, new windows and a modern central heating system could have a significant effect on heating costs as well as carbon footprint. At the other end of the scale would be the merging of two self-standing facilities into one. An example could be the building of an extension onto an existing centre to accommodate the needs of other local community groups which were previously housed in an old, inadequate building with very high maintenance and heating bills.

The programme is not designed to be over prescriptive and developed innovative ideas for projects are encouraged.

What isn't funded?

The following organisations are not funded under this scheme:

- Parish Councils
- Other local authorities
- Groups and organisations whose main priority is of an individual focus or single use i.e. playgroup, lunch clubs or youth groups
- Uniformed organisations
- School properties
- Sports clubs
- Theatres

The following projects are not funded under this scheme:

- The purchase of land.
- Equipment not directly attributable to the building i.e. we will fund fitted kitchen equipment and sound systems, but would not fund a television or hi-fi system. We will also not fund equipment intended for the use of a separate trading arm or commercial organisation using the premises.
- Capital works that have already been carried out. We cannot retrospectively fund projects, grants are awarded for works to be carried out in the future.

Grant criteria and eligibility

The Community Buildings Capital Fund is open to the following community based organisations who benefit a local community/local communities in Hampshire, support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future'](#) and improve the health and wellbeing for all, improving the quality of life for all, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged:

- Village halls (not parish-run halls)
- Community associations
- Charitable and voluntary organisations which offer a full and varied open access community programme.

These organisations must be properly constituted with clear and effective local governance and management structures.

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.

Grant criteria

Capital based projects must fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Building repairs, extensions and refurbishments
- Capital improvements that reduce running costs
- Health and Safety issues
- Equipment that will become a permanent fixture within the building which improves access and/or increases usage (the exception to this are tables, chairs and storage units which will also be funded)
- Capital based feasibility studies.

Organisations need to demonstrate:

- The provision of open access community programmes/activities from the community building for the benefit of the local community.
- The impact the capital based project will make to the local community, the organisation and wider society (if appropriate).
- The local community have been involved in identifying the need for the project and support it.

Applicants will be expected to have obtained permission from the landlord to undertake the capital work. If required applicants will also be expected to have obtained (or engaged in the process of) planning permission and/or listed buildings consent (if appropriate) to carry out the works.

Where appropriate, depending on the grant sum requested, the organisation will be expected to submit supporting documentation. All documentation will be used, alongside the application form, to assess against the grant criteria.

AT A MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE SUB COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Wednesday, 2 March 2016.

PRESENT

Chairman:
a Councillor Elaine Still

Vice-Chairman
p Councillor Keith Evans

Councillors:

p Ray Bolton p Bruce Tennent
p Criss Connor a Sharyn Wheale
a Andy Moore

119. **BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

120. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of Cllr Elaine Still due to a hospital appointment, therefore the meeting was Chaired by the Vice Chairman Cllr Keith Evans. Apologies were also received on behalf of Cllr Sharyn Wheale and Cllr Andy Moore.

121. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Cllr Keith Evans declared a personal interest that the Victory Hall was in his division and he was familiar with it. He chose to remain in the meeting, as he did not have a pecuniary interest, and this sub committee was not the decision maker for these grants.

122. **DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were received at this meeting.

123. **COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CAPITAL GRANTS**

The Sub Committee received a report from the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (see Item 4 in the Minute Book) regarding applications to the Community Buildings Capital Fund for over £25,000. It was noted that the Sub Committee had been established by the Policy & Resources Select Committee in order to consider the short listed applications to this grant fund, and to make recommendations to the Executive Member for Policy & Resources, who would take a decision on these grants in April 2016.

The grant scheme was for capital projects to improve venues in Hampshire such as community centres, village halls, and premises run by charitable and voluntary organisations which offer a full and varied open access community programme. Five projects had been shortlisted, and the Sub Committee received a presentation regarding each application, and had the opportunity to ask questions.

i) WINNALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Sub Committee welcomed Ron Fenech, Stephen Light and James Everton representing the bid from the Winnall Community Association, who gave a presentation (see slides in Minute Book).

In summary, they explained:

- The Community Association run a community centre in Winnall, which while in Winchester is an area of high deprivation
- The centre is used for a range of activities for all age groups, including a breakfast club for children entitled to free school meals. Twenty five different groups use the centre at present, and it was hoped that with revamped facilities this could be increased to around forty
- The proposed improvements would include updating the ladies toilets, improving storage for the main hall, fixing damaged flooring, creating a café area, and improving external space including a children's play area

- An office space at the centre was currently used by Action for Children, however notice had been received that they would be vacating. It was planned to re-model the space and put in IT facilities for broader use

Following questions Members heard:

- A project manager had been brought in to manage the project, whose company had experience of running similar projects
- The figures used were currently estimates not firm quotes, however there was confidence they were reasonable. It would be possible to adapt the scheme if costs were significantly higher than anticipated, and 10% contingency had been built in
- The association receives income in the form of grants e.g. an annual contribution of £9,000 from the County Council, and income from room hire
- It was planned to undertake the works in July and August, as the use of the centre was lowest in that period due to the school holidays, so it would keep disruption to a minimum

ii) FRIENDS OF DROXFORD CHURCH

The Sub Committee welcomed John Symes, Reverend Tony Forrest and John Jack representing the bid from the Friends of Droxford Church, who gave a presentation (see slides in Minute Book).

In summary, they explained:

- That the project represented the largest community project in the locality for 180 years
- The church serves a small rural community, and the planned project involves conservation, heritage and expanding community use of the building
- The funds applied for in this bid would help leverage further funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund
- It was planned to convert some of the space into a community café run by volunteers
- Phoenix Futures, a residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre, was located nearby, and the proposed café provided an opportunity for those residents to volunteer at the café to help their rehabilitation and integration into the community
- The grant applied for would contribute 50% of the costs for an extension to the church, to provide toilets, a kitchen and a small office space

Following questions Members heard:

- That the community currently lacked a public place people could gather that wasn't a pub.
- A neighbouring village had established a community café which had been successful, and were happy to share their model
- The Parish Council was working on re developing the parking available in the village
- A plan of the church was circulated including the planned extension, and it was indicated that the community café would be sited in the part labelled 'meeting room'

iii) BROUGHTON VILLAGE HALL

The Sub Committee welcomed Graham Cowley and Nick Jones representing the bid from Broughton Village Hall, who gave a presentation (see slides in Minute Book).

In summary, they explained:

- Nineteen groups use the village hall and it is also hired for private and business use
- A local benefactor has donated a historical archive of the village and a contribution of £100,000 to make provision to house the archive at the village hall
- The planned project would include a new community room which could display the archive material and provide flexibility for further hiring space. It was also planned to make other updates to the building including heating, insulation, lighting, storage etc.
- There was potential that the project would receive a contribution as a result of a local solar farm development. If this contribution was higher than budgeted for in the current plans, it would be possible to extend the project to develop the kitchen and extend the main hall space

Following questions Members heard:

- That funding towards the project had been agreed from Test Valley Borough Council, the Parish Council, and the local benefactor. A 10% contingency had been allowed for in the financial planning
- That the Broughton Village Hall did not compete with the Stockbridge equivalent, as the two venues offered different facilities
- A resident of the village owned a company which manages projects and had offered to manage the project on a voluntary basis

iv) WARSASH VICTORY HALL

The Sub Committee welcomed David Bevis, Garry Hlavaty and

Derrick McNeil representing the bid from Warsash Victory Hall, who gave a presentation (see slides in Minute Book).

In summary, they explained:

- The Victory Hall was forty years old and had not had any significant spending on its upkeep during that time
- The building was used by 1500 people each week
- A structural survey undertaken in 2014 highlighted the need for a range of improvements to the fabric of the building. The planned project would encompass all the identified needs including replacing the roof. This would enable continued use of the building by the local community
- An application had been made for a contribution to the project from Fareham Borough Council

Following questions Members heard:

- The most urgent aspect was replacing the roof, and if this became more costly than anticipated, other parts of the project could wait
- If the works could be undertaken in August, it would have minimal impact on hall users
- A company had been brought in to manage the project and funds allocated for this
- A copy of a video about the Hall was left for Members to consider

v) ROWNER COMMUNITY TRUST

The Sub Committee welcomed Iain Lucas and Dr Jenny Allinson representing the bid from the Rowner Community Trust, who provided a short video on the Trust and the planned capital project.

In summary, they explained:

- Regeneration work in the area meant that it would make more sense to change the orientation of the entrance to the Nimrod Community Centre. This would facilitate improvements to the reception area, and mean the room previously used as the Trust office could become a meeting room and accessible IT suite

Following questions Members heard:

- That the agreement made for the regeneration of the area meant that each property included a covenant requiring each property owner to pay an annual fee to the Rowner Community Trust (£75 for a one bedroom, £150 for a two bedroom, £200 for a three bedroom). This income was managed by the Trust, and used to maintain

- the environment in the area to avoid it degenerating.
- Part of the use of the Nimrod Centre was for a 'one stop shop' to assist residents with issues involving public sector agencies e.g. health or employment, with links to NHS services and the local job centre plus
 - The Centre was also used for private bookings and training
 - The area was a known area of multiple deprivation
 - A project was underway to support the wellbeing of residents, which involved asking people what their ambitions for their wellbeing were and how they could be supported to achieve those aims. The success of this project could be measured via a before and after wellbeing score, and time saved in other NHS settings

CONCLUSIONS

The Chairman thanked each of the applicants for their presentations, and informed them that the final decision lay with the Executive Member for Policy and Resources, who was due to take a decision regarding these grants on 22 April 2016, giving consideration to the recommendations of this Sub Committee.

Having heard from each of the shortlisted applicants, the Sub Committee discussed what they had heard, and came to the following conclusions regarding each project:

RESOLVED:

To report to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources:

Rowner Community Trust (funding request: £140,958)
– clear evidence of community benefit from the building in a deprived area

Recommendation: That the application be supported and a grant of £141,000 be awarded

Winnall Community Association (funding request: £131,752)
- demonstrated community benefit in a deprived area, and the involvement of a project manager gave confidence in the delivery of the scheme

Recommendation: That the application be supported and a grant of £132,000 be awarded

Broughton Village Hall (funding request: £150,000)
– demonstrated the building was well used and well managed and the project will provide community benefit

Recommendation: That the application be supported and a grant of £150,000 be awarded

Warsash Victory Hall (funding request: £147,725)

– demonstrated the building was well used and the roof works are clearly needed to maintain that use

Recommendation: That the application be supported and a grant of £148,000 be awarded

Friends of Droxford Church (funding request: £150,000)

– Members were concerned that the application related to a church and therefore not a purely community facility. It was also noted that the community café element needed to be accessed via part of the main church space, and therefore could not be used if a service was taking place. Members therefore concluded to recommend a lower amount than requested, with the expectation that the remaining costs be sought elsewhere.

Recommendation: that the application be partially supported, and a grant of £75,000 be awarded, with a requirement that the community café and facilities available be marketed to the wider community, to ensure the County Council is funding a project that provides general community use.

Recommendation: That the remaining funds in this budget be rolled forwards for similar purposes in future years, so that the County Council might continue to support the ongoing usage of community assets like village halls.

Chairman, 21 April 2016

**Community Buildings Capital Fund (requests for £25,000 and over) 2015/16
Application assessment summary**

Each grant application has been assessed against the Community Buildings Capital Fund criteria (Appendix 1.1) using a standard template.

Project funding requests

Organisation District	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended capital fund 2015/16
Broughton Village Hall <i>(Test Valley)</i>	New Community Room, heating system £324,342	<p>The organisation seeks funding to build an extension, creating a new community room; to improve the heating system; to upgrade insulation; to replace timber doors and windows with UPVC; to install media facilities (including additional hearing loops) and to improve disabled access.</p> <p>There is a possibility that the organisation may receive a considerable sum of additional funding, in which case the organisation seeks to use any funding awarded for a larger improvement project.</p> <p><i>Technical Summary</i> A comprehensive scheme – fully detailed and costed. Plans and details will be sufficient for statutory approval in due course. Detailed design and professional costing. Value for money will be obtained by competitive tender. Costs appear reasonable for the work.</p> <p><i>Officer Summary</i> This proposal will increase capacity and improve access. A wide range of community activities are offered and a range of community outcomes have been identified. The business plan and forward financial plan are well thought out and they anticipate a financial position above break even in the next three years.</p> <p><i>Policy and Resources Sub-Committee Summary</i> The organisation demonstrated the building is well used and well managed and the project will provide community benefit.</p> <p><i>Other Funding</i> A private donation of £100,000 has been secured, along with an award of £25,000 from Test Valley Borough Council and an award of £20,000 from Broughton Parish Council. The organisation expects an award of £25,000</p>	£149,342	£150,000

Organisation District	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended capital fund 2015/16
		<p>resulting from the building of a local Solar Farm. Note: There is a chance that the Solar Farm contribution could be significantly higher, up to £500,000. If this is the case, the organisation would re-evaluate the project to either expand the current scheme. The full costs would be submitted and would still depend on a £150,000 award from the County Council. Councillor Gibson has been consulted. It is recommended that Broughton Village Hall is awarded up to 47% of project costs up to a maximum of £150,000, on condition that appropriate planning permission is in place. If the proposal is revised in light of a larger contribution, the revised scheme and costs are to be agreed with the County Council.</p>		
Friends of Droxford Church <i>(Winchester)</i>	Droxford Church Community Hub and Heritage Project £285,765	<p>The organisation seeks funding to build a small extension to house toilets, kitchen, small office/meeting space and storage. This will service a community space within the chapel, enabling the development of a community hub and community café, with meeting space for up to 25 people and wider community use of the church building. The boiler and heating system are also to be reviewed with an intention to replace. <i>Technical Summary</i> A full specification and drawings would be needed to allow fair pricing, demonstration of value for money and achieving the required statutory approvals. The cost is reasonable for the proposed works, allowing for the listed status of the building. <i>Officer Summary</i> The organisation does not currently delivery community programmes, but a wide range of potential community activities were identified with aspirations to deliver once works are completed. Business Plan identifies community needs and delivery partners and shows forward financial planning to ensure sustainability. <i>Policy and Resources Sub-Committee and Officer Summary</i> Members were concerned that the application related to a church and therefore not a purely community facility. It was also noted that the community café element needed to be accessed via part of the main church space, and therefore could not be used if a service was taking place. Members therefore concluded to recommend a lower amount than requested, with the expectation that the</p>	£150,000	£75,000

Organisation District	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended capital fund 2015/16
		<p>remaining costs be sought elsewhere.</p> <p><i>Other Funding</i> Own funds, £6,000; Winchester City Council (Community Project Grant) £4,000, outcome due 01/08/2016; South Downs National Park Authority (Sustainable Communities) £10,000, outcome due 01/06/2016; Droxford Country Fair £6000, outcome due 05/06/2016; Our Heritage (HLF) £40,000, outcome due 01/06/2016; Donations from private individuals £60,000, of which £50k already secured. Councillor Huxstep has been consulted.</p> <p>It is recommended that Friends of Droxford Church is supported and awarded up to 27% of project costs up to a maximum of £75,000, on condition that necessary consents are granted and appropriate planning permission is in place and with a requirement that the community café and facilities available be marketed to the wider community.</p>		
Rowner Community Trust <i>(Gosport)</i>	Nimrod Community Centre Turnaround £242,624	<p>The organisation seeks funding to remodel and extend the Nimrod Community Centre, creating a new entrance and office area on the other side of the building to reflect changes to the buildings and infrastructure around them. The project will also create an additional flexible training/community room; create a separate entrance for the main hall; free up space for an accessible IT suite/meeting room; update the heating system and install double glazed doors and windows in the hall.</p> <p><i>Technical Summary</i> A well developed scheme with professional designers and QS on board. The design results from need analysis and consultation. Rates per m² seem reasonable and there is contingency identified. The project makes use of existing structure to minimise additional costs and provides improved accommodation.</p> <p><i>Officer Summary</i> A wide range of community activities are offered in relation to the size of the building and wide ranging community outcomes and increased capacity are identified. Recent accounts show the organisation is financially stable and the forward financial plan shows an increasing surplus. Key customers and markets are identified and the business and marketing plans show the current position and forward direction. The project will benefit users in an area of significant multiple deprivation.</p>	£140,958	£141,000

Organisation District	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended capital fund 2015/16
		<p><i>Policy and Resources Sub-Committee Summary</i> Clear evidence of community benefit from the building in a deprived area.</p> <p><i>Other Funding</i> Own funds, £3,000; Gosport Borough Council, £5,000, confirmed; volunteer time (in-kind), £5,000, confirmed; Biffa, £38,923, decision expected 01/06/2016; Veolia, £39,912, decision expected 01/06/2016; Tesco/Groundworks, £8,000, decision expected 01/04/2016; Cooperative Community Fund, £1,831, decision expected 01/04/2016.</p> <p><i>Note 1:</i> The organisation was awarded £250 County Councillor Grants 2015/16 (dd 10/08/2015). Councillor Burgess supports the application.</p> <p>It is recommended that Rowner Community Trust is awarded up to 59% of project costs up to a maximum of £141,000, on condition that appropriate planning permission is in place.</p>		
Warsash Victory Hall <i>(Fareham)</i>	Project Endurance £197,725	<p>The organisation seeks funding to replace the roof; improve insulation; improve access; refurbish the heating system; replace and improve doors and windows.</p> <p><i>Technical Summary</i> Funds are requested based on a schedule of condition and the deployed works will protect the building and improve energy retention. A design/specification and costs need to be developed and the project would benefit from the appointment of a Project Manager. To obtain comparable prices, a set of drawings and clear specification need to be produced.</p> <p><i>Officer Summary</i> The project will not lead to an increase in capacity, but it will secure the use of the building for current use, which is threatened due to the poor state of the roof. The business plan focuses on the capital project and improvements that need to be made to governance arrangements. A wide range of community activities are offered and the organisation anticipates retaining these. Accounts show the organisation is financially stable and the forward budget shows a small annual surplus.</p> <p><i>Policy and Resources Sub-Committee Summary</i> Demonstrated the building is well used and the roof works are clearly needed to maintain that use.</p>	£147,725	£148,000

Organisation District	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended capital fund 2015/16
		<p><i>Other Funding</i> Own funds, £10,000; Fareham Borough Council £40,000, decision expected 01/05/2016. Councillor Evans supports the application. He comments that the Victory Hall is extremely well used by all sections of the local community and by many from further afield. The Hall is in need of some attention and the flat roof is at the end of its life.</p> <p>It is recommended that Warsash Victory Hall is awarded up to 75% of project costs up to a maximum of £148,000, on condition that appropriate planning permission is in place, that a detailed specification and quotes/tenders are submitted and that the constitution is updated.</p>		
<p>Winnall Community Association <i>(Winchester)</i></p>	<p>WCA Centre Internal Remodelling and Renovation £134,752</p>	<p>The organisation seeks funding to create a community café; refurbish the kitchen and servery; upgrade training room/office space; improve disabled access to the front entrance; improve toilets; repair flooring; repair and replace doors; install energy efficient lighting; improve storage and improve security measures including CCTV and lighting.</p> <p><i>Technical Summary</i> The majority of work is internal, but there are some changes that are likely to require Building Regulations permission. The proposed layout creates internal rooms and may need some adjustment to improve escape routes and access. Detail provided is limited and quotes are not clear. A Project Manager should design and specify the works and then obtain formal tenders / quotations.</p> <p><i>Officer Summary</i> A wide range of community activities are offered in relation to the size of the building. A range of community outcomes have been identified and increased community use is anticipated. The forward financial plan shows a small surplus each year; however the trustees are planning to increase staff hours to support the general running of the organisation. The project will benefit users in an area of significant multiple deprivation.</p> <p><i>Policy and Resources Sub-Committee and Officer Summary</i> Demonstrated community benefit in a deprived area, and the involvement of a project manager gave confidence in the delivery of the scheme.</p> <p><i>Other Funding</i></p>	£131,752	£132,000

Organisation District	Project Title Total project costs	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended capital fund 2015/16
		<p>Own funds, £1,000; Winchester City Council £2,000, not yet secured.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> The organisation was awarded £8,905 Community Investment Fund 2016/17 (dd 03/12/2015)</p> <p><u>Note 2:</u> The organisation was awarded £8,905 Community Investment Fund 2015/16 (dd 04/12/2014) and £650 County Councillor Grants 2015/16 (dd 18/09/2015).</p> <p>Councillor Mather supports the application.</p> <p>It is recommended that Winnall Community Association is awarded up to 98% of project costs up to a maximum of £132,000, on condition that appropriate planning permission is in place, detailed specification and quotes/tenders are submitted and that the work is overseen by a professional Project Manager.</p>		
TOTAL			£719,777	£646,000