

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	16 June 2016
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	7404
Report From:	Director of Transformation 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 The budget allocation for 2016/17 is £218,000. Commitments made at previous meetings totalling £42,000, which include grants to the Winchester Choristership and Hampshire Gardens Trust, reduces this figure available at today's meeting to £176,000.

3. **Grants Criteria**

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget is 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 where recommended grants of £7,000 be awarded to those organisations in the sums shown in Appendix 2 of the 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.

SOUTH EAST RESERVE FORCES AND CADETS' ASSOCIATION (CG00010907)

In order to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, a footballing event is being organised for 20 teams, both military and civilian to compete in a tournament whilst remembering the sacrifices made by local men from the south east of England. The event will be held on 1 July at Guildford Surrey Sports Park, attracting approximately 2,000 visitors.

Civilian teams taking part include Aldershot Football Club, Guildford City, Chelsea, Southampton, Surrey Fire Brigade, Hampshire Police and military teams from Headley Court Rehabilitation Centre, Pirbright, Aldershot, Cyprus and Germany.

Total Expenditure: £10,800 (hire of pitches, toilets, PA system, publicity, medical cover, etc)

Total Income: £6,800

Shortfall: £4,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£1,000

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is an application from a regional body.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: This event is being organised by The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, the Army Benevolent Fund and the South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association not only to commemorate the Battle of the Somme but also to raise funds for regimental heritage (60%) and army benevolence (40%).

Hampshire has a long association with the armed forces with over 30,000 military personnel based in the county, the largest contingent in the country. This event will help to mark those people who served with Hampshire regiments and a grant on this occasion may be appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,000

MAGELLAN EXPLORER SCOUTS, NEW FOREST NORTH (CG00010924)

A grant is being requested by the Magellan Explorer Scouts towards the cost of undertaking a three week expedition in Malawi for 19 Expeditioners (aged 16-18) and 10 leaders during August this year. Activities will include community projects with Malawian Scouts, camping, trekking, adventure and safari.

Individual costs are £2,400 for each participant with a portion of these costs being used in Malawi towards helping improve education by developing a girls' hostel and refurbishing classrooms.

Total Expenditure: £66,600 (flights, insurances, accommodation etc.)

Total Income: £58,600

Shortfall: £8,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£1,000

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director Transformation and Governance: This modest request would enable 19 young people from Hampshire to experience outdoor educational activities with their peers, where they will encompass a diverse range of memorable cultural and practical experiences during their trip.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,000

KNIGHTCREST PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, EVERTON (CG00010954)

A grant of £3,000 is being requested from Knightcrest Park Residents Association to provide additional Street Lighting on A337 Milford Rd between Christchurch Rd and the entrance to Knightcrest Park.

A grant from the County Council would help towards the cost of providing 3 additional street lighting columns, which have been designed and costed by the County Council's Street Lighting section at approximately £12,000.

Total Expenditure: £12,000

Total Income: £3,000 - Hampshire Street Lighting; £1,500- Hordle Parish Council (confirmed); £1,500 - residents and local businesses (confirmed); £3,000 from Cllr Rice (decision post 1 June).

Shortfall: £3,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£3,000

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Alan Rice is supportive of this application and is minded to support a request of £3,000 from his Devolved Member budget when the scheme reopens.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment: Funding for additional lighting, requested by the public, is delivered via an "Unlit Roads Fund" provided by the PFI Service Provider and amounts to £50k p.a. This fund has always been fully committed, due to the large number of demands placed upon it, and so it has been necessary to prioritise those requests based upon their crime prevention and/or night-time road safety benefits. In this case, whilst the area has no demonstrable crime or night-time injury accident issues, I have offered assistance on the understanding that the remainder of the total costs be found from within the local community. Unfortunately, the District Council is unable to offer any funds.

If funding could be found elsewhere, this department could commit up to £3,000.

RECOMMENDATION

£3,000

THE PRINCES TRUST

As part of its Get Started Programme, The Princes Trust is seeking a grant of £15,000 for a week-long sporting and residential event in the Isle of Wight during August this year for 13 young people not in employment, education or training.

Total Expenditure: £22,685 (Prog delivery costs - £15,946; facilities, admin and support costs - £6,739)

Total Income: £7,685 (own funds)

Shortfall: £15,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£15,000

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a county-wide application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: This project is based on a pilot project delivered in 2013 in the Solent area which involved 12 young people gaining a qualification. Of those 12 young people, eight have now progressed into either an employment, education, training or volunteering.

RECOMMENDATION

£

WESSEX HERITAGE TRUST

To consider a £5,000 grant towards the Memory Box Initiative – The Forgotten Community, which is a 3 year pilot project where volunteers take sensory boxes into care homes, hospitals and day centres for people living with dementia. The pilot is to run from Jan 2016-19 and will include Basingstoke, Winchester and Andover areas.

Costs are between £75,000 and £100,000 for each of the three years.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has awarded £18,000 for 2 years but no other local authority has been approached.

Total Expenditure: £270,520

Total Income: £255,130 (£237,130 Big Lottery Fund and £18,000 to cover 2 of the 3 yrs)

Shortfall: £15,390

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

This budget:

2014 - £5,000 - The EDGE Young Volunteers Project

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a regional body

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: Hampshire County Council now channels its major grant funding for arts, heritage and cultural activity into the Hampshire Cultural Trust. The Trust takes a strategic approach to supporting key inclusion agendas through its Better Life Chances and associated activities, delivered in partnership with others. The applicant may wish to consider collaboration with the Trust in terms of this initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

Nil

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SUPPORT SERVICE

In order to celebrate the achievements of its volunteers and mark its 40th anniversary, the Good Neighbour Support Service (GNSS) is holding an event at Winchester Cathedral on 14 July, where approximately 200 people are expected to attend.

GNSS is an organisation run jointly by the Dioceses of Winchester, Portsmouth and Guildford which has a strong network of people committed to helping others in their own local communities. There are over 125 community groups in this Service, who last year undertook 156,000 tasks such as driving people to and from hospital, picking up prescriptions, and shopping for or with people.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£2,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**This budget:**

Nil

Adults:

12/13 £91,000

13/14 £91,000

14/15 £91,000

15/16 £85,540

16/17 £42,770 (to cover a period of transition)

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide application

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Adults' Health and Care: GNSS has a good working relationship with this department. They have continued to support and develop individual neighbour groups to help people lead independent lives.

RECOMMENDATION

£2,000