

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	20 July 2016
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	7601
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 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 20 July 2016 is £172,550.
- 2.2 With regard to paragraph 2.1 above, following the last Decision Day in June, a request was received from the British Red Cross seeking a grant to enable Syrian families from Hampshire to attend the Eid Festival in Manchester on 10 July 2016.
- 2.3 In view of the timings involved, on 1 July 2016, the Director of Transformation and Governance agreed, in consultation with the Executive Member, to award a grant of £1,300 towards transport costs to this event. The figure quoted in paragraph 2.1 takes this grant into account and is being reported here for noting purposes.

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. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 5.1 That grants totalling £42,240 be awarded to those organisations as shown in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 5.2 That a grant of £1,300 be awarded to the British Red Cross to enable Syrian families in Hampshire to attend the Eid Festival in Manchester.

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 Transformation 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.

ROMSEY DEMENTIA ACTION GROUP (ROMDAG) - DEMFEST

A grant is being sought towards holding a DEMFEST event at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens on 25 September this year.

The one-day festival is free and open to anyone across the county and further afield whose target audience is the cared for, carer, health professional and anyone touched by dementia. ROMDAG aims to provide a day of inspiration, innovation and education with a range of speakers, innovative activities and therapies, demonstrations, entertainment and informative stands and stalls on the day.

Last year the event attracted over 700 people, this year it is anticipated this would increase to 1500.

Total Expenditure: £9,085

Total Income: £6,300 (in-kind support of £4,250; TVBC - £700; Romsey Extra PC - £500; estate agent boards - £500).

Shortfall: £2,785

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:

2015 - £1,600 - DEMFEST

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide event

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Adults Services: This application appears to be worthwhile and is a good way to promote dementia awareness and the support available. It is linked to Dementia Friendly Hampshire, which this department supports. The event is in a format that is not reciprocated elsewhere and the location chosen will be attractive to the target group.

In order to raise funds, ROMDAG may want to consider making a small charge for those organisations having a stand to sell their services. Should a grant be awarded, this department would like to have a stand at the event.

RECOMMENDATION

£3,000 and that the County Council's Dementia Advisor Service be invited to have a stand at the event.

EAST BOLDRE SCHOOL FIELDS TRUST (CG00011204)

East Boldre School Fields Trust is a registered charity (No 299118) seeking financial assistance towards the cost of resurfacing its playground. The Trust, set up in 1988, is owned and run by the people of the village to manage recreational facilities.

Following an annual inspection by ROSPA, it has been advised that additional safety play bark is required under existing play equipment at a cost of £4,330.

Total Expenditure: £4,330

Total Income: £1,850 (own funds- £500; East Boldre PC- £250; East Boldre Education Trust - £850; HPFA - £250)

Shortfall: £2,480

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 Thornber supports this application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: Replacement of the play surface should be an expected and planned for cost on the part of the organisation managing the facility. It is recommended that a partial award be made to match that of the parish council.

Director of Transformation and Governance: A grant would allow the children to play in a safe environment.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,240

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST (CG00011203)

A sum of £25,000 is being sought by the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust to enable it to award smaller grants to churches within Hampshire to help with their individual restoration projects.

The Trust has confirmed that it has set aside £33,500 of its own funds to distribute to churches for this same purpose.

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£25,000

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

This budget:
See below

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide organisation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: For the last few years a sum of £25,000 per year has been awarded to the Trust to assist churches with their restoration/repair projects.

Last year, 15 grants were awarded to churches, 9 of which were in Hampshire.

RECOMMENDATION

£25,000

NEW FOREST AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHOW (CG00011158)

The New Forest and Hampshire County Show is held every year at the end of July and aims to educate visitors on the ways of the countryside in general.

The Show brings together many local organisations who promote their work throughout the county and who work to educate the public on the ways of the countryside and the working of the New Forest. For example, New Forest Driving for the Disabled, Hampshire Ornithological Society, Hampshire Horsewatch and New Forest Commoners Defence Association.

Total cost: £12,175 (marquees - £6,055, electric - £1,050, set up costs - £750 and tickets £4,320)

Total income: £7,175 (own funds)

Shortfall: £5,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

This budget has been used to award grants towards the cost of this Show over a number of years.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Thornber supports this application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: The New Forest and Hampshire County Show has now become a major event within the county with thousands of visitors coming along every year. A grant of £5,000 is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

CHICHESTER HARBOUR TRUST (CG00011230)**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

To assist with the management and administrative costs associated with the conservation of the very special landscape and wildlife habitats of 230 acres of land in 10 sites throughout the Chichester Harbour area, some of which are in Hampshire and some in West Sussex.

Total Expenditure: £28,630 (management and administrative costs)

Total Income: £20,500 (includes own funds - £5,000; Christopher Reeves Memorial Trust - £1,500; Bassil Shippam Trust - £1,000)

Yearly Shortfall: £8,130

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST:

£8,000p.a. for three years

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

Jan 2013 - £8,000 in 2013/14

Sept 2015 - £8,000 in 2014/15 and 2015/16

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Frank Pearce is a member of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Trust.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: Chichester Harbour Trust has previously received grants from the County Council both from this budget and the Environment Department. In-kind support is also received from West Sussex County Council (office space and support).

RECOMMENDATION

£8,000 from 2016/17 for a period of three years