

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	29 September 2016
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	7723
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 29 September 2016 is £109,340.

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 grants totalling £4,900 be awarded to those organisations as 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 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.

WESSEX CANCER TRUST (CG00011268)

Wessex Cancer Trust is in need of IT equipment and updated technology to help support its support centres in Hampshire. The 4 support centres (based in Chandler's Ford, Cosham Centre, Hythe and Winchester) provide those living with or affected by cancer access to free counselling, therapy and children's services.

The Centres require 14 laptops, 3 Desktop computers, 2 cameras, telephone, totalling £6,800 (including installation costs).

Total Expenditure: £6,800

Total Income: £0

Shortfall: £6,800

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£6,800

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

This budget: Nil

Councillor Bruce Tennent has financially supported this organisation in 2012/13 and 13/14 to produce advice leaflets.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a cross-county organisation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Adult Services: There is a level of need for the service provided by the Trust. The Trust aims to reach a realistic 600 people. If the Leader is minded to support the request, a focus on the laptops for the volunteer befrienders would be appropriate. These specific laptops could also utilise the Connect to Support Hampshire website.

Director of Transformation and Governance: The Trust has advised that should a partial award be made, it would only purchase laptops for those Centres most in need and arrange the remaining funding through other income streams.

RECOMMENDATION

£3,400

FLEET POND SOCIETY

Fleet Pond Society is undertaking a project to reinstate the wildlife pond at Elvetham Heath School. This will include new pond dipping platforms and a wildlife bog area so that the children can learn more about their natural environment.

Total Expenditure: £6,052

Total Income: £4,500 (includes £2,500 from Hart District Council)

Shortfall: £1,500

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£1,500

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Wheale is supportive of this application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment (Biodiversity Team): If awarded, conditions relating to long-term maintenance and protection of the pond, and its wildlife species, should be imposed to ensure long-term benefit to the community.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,500