

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	9 November 2016
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	7835
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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#### 1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report is to consider a request received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Details of this request 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 9 November 2016 is £94,528.

#### 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 a grant of £5,000 be awarded to the Be Your Best Foundation as shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	Yes
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
None		
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>		
<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 may 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.

**BE YOUR BEST FOUNDATION (CG00011581)**

The Be Your Best Foundation is seeking a grant of £5,000 from the County Council towards the cost of staging its Global Rock Challenge events at Portsmouth and Southampton Guildhalls.

Twelve events are to take place during this year and next at the above venues, with the finals being held in March 2017.

**Total Expenditure:** £121,000 (venue hire, lighting and sound, insurances, etc.).

**Total Income:** £116,000 (both confirmed and unconfirmed), including Portsmouth £5,000 and Southampton (£10,000) City Councils (Decisions known 1/12/2016)

**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:**

The Foundation has received a £5,000 grant from this budget over many years.

**Hampshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team - £12,000**

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a countywide organisation.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Transformation and Governance:** Up to 12 local secondary and primary schools will be in attendance each day over the course of the Challenge, providing benefits for approximately 3,500 young people such as increased self-esteem, improved teamwork skills, better relationships with peers and teachers, improved attendance in school and reduced use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal substances. A grant of £5,000 is recommended towards these costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000