

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	14 December 2016
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	7903
Report From:	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report gives details of a grant of £2,000 which has recently been awarded to Allegra's Ambition.

2. Details of request

Allegra's Ambition is a local charity founded in memory of 16-year-old Olympic hopeful Allegra Whittome, of Weild near Alresford, who suddenly died in 2015. The aim of the Charity is to help young people, through participation in sport and outdoor activities, to develop positive behaviours and values to enhance their lives.

Allegra competed for Winchester and District Athletics Club and represented her school and Hampshire county at lacrosse, athletics and cross-country. She was also a highly skilled equestrian, pentathlete, tennis and netball player. A contribution is being sought towards one of the charity's sporting or outdoor projects to help improve the lives of young people in Hampshire.

3. Budget Position

- 3.1 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 14 December 2016 is £89,528.

4. Decision taken by the Director of Transformation and Governance

Since the last Decision Day in September, the Director of Transformation and Governance has agreed a one-off donation of £2,000 to Allegra's Ambition towards one of its sporting projects to help youngsters develop positive behaviour and lead happier lives through sport and outdoor activities. This grant is now being reported to the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for noting purposes. This reduces the budget available at the next meeting in January 2017 to £87,528.

5. **Grants Criteria**

- 5.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

6. **Legal Implications**

- 6.1 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.

7. **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 7.1 That the grant of £2,000 awarded to the charity Allegra's Ambition towards one of its sporting projects to help youngsters develop positive behaviour and lead happier lives through sport and outdoor activities be noted.

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 form and correspondence received from charity	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 proposal 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.