

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	11 March 2010
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	1335
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider applications for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

#### **2. Budget position**

2.1. The balance available for allocation at today's meeting is £50,674 after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

#### **3. Criteria of grant**

3.1. A copy of the guidelines used for allocating grants is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1. That grants to those voluntary and community organisations as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	Yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	

**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.)

Document

Location

Application forms received from organisations

Chief Executive's Department

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1. The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

## 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 Rural Affairs, 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.
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 only award grants to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

**THE SOURCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARITY, ALDERSHOT****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Source Young People's Charity in Aldershot is seeking funding to help with its running costs, which are currently £335,000 per annum.

The Source runs a café in the High Street to give young people a safe and alcohol-free environment in which they have fun, make friends and get advice and support. The charity also provides mentoring sessions, anger management programmes and football programmes for more than 900 young people from the Rushmoor area.

Funding has been obtained/is being sought from the following:

Raised to date:	- £176,980
Government's Hardship Fund	- £84,000
Hampshire Children's Services	- £30,000
Rushmoor Borough Council	- £4,960
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£295,940</b>

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

Not specified

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Dec 2009 - £50,000 subject to condition (not paid)

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Neal and Kimber are the local members.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Chief Executive: In view of this organisation being considered for a grant from the Children's Services budget, it may be more appropriate to consider a contribution towards the organisation's equipment costs for 2010/11.

Director of Children's Services: This is a well regarded organisation whose facilities are very popular. It should be noted that a request for grant aid is. A decision is being taken on this matter on 11 March 2010. The Source has the potential to be an excellent youth project. Should Children's Services be able to provide financial support to this project, this should be conditional on:

- (i) the department having an opportunity to have a clear role in the overview of how The Source delivers and plans its work in the future (possibly as a member of its management board), and
- (ii) ensuring that any support is clearly linked to a realistic financial plan that enables the Source to be financially viable in the longer term.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To consider a one-off sum towards the organisation's equipment needs in 2010/11

## **NEW FOREST COMMUNITY MEDIA CIC, BROCKENHURST**

### **PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

New Forest Community Media are seeking grant aid of £5,000 to help purchase transmission equipment for their studio based in Brockenhurst Village Hall.

The total cost is £16,200, which does include an element of rental costs, business rates and fees.

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

### **PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Councillors Weeks, Heron, Harrison, Thornber, Dash and Mans have all contributed £500 each towards this project, totalling £3,000. A further five Members representing the New Forest area have been approached for the same contribution.

Executive Member for Rural Affairs:

2009/10: £2,000 - building new studios and production/training area

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This organisation has approached all Members within the New Forest area and just over half of them have awarded grants from their own budget.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Chief Executive: This organisation has approached all local members from the New Forest area for grant aid for this building project. (see previous paragraph). In view of the amount already awarded by the County Council, it may not be appropriate to consider awarding any further monies at this stage.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Nil

## **THE ENGLISH PROJECT**

### **PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The English Project is seeking a grant of £40,000 to help cover the cost of organising its English Language Day on 13 October 2010. The theme is to be based on Language of Place and Community. Costs are expected to be in the region of £92,000.

This funding will enable the project to expand the range of activities and significantly increase the number of participants (5,000 young people are expected this year). Events are to be held at various schools, cultural and community venues across the County.

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£40,000

### **PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

16.5.2008 - £20,000 - to site the English Project in Winchester.

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a county-wide application.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Children's Services: This application clearly addresses our sense of place and enhances learning opportunities.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

£20,000 in 2009/10 and 2010/11

**JAKE AND LEE YOUTH FUND, TADLEY****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Jake and Lee Youth Fund was set up in 2007 in memory of two young people who had died in a car accident, both of whom were keen skaters.

The fund is there to help improve the lives of young people in Tadley, and the surrounding area. In memory of the two young boys, the group wish to improve the facilities at the local skatepark, such as replacing the equipment and flooring. Improvements are to cost £90,500.

The work will be carried out on a phased-basis and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Funding raised to date:

Own Funds - £8,200  
Big Lottery Fund - £50,000  
CO-OP Community Card - £15,000  
Tadley Town Council - £10,000

Amount of shortfall: £7,325

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Marilyn Tucker fully supports this request

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Chief Executive: It may also be appropriate for the group to approach Basingstoke and Deane Borough for a financial contribution. It is therefore recommended that any monies awarded are subject to BDBC finding the remaining sum.

Director of Children's Services: The park is well used and the group are to be applauded for raising such a large proportion of the total required. This request is supported.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000 subject to Basingstoke and Deane awarding the remaining sum of £2,325.

**WESSEX CHILDREN'S HOSPICE TRUST, SUTTON SCOTNEY****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Wessex Children's Hospice Trust provides a holistic service that supports life limited children and their families. It offers overnight short breaks as well as crisis intervention in the form of emergency respite and counselling to this vulnerable group.

The Trust is seeking grant aid to help pay for a mobile sensory unit to be used in Jack's Place. The unit is to cost £25,150 and the Trust has so far raised £22,200 of this.

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£2,950

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED****COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Jackie Porter is the local member and has been consulted on this application.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Chief Executive: This request meets the County Council's corporate priority of maximising wellbeing and a small grant to complete their fundraising may be appropriate on this occasion.

Director of Children's Services: To be reported at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£3,000

**BLUE APPLE THEATRE (WINCHESTER MENCAP)****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

The Blue Apple Theatre in Winchester is seeking grant aid to cover the cost of extending their Apple Core programme during the Easter period. Costs include: performance fees, costumes, transport, etc. totalling £12,500.

After receiving funding from other sources, including the County Council (as shown below), the group are short of their target by £4,370.

£1,500 is also being sought from Winchester City Council, which may reduce the shortfall. A decision on this is awaited.

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£4,370

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

2009/10:

Adult Social Care - £6,000 - staff costs and sessional fees (not for this programme)  
Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs dept - £3,000 - public performances (dance & music)

2010/11:

CCRA Dept - £3,000 - performances at the Tower Arts Centre

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Phryn Dickens and Brian Collin are the local members and have been consulted on this request.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Adult Service: This organisation is well known in delivering a good service to people with learning disabilities. These programmes are hugely popular and a great success, with a large waiting list for individuals wishing to become involved.

Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs: Having viewed their application, we would suggest they could achieve more through fundraising from other sources. It may be appropriate to recommend £2,500 as a match for their own investment.

Chief Executive: The applicant had advised that a decision on a grant submission to Winchester City Council of £1,500 is awaited. It therefore may be appropriate to award a grant of up to £4,370 towards these costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Up to £4,370

**ALDERSHOT GARRISON WELFARE FUND**

**PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Aldershot Garrison wish to hold a two-day recruitment event for young people in early July, culminating in a cultural event for the local residents. The event is to cost in the region of £77,000 for the main area and sports village. The following monies have already been promised:

£55,000 - MOD

£12,000 - Garrison Fund's

A shortfall in funds of £10,000 remains and the County Council is being asked for this sum.

Grant requests have been submitted to Rushmoor Borough Council but have been unsuccessful.

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Kimber and Neal are the local Members

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs: Comments to be reported at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**