

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	14 April 2010
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	1458
<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 £227,000 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 the decisions on the grant requests outlined in Appendix 2 to 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 form 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.

## **MINSTEAD STUDY CENTRE**

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

Minstead Study Centre is seeking a grant towards the cost of installing fencing around its facilities in the New Forest. This will help prevent deer damaging the site and the work of the Centre (mainly coppice and vegetable garden). The work is to cost £5,130.

£1,000 has been offered by Marchwood Power and Councillors Keith Mans and David Harrison have donated £3,000, leaving a shortfall of £1,130.

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£1,130

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

Nil

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Mans is the local member and has supported this project with a grant of £2,000 (see para. 1).

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Children's Services: This is a business unit within this department. It does not receive any funding from the County Council as it is expected to generate income from school visits and other activities.

The deer are generally undoing the good work on the site and fencing will help enormously by assisting the Centre to become a full community facility and reach beyond its normal school clientele.

Chief Executive: The Centre has also approached Councillors Roy Perry, Alexis McEvoy and Alan Weeks for a contribution.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

£1,130

## **BABIES - WINCHESTER BRANCH**

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

BABIES (Babies And Breastfeeding Information, Encouragement and Support) was set up in 2007 to provide a weekly community breastfeeding drop-in service in Winchester. The aim of the project is to provide support information, encouragement and support to mothers experiencing problems.

Funding is being sought to help ensure continuation of the project, which annually costs £4,500 (salaries), £200 (training) and £50 (stationery/equipment).

£1,500 has already been raised locally, leaving a shortfall of £3,250. Requests for funding have also been submitted to the NHS Primary Care Trust and Winchester City Council but unfortunately no monies are available for this type of project.

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£3,250

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

Nil

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillors Dickens and Collin represent the Winchester area.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Children's Services: This department is concerned that no funding can be found from the PCT This is not a mainstream service but the organisation may apply to be considered from this department's Integrated Grants budget.

Chief Executive: The guidelines state that grants from this budget are not usually awarded to health-related projects (government institutions). As this request could be considered from Children's Services grants budget, it is therefore recommended that this application be referred to them for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Refer the request to the Children's Services Department for consideration

## **HAMPSHIRE AND IOW COMMUNITY FOUNDATION APPEAL**

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

The Hampshire and IOW Community Foundation has set up an appeal to raise funds to match-fund monies available from the Government of £750,000. The Foundation would then award grants to local organisations in Hampshire.

So far the Foundation has raised £500,000 towards its target, leaving a sum of £250,000 to raise to obtain the maximum amount.

### **AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

Not specified

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

11.9.03 - £5,000 - purchase IT equipment

### **COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This is a county-wide application and therefore no local member has been consulted.

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Chief Executive: Grants from this budget are not normally awarded for onward distribution to other organisations/individuals.

It should be noted that if a sum is awarded to this Appeal, the Foundation would gain the credit/kudos in awarding any subsequent monies from the fund, rather than the County Council. For this reason it may not be appropriate to award a grant for this purpose.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Nil