

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
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Title:	Supportive Communities Grant Award
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Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for making grant awards to the voluntary and community organisations outlined in this report.
- 1.2. The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) contributes to improving people's quality of life. The grants programme is one of the ways in which Adults' Health and Care supports the sector to support people to live fuller more independent lives.
- 1.3. This paper provides details on:
 - The background to the Adults' Health and Care grant programmes;
 - Recommendations of organisations supported including recommended funding allocations and details of proposed activities;

2. Background

- 2.1. The Grant Programme Decision Report number 7183 taken to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care on 18 January 2016 outlined the overall direction of the Adults Health and Care Grant Programme following review and engagement with stakeholders.
- 2.2. The aim of the Supportive Communities Programme is to reduce, delay and/or divert demand on Adults' Health and Care by increasing community self-sufficiency and people's independence. The Supportive Communities Programme has identified the need to support information and advice activities, and the need to support organisations that can develop new, innovative ways to support communities to become better connected. Already in 2016/17 grants have been awarded in-line with this approach, as outlined in Decision Reports 7644 and 7719.

3. Community Based Support Grant

- 3.1. The Community Based Support Grant shall support in the development of a community based support service in Hampshire. The community based support model fits within the prevention and early intervention landscape: the idea is to support older people on the cusp of care within their local communities. These support solutions will be based in a local venue which will act as a hub for the local community. The range of support solutions will include befriending, support for carers, services which keep people in contact, transport and meals, social activities and wellbeing services.
- 3.2. The proposed grant funding is pump priming and will be escalated or de-escalated over 3 years to enable schemes to develop, reach maturity and become sustainable. A schedule for payment and development milestones will be developed as part of implementation and start up planning which will take place immediately after award notification.
- 3.3. This grant opportunity proposes to establish community support schemes in nine Districts, as there are two schemes already in existence, in Gosport and Winchester, which achieve the same outcomes. It is envisaged that the existing schemes will form part of the overall approach once an organisation has been awarded a grant.
- 3.4. The organisation recommended for grant funding totaling £198,000 each year for three years from the Community Based Support Grant is MHA. As detailed in Appendix C, Methodist Homes (also known as MHA) will develop the community based model in all nine districts.

4. Supportive and Inclusive Communities Grant

- 4.1. The Supportive and Inclusive Communities Grant shall support organisations to develop innovative ways to support marginalised groups to take action to better look after their own health and wellbeing with appropriate, timely access to support when required. Supported organisations shall provide services with a prevention and early intervention approach. This may include the use of peer support methods to reduce groups accessing services, particularly when in crisis. This is a one year grant, however all applications were encouraged to provide initiatives that provide a sustainable solution.
- 4.2. Four separate organisations have been recommended for funding of £15,000 each. Further details of the applications recommended can be found in Appendix D.

5. Hampshire Community Grants Programme

- 5.1. In the July 2016 Executive Member Decision report number 7644 funding was granted towards the Solent Community Grants Programme, to match-fund a grant from the European Social Fund for the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) zone. This is a programme that will provide grants to support organisations able to reach and work with individuals with complex barriers to employment, who live within the County Council area of the Solent LEP zone, enabling them to move closer or into employment. The Hampshire Community Grants Programme has been created to provide grants under the same criteria to the Solent Community Grants Programme

but instead focuses on individuals living in the County Council area outside of the Solent LEP zone.

- 5.2. Four organisations are recommended for funding totaling £134,384 in respect of 5 applications, details of which can be found in Appendix E.

6. Valuing Hampshire Communities

- 6.1. In the January 2016 Executive Member Decision report number 7183 funding was approved for the Valuing Hampshire Communities Programme. The core principle is to provide grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 that can improve opportunities for people living in Hampshire to maintain or develop their social support networks, increase independence, improve confidence (particularly where there is a long term condition involved), and reduce isolation. A grant of £75,000 was awarded to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation who administered the Valuing Hampshire Communities Grant Programme on behalf of the organisation.
- 6.2. The decision for an appropriate voluntary sector organisation to administer the grant was taken due to their expertise and time that can be directly focused on supporting organisations to access funding, whether from this pot or through their specialist knowledge and ability to leverage alternative or more appropriate funding opportunities. The approach will enable better use of resources.
- 6.3. As a result of the Valuing Hampshire Communities Programme, the funding the County Council provided was used to award grants to 19 applications that are expected to provide services to benefit around 1,500 Hampshire residents. The grants were offered over three separate grant rounds that received progressively more applications as the fund became established through out the year, with ninety-six application being received in total. For grants awarded all groups will be asked to complete monitoring for each project along with a case study. The grants provided in round one are due to provide monitoring data by 31 January 2017, with the other grants providing monitoring data later in 2017, depending on when they received the grant in 2016/17.
- 6.4. It is recommended that a further grant of £75,000 be awarded to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation to administer and deliver the Valuing Hampshire Communities Programme in 2017/18. The continuation of funding for a year will give opportunity to fully evaluate the programme and its effectiveness in delivering meaningful outcomes to enable a decision to be made as to whether continue the programme in future years.

7. Continuation Grant

- 7.1. Adults' Health and Care have identified the need to provide additional funding to two organisations to enable them to continue to provide services to support vulnerable individuals living in Hampshire and reduce the demand on the department.
- 7.2. Autism Hampshire provide the Hampshire Autism Support Service that supports people with autism before, during and post diagnosis with advice,

guidance, signposting/support through referrals from the diagnostic services. The advice, guidance, signposting and support is on-going, for as long as a person wishes as well as being bespoke to the individual. The outcomes of this service include preventing escalation of situations into crisis for those within the diagnosis process, and providing support linked to the diagnostic assessment with recommendations to support the uniqueness of each person's individual autism needs. The support service reduces isolation through supporting social needs and goals, and improves home life by providing stability for people with autism and their families. It is recommended that a grant of £10,000 be awarded to Autism Hampshire to support the continuation of the Hampshire Autism Support Service until 30 September 2017.

8. Supportive Communities Grants Process

- 8.1. Applicants are required to demonstrate their ability to help people with various levels of need through a wide range of solutions, starting with the question 'what makes us healthy?', rather than the deficit-based question 'what makes us ill?' These approaches are based on creating and sustaining broadly based support in the community, outside the traditional boundaries of health and social care services, to promote good health and wellbeing as well as strong social connections. An asset-based approach takes account of how people live and how they can be enabled to realise their potential.
- 8.2. Those organisations that fulfil the criteria and comply with mutually agreed reporting and monitoring requirements will be considered by Adult's Health and Care for grant funding, who in addition have confirmed they are aware of their responsibilities regarding safeguarding adults. Where an application has not been successful, advice and guidance in seeking alternative funding will be offered should an organisation request it.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. The grant proposals in this report will commit additional expenditure totalling £873,400 over a three year period commencing 2017/18. The expenditure has been profiled between years as follows, £477,400 in 2017/18, £198,000 in 2018/19, £198,000 in 2019/20. Subject to approval of this report the total grants committed for 2017/18 will be £970,600 which remains within the draft budgeted envelope for this service.
- 9.2. Payments to all grant awards in this report will be made in two instalments for every year of the grant award. The first payment of the award will be made on signature of the grant agreement, with payment of the remainder of the grant subject to the receipt of the organisations annual accounts for the previous financial year. All grant agreements have conditions that enable the Council to require repayment of the award or any part of it if it remains unspent at the end of the grant period, or if there is a material breach of the grant agreement.

10. Risk Assessment and Management

- 10.1. The provision of grants to voluntary and community sector organisations by statutory bodies always presents a degree of risk. Specific risks that statutory bodies are required to manage include voluntary and community organisations accepting funding without providing any activity; organisations not delivering the service as expected; and there being an under spend on the expected activity. This applies to all grants; however larger grants represent a potentially higher risk to the County Council.
- 10.2. A number of mechanisms have been employed successfully over a number of years to mitigate and alleviate these risks. These include nominating a Liaison Officer from the County Council whose responsibility is to monitor how the grant is spent, specifying within the grant agreement that the grant is 'restricted' funding for the provision of the specified activity only and phasing the payment of grants over the course of the award duration.
- 10.3. All organisations awarded a grant sign a declaration stating they accept that grant funding can only be awarded for the given period and no commitment exists from the Council to continue funding after this time, or in subsequent years.

11. Recommendations

- 11.1. That approval be given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care to award the following grants:
- i) To award MHA a grant totalling £594,000 over a three year period between April 2017 and March 2020 as part of the Community Based Support Grant.
 - ii) To award grants of £15,000 for a one year period between April 2017 and March 2018 to four organisations shown in Appendix D as part of the Supportive and Inclusive Communities grant.
 - iii) To award grants totalling £134,384 for a one year period between April 2017 and March 2018 to five organisations shown in Appendix E as part of the Hampshire Community Grants Programme.
 - iv) To award a grant totalling £75,000 for a one year period between April 2017 and March 2018 to be given to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation to administer the Valuing Hampshire Communities Fund.
 - v) To award a grant totalling £10,000 to Autism Hampshire for a period of 6 months between 1 April 2017 and 30 September 2017.

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>
Adult Services Grant Programme	7183	18 January 2016
Supportive Communities Programme Partnership Grants	7644	20 July 2016
Supportive Communities Grant Award	7719	21 September 2016
Older Persons Community Support Grant	6548	11 March 2015
Older Persons Community Support Grant	7077	25 November 2015
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

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>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

- 1.1. The funding of projects targeted at supporting priority groups of vulnerable adults across the County is expected to have a positive impact on improving outcomes for equalities groups.
- 1.2. Each applicant must outline how their project will contribute towards the elimination of unlawful discrimination, the advancement of equality of opportunity for everyone including those having a protected characteristic and the fostering of good relations between all including those having a protected characteristic.
- 1.3. Protected characteristics are those defined in the Equalities Act 2010, namely age, disability, gender reassignment, race (including ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality), religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, and pregnancy and maternity.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposal in this report aims to improve the safety of vulnerable Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does the proposal impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

The Adults' Health and Care Grant Programme proposes to support local organisations providing services within local communities. This reduces the need to travel and therefore reduces both the carbon footprint and energy consumption.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposal recognises the need to adapt to climate change and issues will be addressed throughout the period of the grant award through the monitoring of outcomes.

Community Based Support Grant

Organisation	Area Served	Project/Service	Expected Number of People Supported	Target Client Group	Amount requested per annum
MHA	Basingstoke & Deane, Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Hart, Havant, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley.	Live at Home	1,350	Older persons aged over 65 at risk of social isolation and diminished independence	£198,000
Amount to be awarded over 3 years between April 2017 and March 2020:					£594,000

Supportive and Inclusive Communities Grant

Organisation	Areas Served	Project/Service	Target Client Group/Issue	Expected Number of People Supported	Recommended award 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
First Steps New Forest	Basingstoke & Deane, Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Hart, Havant, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester	First Steps	Gypsy Romany Traveller Community	500	£15,000
Rushmoor Healthy Living	Rushmoor	Be Healthy, Stay Healthy	Nepali Community	1050	£15,000
Chrysalis	County-wide	Chrysalis Gender Identity Issues	Gender Identity	70	£15,000
Positive Action	County-wide	tHrIve Network	People living with HIV	100	£15,000
				Amount to be awarded:	£60,000

Hampshire Community Grant Programme

Organisation	Areas Served	Project/Service	Target Client Group/Issue	Expected Number of People Supported	Recommended award 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018
Autism Hampshire	East Hampshire, New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester	Employment Partnership Pathways	Autism	40	£28,494
Deaf Plus	Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor	North Hants Employment, Training and Volunteering (ETV-NH)	Sensory Loss/Impairment	300	£29,965
Deaf Plus	New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester	West Hants Employment, Training and Volunteering (ETV-West Hants)	Sensory Loss/Impairment	300	£29,965
Hampshire Cultural Trust	New Forest, Rushmoor	Cultural Pathways to Employment	Learning Disability	50	£28,285
Open Sight Hampshire	Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester	Open Sight - Seeing the Pathway to Employment	Sensory Loss/Impairment	10	£17,675
				Amount to be awarded:	£134,384