



Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

Organisation Details

Name of Organisation	Hart Neighbourhood Centre
Type of Organisation (Please tick or double click to check the appropriate box)	Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/> Company limited by guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> District/Borough Council <input type="checkbox"/> Parish/Town Council <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Charity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School/College <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe below):
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Funding Details

Which HAT are you requesting funding from	Hart and Rushmoor
Amount of Funding Requested (Please state if all or part of the funding will be spent on staffing costs)	Total Amount requested from the HAT: £25,000 As a contribution towards: 1 x Charity Manager Post (full time) 1 x Administrator (30 hours a week) 1 x Finance Officer (12 hours a week) Utilities (£3,000)
Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other organisations)	Total Annual Delivery Costs for HNC: Average £100,000 (£40,000 running costs, £60,000 delivery costs) 2010/11 Funds secured for running costs: £10,000 Hart District Council £5,000 Henry Smith Foundation 2010/11 Funds secured for project delivery: £60,000 raised so far from various trusts and partner agencies. 2010/11 funding shortfall: £25,000

Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/ Project	Hart Neighbourhood Centre funding
Summary of Bid/ Project	<p>Hart Neighbourhood Centre (HNC) is a high profile community development organisation originally initiated by Hart Community Safety Partnership. It primarily supports people in Hart District but also parts of Basingstoke and Deane and parts of Rushmoor Borough.</p> <p>HNC provides community services such as the ones listed below, that are not available elsewhere to groups of people who are outside of mainstream support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside of school youth provision (Motivation Clubs) • Summer youth diversion programmes ('GET WITH') • Promotion of education with a basic skills 'Step Up' programme. • Preparing for employment workshops (job clubs – in Yateley and Hook) • Volunteer mentoring • Health programmes working with the elderly • Mental Health support projects • 'Taking Steps' domestic violence support groups for both male and female victims (groups run in Hook, Basingstoke and Aldershot) • Debt advisory service • Information and signposting service <p>HNC also bridges gaps in services by providing stepping stone projects which are free and easily accessible and support learning locally.</p> <p>Since becoming a registered charity in October 2008, HNC has been successful in being awarded grants to fund projects. However, these sources generally will not fund running costs without which, project development, management and evaluation cannot take place.</p> <p>Current experience demonstrates that securing £40,000 to sustain Management and Co-ordination, enables project funding of up to 4 times this amount to be raised, therefore HNC are able to attract funds to deliver over £100,000 worth of service delivery each year.</p>
How does the Bid meet the HATs Term of Reference? 1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area	HNC has identified the need for a general community access facility for local populations in rural Western Hart and neighbouring areas to find out about services that are available to them, with a focus on promoting community cohesion and addressing inequalities.

2) To support the delivery of Hampshire's improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement*

3) To support local highways and transport priorities**

HNC has been living and working with the community since 2005, identifying individuals and pockets of deprivation through word of mouth, volunteers, community groups and agencies working at the grass roots.

The projects and services delivered by HNC are needed as there are limited existing services in Hart. As a perceived affluent area, Hart receives reduced amounts of statutory funding and services such as Community Mental Health, Youth Services, Prevent and Deter and Connexions are spread very thinly. Some services such as Traveller family support, Teen Pregnancy support and Job Centre Plus are non-existent and people have to travel to outside the area to access these. Hart also does not have a college and young people who are de-motivated and/or have barriers to education are more likely to become NEET than in other areas.

There is a clear need for community-based support for young people in Hart, who are not engaging sufficiently with services provided by statutory agencies to support them in staying in formal education or finding employment.

In a perceived affluent area, issues relating to unemployment, anti-social behaviour and low education are magnified. Many of the people we work with, particularly those under 25, speak about not fitting in and feeling worthless.

There are identified pockets of deprivation in Hart, some are small such as one road of social housing amongst very high income households. Or individual families struggling to cope in privately rented accommodation.

There are 350 Traveller families living in the area either in settled housing or on 2 established sites. HNC works with a number of these families in building strong relationships and trust. We are then able to gather information about concealed domestic abuse and the true number of NEETs as many Traveller young people have been removed from school and are not registered.

There are also many elderly people in Hart who are asset rich but cash poor who become very isolated. Due to not having disposable income they are limited in what they can access, particularly in rural areas.

In addition to supporting Hart residents the HNC works with a number of people and organisations in neighbouring boroughs.

For example, 'Taking Steps' domestic violence support groups now run in 3 locations; Aldershot (Park School), Hart (Hook) and Basingstoke (Southam) (funding from a Basingstoke & Deane Community Safety Grant contributes

towards the running of the Southam group).

The North East Hampshire Domestic Violence Forum has commissioned the HNC to carry out research with hard to reach groups in Rushmoor - (particularly mothers with children under 5) looking at the barriers to accessing support in relation to domestic violence. This was as a result of a murder of a mother and young child in the Rushmoor area last year. This projects starts over the summer and is funded by Rushmoor Borough Council.

HNC also works closely with the Richmond Fellowship (based in Farnborough) which supports people with mental health issues. A number of their clients have accessed the HNC 'Step Up' - basic skills programme. These clients will continue to be involved in the catering social enterprise that has arisen from the 'Step Up' programme. In addition there are a number of other people accessing the 'Step Up' programme from the Farnborough area.

Through the Hampshire County Council Future Jobs fund the HNC will be employing two workers over the next 6 months to work on their youth programme. (The aim of the Future Jobs fund is to provide job opportunities & training to long term unemployed young people (18-24) to improve their employability & enable them to contribute economically to their communities). The advertisements for these posts went out to young people across both Hart and Rushmoor and a young man from Farnborough, who is currently registered as NEET, has recently been appointed to one of them.

The overall work of the HNC is aligned to the Local Area Agreement Theme H, 'improving community engagement and a sustainable third sector'. It contributes to this theme by:

- Reinvigorating local communities, giving people a real opportunity to contribute to the development and delivery of local services
- Giving greater contact with hard to reach groups
- Tailoring services to the needs of the local community
- Encouraging people to take responsibility for issues that affect them/their communities including community led delivery
- Stimulating behavioural change
- Strengthening responsible citizenship and community cohesion.
- Ability to innovate, test new services and solutions
- Providing representation on key local partnerships

<p>Timescale (What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)</p>	<p>Commencement Date: September 2010</p> <p>Completion Date: September 2011</p>
<p>Intended Outcomes (How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)</p>	<p>The majority of the people we work with want to make changes in their lives or within their community and the projects we have developed support people in their progression to reach these goals.</p> <p>By increasing access to opportunity, information and understanding of what services are available, people are empowered to make change and better choices in life.</p> <p>HNC records details of people accessing all our projects and services and our engagement workers perform initial informal consultations with individuals and/or families to assess need.</p> <p>Individual progress is monitored with regular assessments. For individuals engaged in learning activities, portfolios are kept and monitored.</p> <p>All projects and services undergo full evaluation with reports created for the Trustee Board on a monthly basis. Funding reports are issued as and when required and feedback regularly presented to partnerships.</p>
<p>Future Funding Arrangements (If the project is to last more than a year how will it be funded in subsequent years? How will any outcomes achieved by the project be sustained in the longer term? If it is a capital scheme how will the equipment be maintained?)</p>	<p>As projects grow, the need is evidenced by HNC to other agencies and providers to enable longer term solutions to be put into place.</p> <p>For example, a partnership has been developed with Hampshire Learning (Hampshire County Council's Adult Learning provision) so that when our workshops reach a certain number of attendees, they are able to provide direct delivery tutors. This means the established group can go on to achieve accreditation and HNC can engage and build up another group.</p> <p>Another example is a project HNC are working on in partnership with Sentinel Housing Association to develop a catering social enterprise to give our clients real work experience in an area where work is scarce at the moment. The enterprise provides a low cost, freshly produced, catered lunch service for elderly residents in a residential home. The enterprise is led by a qualified Chef and supported by volunteers. It is anticipated that this enterprise will become self funding and fund part of the HNC basic skills programme.</p> <p>The Health Walk programme delivery is now self funding with walks for over 100 people per week being led by 30 local volunteers. Core co-ordination is undertaken by HNC.</p>

	<p>Extended Services provides funding for HNC to deliver a flexible learning programme for young people at risk of exclusion through a Motivation Club. HNC are hoping in the future to tender for a service from Hampshire County Council Children's Services to cover the whole of Hart.</p> <p>HNC as a charity is currently in the process of ensuring it is "commission ready" - to tender for contracts which will ensure sustainability of projects in the future.</p> <p>The HAT funding will provide the HNC with the stability needed to develop its activities whilst these longer term processes are being put into place over the next 12 months.</p>
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* Further information on the LAA can be found at the following website - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement.htm>

** Any approved bids for highways/transport projects will require liaison with the Executive Member for Environment.

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and that any funding received from Hampshire County Council will be used for the purposes described in this form. The Council reserves the right to reclaim any funding not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this bid/project (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time).

Signed

Date

Position in organisation

Please return your completed form to: The HAT Team, Room 105, Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, S023 8UJ, or email: members.services@hants.gov.uk