

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Communities and International Relations
Date:	14 February 2011
Title:	Funding request from Phoenix Futures via the Hampshire Action Team for East Central
Reference:	2601
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for funding of £23,000 to Phoenix Futures for domestic abuse work in East Hampshire via the East Central Hampshire Action Team (HAT) Community Budget.

2. Contextual information

2.1. Phoenix Futures is an independent provider of services for people with drug and alcohol problems. They offer services within community, prison and residential settings in England and Scotland and support service users at every stage of their recovery. Phoenix Futures would like to employ a specialist alcohol worker to work with the local provisions to offer help, support and networking to reducing harmful and hazardous drinking linked to domestic abuse.

2.2. The outcomes of this project would be:

- Educating services about what else is available- this will enable them to open the support available for service user groups.
- Develop services working together by promotion through real life examples of individual's service users accessing services and also through developing a working group where all services have a forum to discuss cases, gain information and understand where and what support is available and which agency can provide the support. In understanding this it will increase the confidence and skill of the workers at different services to holistically care plan the service users needs more appropriately.
- Knowledge that there is support out there will increase the service user accessing support. The agencies working together to understand and deal with all areas of care planned needs will in turn encourage the service user

to feel confident in accessing services and break the stigma associated with either the domestic violence or substance misuse issues

3. Finance

- 3.1. The total funding allocation for the East Central HAT is £200,000. The amount currently remaining is £114,980.
- 3.2. The amount of funding requested is £23,000 which is the total project cost. The detail of the bid is set out in the application form accompanying this report (Appendix C).

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. The County Council has the power under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure on contributions to any of the following funds,
 - (a) the funds of any charitable body in furtherance of its work in the United Kingdom;
 - (b) the funds of any body which provides any public service (whether to the public at large or to any section of it) in the United Kingdom otherwise than for the purposes of gain;Phoenix Futures is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3).

5. Monitoring

- 5.1. The intended outcomes of the project are outlined in the application form accompanying this report.
- 5.2. A detailed monitoring report setting out the final outcomes of the project will be sent out for completion at the end of the project.

6. Other key issues

- 6.1. There are no other key issues associated with this request.

7. Statements of Support

- 7.1. This application has majority support of the East Central HAT.
- 7.2. The Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Councillor Hindson has been consulted and no adverse comments have been received.
- 7.3. Senior officers from the County Council's Adult Services department have been consulted and support the bid as long as effective management is in place and the worker is well networked in to the different agencies. As this is a main role of the worker, this should not be an issue. Management of the worker will be provided by Phoenix Futures via the Service Manager.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1. That the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations approves a sum of £23,000 to Phoenix Futures for domestic abuse work in East Hampshire via the East Central Hampshire Action Team Community Budget for 2010/11 only, with no expectation of funding for future years.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

1.1. The programme will be open to all local residents and full participation will be encouraged.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This project will have significant impacts on local domestic abuse and substance misuse.

3. Climate Change:

3.1. There are no adverse impacts arising from this report.