

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	12 March 2010
Title:	Partnership funding for the revenue and project costs of community associations 2010/11
Reference:	1358
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To agree the sum to be allocated from within the 2010/11 revenue budget to meet requests from community associations for support towards their revenue and project costs in that year.
- 1.2. To provide details of requests for financial support from partner organisations towards their revenue and project costs and to report on their 2009/10 project activity.

2. Applications considered in this report

Association	£
Alton Community Association	6,860
Colden Common Community Association	4,000
Fordingbridge and District Community Association	5,880
Kingsley Organisation Ltd	5,880
Springwood Community Partnership	7,840

3. Background/Contextual Information

- 3.1 The County Council through its Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department, supports community associations that aim to provide the opportunity for local people to participate in recreational, educational, social, cultural and environmental activities within their local communities and to encourage local initiatives by people of all ages.

- 3.2 There are 104 community associations in Hampshire. In 2009/10 the county council provided project funding to 23 of these organisations. From April 2010 there will only be one organisation remaining that is supported also by the secondment of staff – Leigh Park Community Association.

4. Budget Position

- 4.1 It is proposed that £170,000 is set aside from the 2010/11 revenue budget to meet requests from community associations to support their revenue and project costs under this scheme. Many of the organisations applying for funding have opted to request funding later in the year, consequently there are only five applications outlined in the appendix to this report. These requests total £30,460.

5. Criteria for Partnership Funding

- 5.1 By supporting these organisations in their project proposals and working in partnership with them, the Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Department is able to meet the following outcomes :-
- CCRA services and supported local facilities actively support the well being of older people and their carers
 - Support services are developed and there are improved opportunities to access local leisure and recreation especially for children and young people that will help them lead positive lives
 - Adults have improved access to learning opportunities locally and take up is increased
- 5.2 The Community Support Service is also supporting the business development of these organisations by :-
- Assisting them with the development of consultation events that enable them to talk to local people about the services they need
 - Assisting them to review their activities and develop a three year business plan.
- 5.3 There is an application summary for each of the organisations that have applied for funding in Appendix 1. An extract from their Public Benefit Statement has also been included.

6. Other considerations

6.1 Legal Implications

The Council has wide powers under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to provide recreational facilities and to contribute by way of a grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

6.1 Impact Assessment.

Organisations applying to this scheme are by their nature defined as accessible to all members of the community. This is embodied within

their charitable objects, therefore no individuals, groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That funding totalling £30,460, as listed below, be approved for allocation from the Community Support revenue budget for 2010/11.

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CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	No
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Business plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	No
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

Mottisfont Court

Appendix 1**Community Association**

Alton

**Local member
District**Cllr Joy has been consulted
East Hampshire**Public Benefit Statement**

In planning our activities this year we worked in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit. We exist to serve all areas of our community which includes all ages and groups without discrimination and without distinction of sex, political or religious beliefs. We strive to advance education and provide a facility to promote social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation so improving the social and physical wellbeing of our community.

We support a Playgroup, Community Club and Leisure Learning Programme. The Centre acts as a live music venue and is home to a Youth Club. We run a Shopmobility programme and hire rooms to many organisations, clubs and societies. In addition this year we have undertaken to hold fortnightly afternoon discos for adults with learning disabilities, offer Silver Surfer sessions and complete a Consultation with Young People.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up Project for young people – Monthly Disco's for Young People	20	
Reviewing the Organisations Activities and developing a Business Plan	10	

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Half Day Activities for Older People – range of social, recreational and leisure activity programme.
- Extend Adult Learning Programme – Bodymoves Classes for Children and ballroom Dancing for adults.

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	268,319
Expenditure	270,645
Grants from	
District Council	13,800
Town Council	8,041
Leisure Learning	20,204

Recommendation **6,860**

Community Association

Colden Common

**Local member
District**Cllr Mason has been consulted
Winchester**Public Benefit Statement**

The village of Colden Common continues to grow and has welcomed a lot of new inhabitants. This year the Community Association has focused its efforts in promoting a community spirit, providing a firework night, running a village fete and workshops to encourage local inhabitants to join together socially. We continue to run a club for the over 50's providing games and a computer. IT is being provided in the community centre and Silver Surfer sessions provided tuition on using the internet. A young people's consultation was run to find out what the young people need from the village. The Community Association continues to facilitate clubs and societies at the centre to encompass the interests of the inhabitants of Colden Common. The Association's mini bus is available to transport our senior citizens to the shops, the lunch club and on outings. Wheelchair access enables us to accommodate those with disabilities. We have a small number of residents for whom English is not their first language, they have been helped to settle and integrate into the community.

The Centre is now running successful IT courses for beginners, we have bookings beyond April 2010, and we have expanded our social activities to provide monthly film nights which are encouraging different people into the centre. We have also been successful in encouraging young people and families to events at the centre.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up activities from Consultation with Young People – Young People's Activity Day	25	Further activities planned including film making, Street Art and DJ-ing.
Develop Adult Learning Programme – I.T. Classes	18	Further I.T. Courses planned for 2010/2011

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Developing an Intergenerational Project
- Developing an Adult Learning Programme

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	56,470
Expenditure	58,780
Grants from	
District Council	
Grants other sources	900

Recommendation **4,000**

Councillor Mason fully supports this application and appreciates the work done by the Association and the appreciation shown throughout the village.

Community Association

Fordingbridge

**Local member
District**Cllr Heron has been consulted
New Forest**Public Benefit Statement**

The objects of the Association are to:

- Promote the benefits of the inhabitants of Fordingbridge and its surrounding district without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- Establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in the furtherance of those objects.
- Promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Association shall be non party in politics and non sectarian in religion.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Follow up Activities from Consultation with Young people – Avonway Youth Club	65	Positive partnership working with Youth club activity programme continuing.
Local History and Reminiscence Project	250	Further Development activity planned for following year

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Follow up activities from 2009 project – Reminiscence Project including three events, exhibition of memorabilia and photographs, archive development and production of a booklet.
- Pilot a Drop-In Centre for Older young people

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	44,700
Expenditure	43,539
Grants from	
Town Council	2000
Grants other sources	

Recommendation **5,880**

Councillor Heron fully supports the application and is appreciative, on behalf of the residents, of the excellent work done by the Association.

Community Association

Kingsley

**Local member
District**Cllr Kemp-Gee has been consulted
East Hampshire**Public Benefit Statement**

The Kingsley Centre, which operates under the umbrella of the Kingsley Organisation, focuses on twin aims:

- To provide self development and training with and for disabled people and to provide service to the community
- Through the provision of an inclusive and enabling environment disabled adults, the local and wider community access and enjoy a variety of resources, opportunities and activities which promote learning and community cohesion.

Activities include;

- Post office
- Village Shop
- Café
- Children's holiday activities and Youth Activities
- Adult activities including IT workshops, exercise class and 'sing a longs' for older people
- Village Forum
- Specific Interest Talks
- A venue for community groups to meet at low cost
- Volunteering opportunities
- Community Healthy Walks initiative in partnership with Parish Council
- Kings World Care Group
- Parent Carers Support Group
- Independent Living Project

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Consultation with Young people	10	
Develop Half day activities for Older People	27	Development of a lunch club for older people next year.

Projects Planned for 2010/11

- Follow Up activity from 2009 – Community Lunch Club
- Developing an Adult Learning Programme – Cookery classes for those with additional needs

Involvement in Extended Services

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	67,574
Expenditure	73,710
Grants from	
District Council	15,682
Grants other sources	7300

Recommendation **5,880**

Councillor Kemp-Gee is particularly supportive of the work of this organisation. Their work is at the forefront of the Independent Living ethos with many successes with young adults with severe physical and learning difficulties.

Their work in the community has also provided a community post office and café facilities with more developments promised.

Community Association
Local member
District

Springwood
 Cllr Beagley has been consulted
 Havant

Public Benefit Statement

The Partnership continues to be funded through a combination of letting fees, support grants from Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council and further grants from applications to outside bodies. Staff are employed on a part-time basis and additional operational support is given by volunteers.

Further policies to cover all aspects of management and operation of the building have been drawn up and or being finalised with the assistance of both Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council. This includes policies directed towards activities for both young and old provided on the premises.

Funding from Hampshire County Council has allowed us to appoint our Older Person's Activity Co-ordinator to initiate a program of events for our older users. For our younger users we have with the help of Havant Borough Council established a weekly youth club for older teenagers and intend to extend this to provide a separate set of sessions for younger age groups. A breakfast club has also been set up with the support of the local school community to assist working parents of younger children.

Report on projects undertaken in 2009/10

Project	No attending	Comments
Developing a physical activity programme for children; Frisbee and Traditional Games	42	Traditional games sessions continuing in future Summer activity programmes
Developing Wii family sessions	9	

Projects Planned for 2009/10

- Developing a physical activity programme for children- Skipping Project
- Sports Day and Rounders Club

Involvement in Extended Services

Through running two youth clubs, one for under 13's and the other for over 13's.

Finance	£
Income (excl HCC funding)	61,407
Expenditure	70,563
Grants from	
Other sources	10,720
Recommendation	7,840