

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	11 July 2016
Title:	Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2016/17
Reference:	7604
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the approval of the Executive Member to award £26,630 of Culture and Community Activity Grants 2016/17 to culture, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire.
- 1.2 The report seeks agreement of the Executive Member that future applications received which are clearly ineligible will be rejected by Officers in discussion with the Executive Member.
- 1.3 The report also provides details of the financial position of revenue grant schemes to culture and community organisations in 2016/17.

2. Culture and Community Activity Grants

- 2.1 The purpose of this grant stream is to provide general support to groups and organisations which encourage and provide opportunities for individuals and communities to participate in community focussed, cultural and recreational activities. Applications can be made for grants over £1,000 up to a maximum of £3,000. In addition, Business Sponsorship Match Funding up to a maximum of £300 can be awarded. Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 18 organisations have applied for funding and the details are set out in Appendix 2.

3. Ineligible Applications

- 3.1 Currently, all applications received for grant funding for culture and community organisations are assessed and brought to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for a decision. This includes applications which do not meet the scheme criteria and are clearly ineligible. To improve efficiency by reducing officer and Executive Member time spent considering ineligible projects and to reduce the timescale for these applicants, it is recommended that applications for projects which are clearly ineligible be rejected by Officers in discussion with the Executive Member. This means they will not go formally to the Executive Member for a decision.

4. Financial Information:

- 4.1 Culture and Community Activity Grants for 2016/17

Ring-fenced grant allocation for 2016/17	£100,000
Previously agreed (January 21 2016)	£ 43,160
Previously agreed (April 18 2016)	£ 4,120
Recommendations in this report	£ 26,630
Remaining available funds	£ 26,090

5. Other key issues

- 5.1 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 and activities.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside:
- i) Approves funding totalling £26,630 of Culture and Community Activity Grants 2016/17 to cultural, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire as outlined in Appendix 2.
 - ii) Agrees that applications for projects which are clearly ineligible for this grant stream be rejected by Officers in discussion with the Executive Member.

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

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
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):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
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.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

A high level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. It identified that the proposed changes to the grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality by creating a more open and transparent funding programme.

1. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1 Not applicable.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Culture and Community Activity Grants

The purpose of the Culture and Community Activity Grants is to provide general support to groups and organisations which encourage and provide opportunities for individuals and communities within Hampshire to participate in cultural, community-focused, and recreational activities.

This programme funds projects and proposals which support the priorities and outcomes in [Hampshire County Council's Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future'](#).

- Health and wellbeing: Improving health and wellbeing for all, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.⁶
- Economy: Promoting economic prosperity and protecting the environment.
- Communities: Working with communities to enhance local services.

Applications can be made for over £1,000 up to a maximum of £3,000. Awards made may be £1,000 or less if this is felt to be appropriate. Organisations seeking funding of £1,000 or less are recommended to look at County Councillor Grants.

What is funded

- Community, cultural, recreational or community conservation projects, activities or events that provide opportunities for local people (Hampshire residents) to become involved
- A high quality eligible project, programme or activity that delivers measurable outcomes and results against the priorities set out above
- Match funding for business sponsorship

What isn't funded

- Individuals
- Further or higher education fees, personal development or training fees for individuals
- Curriculum based activities
- Building based capital works
- Capital and equipment schemes – i.e. buying instruments or uniforms
- General/core running costs of an organisation
- Website development projects or medical/complimentary treatment activities
- Medical/complimentary treatment activities
- Setting up an organisation
- Profit making events/activities
- County, District or Borough Councils
- Services, projects or activities solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council
- Organisations already in receipt of core funding from other Hampshire County Council departments.
- Uniformed groups such as Scouts, Girl Guides, military groups etc.
- Street parties or village fetes

Please note we cannot retrospectively fund projects/activities that have already been carried out. Grants are issued for projects/activities to be carried out in the future.

Grant criteria and eligibility

We will consider funding eligible organisations who fulfill **all** of the following criteria:

- **The organisation must have actively sought funding from other sources, this could include district, borough, town or parish council funding. Priority will be given to applications which have partner funding in place from other sources.**
- The proposed programme, project or activity of the organisation is a cultural, community, recreational or community conservation activity/project that encourages and provides opportunities for individuals and communities within Hampshire to participate.
- The programme, project or activity must also support one or more of the Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future' priorities detailed above.
- A high quality project, programme or activity that delivers measurable outcomes and results against the priorities set out above.
- The organisation must be able to demonstrate that without the support from Hampshire County Council the activity/event would not be able to proceed at all or to the extent outlined in the application.
- Organisations with significant funds in place or higher levels of reserves must demonstrate why funding from Hampshire County Council is needed.
- The organisation has a clear management structure within its constitution or suitable governance/terms of reference.
- Match funding for business sponsorship.

All organisations requesting support are required to submit their latest Annual Accounts/annual financial summary.

All successful applicants will be required to provide appropriate reporting and/or monitoring for their service, projects and/or activities.

Organisations will be expected to have appropriate policies, procedures and levels of insurances in place. This will include child and vulnerable adult protection/safeguarding policies, health and safety policy, a minimum of £5m Public Liability and £5m Employers Liability Insurance.

Applications to other County Council grant schemes for the proposed project will be considered when reviewing applications.

Business Sponsorship - additional criteria and eligibility

We can match fund business sponsorship up to £300. The sponsorship you are receiving must be monetary, we can not match fund any in kind sponsorship, e.g. free/subsidised marketing. Match funding must be a minimum of £150 per business and businesses **must be first time sponsors**. Maximum of one application per organisation per year.

Financial Eligibility

Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold a high level of unallocated reserves, particularly in excess of one year's running costs. In cases where reserves held are felt to be high or exceed one year's running costs a reduced level of funding may be agreed. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

Organisations must submit their most recent audited/examined accounts or financial summary when applying to this scheme.