

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Decision Report**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	28 October 2010
<b>Decision Title:</b>	Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations
<b>Decision Reference:</b>	2046
<b>Report From:</b>	Chief Executive

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**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider two applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

**2. Budget position**

- 2.1. The balance available for allocation at 28 October 2010 is £89,093, after grants approved at the last decision day, commitments made in previous years and sums earmarked for specific purposes.

**3. Criteria of grant**

- 3.1. A copy of the criteria used for allocating grants is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

**4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1. The County Council has the power to award grants and these details are shown on individual requests attached.

**5. Recommendation:**

That grants totalling £10,000 be made to voluntary and community organisations as outlined in appendix 2 to this report.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**

## Links to the Corporate Strategy

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
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.)

DocumentLocation

Application form received from  
organisations

Chief Executive's Department

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

1.1. The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

**2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. The County Council has an obligation under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

## FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs, Children's Services, etc) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
  - District or Parish Councils
  - Government Institutions
  - Schools
  - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
  - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
  - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general only award grants to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

**6TH FARNBOROUGH SCOUT GROUP****HOG ORG NO:2664****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

This grant application is towards the refurbishment of the 6th Farnborough Scout Group's headquarters building.

The aim of the association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual and social potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local communities. A grant is requested towards their headquarters building for the replacement of doors, roof and windows, resurfacing of a driveway and the updating of toilet facilities.

<b>Total:</b>	£75,000
<b>Income:</b> applied for -	£48,500 (date not known)
raised -	£1,500
<b>Shortfall:</b>	£25,500

**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

Nil

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

Councillor Muschamp, the local Member is fully supportive of this application.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 19 to award grants to provide premises or furniture and equipment for clubs or societies with social, recreational or athletic objects.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

**Director of Children Services:** The department has given grants to Scouts for refurbishments in the past, but it is normally not a high priority.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000

**WOOFABILITY ASSISTANCE DOGS LIMITED****HOG ORG NO:3405****PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT**

Woofability Assistance Dogs Limited is a registered charity who are wanting to expand their activities in Hampshire. They are planning to train 20 dogs per year and it is estimated that 1,500 people in Hampshire could benefit from this service by providing more dogs to disabled people, thus reducing their dependence on carers and families.

In addition to expanding their educational programme to local schools, clubs and societies etc, the grant is being requested to help towards its breeding programme and promotional/publicity costs (mainly in schools). Woofability are seeking to become self funding within five years, to be a provider of choice for assistance dogs in Hampshire and to be the most cost effective provider in the UK with minimal overheads and strong cost management.

**Total Cost:** £8,500**Income:** £1,950**Shortfall:** £6,500**APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:**

Leader of the Council

**AMOUNT OF REQUEST**

£5,000

**PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED**

This organisation has received £5,000 from Dorset County Council towards their scheme.

**COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER**

This organisation is currently based outside of Hampshire.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The County Council has the power under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 (3) contribution to a charity or body providing public service other than for gain.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Director of Adult Services: The application meets the Corporate Priority 'Maximising Wellbeing' and would enable Adult Services to meet the Care Quality Commission performance indicator Outcome 2 'Improved Quality of Life'. Both focus on supporting individuals to maintain independence in their own homes and improve opportunities to engage in local community life. It would also support the Adult Services personalisation agenda by offering individuals increased choice over the type of care they receive.

**RECOMMENDATION**

£5,000