

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	5 December 2012
<b>Title:</b>	Community Buildings Fund 2012/13
<b>Reference:</b>	4396
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The County Council provides partnership funding from the Community Buildings Fund for capital projects to Community Associations, Village Hall Trusts and similar bodies as outlined in the fund's criteria. This enables the voluntary and community sector to maintain the quality of Hampshire's cultural assets, namely Community Centres and Village Halls, some of which are listed.
- 1.2 This report provides details of the financial position of the Community Buildings Fund in 2012/13 and details requests for partnership funding from this fund.

#### 2. Applications considered in this report:

Hall/ Centre	District	£
Broughton Village Hall Trust	Test Valley	3,704
Emsworth Community Association	Havant	4,054
Greatham Village Hall Trust	EHDC	1,442
Headley Village Hall Trust	EHDC	1,544
Lyndhurst Community Association	New Forest	2,602
Sarisbury Community Association	Fareham	4,000
Victoria Hall Charity	Hart	3,091
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£20,437</b>

### **3. Contextual Information:**

- 3.1 The County Council works in partnership with specific community organisations, particularly Community Associations and Village Hall Trusts who seek to enable local people to meet the recreational, educational, social, cultural and environmental needs of their local communities. These organisations give local people an opportunity to participate in local activities and encourage local initiatives by people of all ages.
- 3.2 Partnership funding from the Community Buildings Fund enables the voluntary and community sector to maintain the quality of Hampshire's cultural assets, namely their Village Halls and Community Association buildings, some of which are listed. This finance enables improvements to be made to those buildings and can assist with the development of new facilities where appropriate. The provision of these buildings by the voluntary and community sector enable local communities to access the services and facilities they need.
- 3.3 By providing financial support to these organisations for the maintenance of their buildings the County Council is able to work in partnership with the community sector to achieve the Corporate Priority – Enhancing our Quality of Place.

### **4. Budget Position:**

- 4.1 A sum of £125,000 has been set aside in the 2012/13 capital programme for Culture, Communities and Business Services to support the Community Buildings Fund. To date £69,251 has been allocated this year. This leaves an unallocated amount to date of £55,749 and if the recommendations in this report, which amount to £20,437 are approved then £35,312 will be available for the rest of the year.

### **5. Criteria for Grant:**

- 5.1 The partnership funding distribution criteria is set out in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 Projects listed in Appendix 2 meet fully the criteria and have been allocated a proposed level of partnership funding in line with the criteria.

### **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 grant or loan towards expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities.

## 6.2 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 groups or organisations should be excluded from any benefit arising from these decisions. Furthermore the application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures.

## 7. Recommendations:

**That partnership funding totalling £20,437 as listed below be approved for allocation from the Community Buildings Fund for 2012/13**

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

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	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.)

**Document****Location**

Applications for financial assistance

Community Support Service  
 Department for Culture, Communities  
 and Business Services  
 Mottisfont Court, Winchester

### Criteria for these grants

The partnership funding distribution criteria for the Community Buildings Fund is as follows:

Partnership funding is granted for:

- Building repairs, extensions and refurbishments
- Health and safety issues
- Equipment to improve the buildings and increase usage
- Feasibility studies

Who can apply:

- Village Halls (not parish run halls)
- Community Associations
- Church organisations that have a separate community programme on their property

Funding criteria:

- For projects costing less than £15,000, the funding criteria is up to one third of the cost.
  - . A minimum project cost of £3,000 applies

- For projects costing more than £15,000, the grant is calculated at

50% of funding from sources other than the organisations own funding up to a maximum of 25% of the project costs or £12,500, whichever is the lesser.

Priority Criteria:

1. Health and safety issues that could result in the building being closed or activities seriously curtailed if the work is not carried out.
2. The work is absolutely essential in order to meet the terms of the Disability Discrimination Act. (It has been widely publicised that These types of buildings will not be closed provided reasonable steps have been taken to meet the terms of the Act)
3. The project is part of a phased development and this element is essential to it's overall completion.
4. Non priority work.

<b>Name</b>	Broughton Village Hall Trust
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr A Gibson supports this project
<b>Project</b>	Refurbishment of Hall – Replace carpets, Sand main floor, Resurface car park
<b>Statement</b>	This project will ensure the village hall is maintained for the present and the future
<b>Cost</b>	£11,111.40
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£3,700
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Test Valley BC £2,388.95 Parish Council £1,388.92
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £3,704</b>

<b>Name</b>	Emsworth Community Association
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr R Bolton – awaiting response
<b>Project</b>	Restore collapsed drain Improvements to heating system Fire safety measures following an inspection
<b>Statement</b>	Without these works the users of the building would be at risk . It is also cold during winter time. There is danger of flooding from the collapsed drain.
<b>Cost</b>	£12,162
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£8,108
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Nil
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £4,054</b>

<b>Name</b>	Greatham Village Hall Trust
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr Vaughan Clarke – awaiting response
<b>Project</b>	Refurbishment of main Hall
<b>Statement</b>	It is intended to replace the original windows with double glazed units which would make the hall warmer and improve energy efficiency. The floor also needs replacing.
<b>Cost</b>	£4,326.85
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£4,500
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Nil
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £1,442</b>

<b>Name</b>	Headley Village Hall Trust
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr F Cowper – awaiting response
<b>Project</b>	Construction of an extension to an existing storage building
<b>Statement</b>	The new storage area will provide a safer storage environment for the skittle alley trolley and new tables that the trust wishes to purchase.
<b>Cost</b>	£4,634
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£1,544 This organisation has substantial reserves
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Parish Council £1,544
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project cost up to £1,544</b>

<b>Name</b>	Lyndhurst & District Community Association
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr K Mans – awaiting response
<b>Project</b>	Purchase of modular portable staging for use in hall and other rooms
<b>Statement</b>	The current staging units are heavy and represent a health and safety hazard as they are difficult to move about for both staff and volunteers alike. The new staging will provide greater flexibility as it can easily be set up in any part of the building..
<b>Cost</b>	£7,807
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£5,205
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Nil
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project cost up to £2,602</b>

<b>Name</b>	Sarisbury and District Community Association
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr S Woodward supports this project
<b>Project</b>	Replace existing boiler and new boiler with 7 radiators
<b>Statement</b>	The new system will be more economical in terms of maintenance and running costs
<b>Cost</b>	£12,000
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£4,000
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Trusts £4,000
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £4,000</b>

<b>Name</b>	The Victoria Hall Charity
<b>Consultation</b>	Cllr D Simpson supports this project
<b>Project</b>	New Kitchen
<b>Statement</b>	This kitchen is for a new hall currently being constructed to accommodate the activities of the people of Hartley Wintney which is expanding.
<b>Cost</b>	£9,274
<b>Amount organisation has for project</b>	£2,000
<b>Funding from other sources</b>	Hart DC            £2,000 Parish Council   £2,000
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the project costs up to £3,091</b>