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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	24 January 2013
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	3750
Report From:	Director of Policy and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to consider 3 applications received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources budget whose details are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report. It also seeks approval to a sum of money being awarded to Community Action, Hampshire towards supporting a further two places at its Hampshire School for Social Entrepreneurs.

2. Budget position

2.1. The balance available for allocation at 24 January 2012 is £265,247 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 considering grants from this Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Community Action, Hampshire

4.1. In December 2009, it was agreed to award £50,000 p.a. for three years to Community Action, Hampshire, to sponsor five to six places each year in the Hampshire School for Social Entrepreneurs. 2012 is the final year to sponsor this year's six cohorts. However, in reviewing the list of entrepreneurs, it is felt that a further two students would create businesses/social enterprises which would benefit Hampshire residents. It is therefore recommended that a further "one-off" sum of £16,666 (£8,333 for each) be awarded in 2012/13 to Community Action for this scheme.

5. Recommendations:

i. That the grants being recommended as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report be approved.

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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:	Yes	
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.)

<u>Document</u> <u>Location</u>

Application form received from Director of Policy and Governance -

organisations Corporate Services

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. Further information can be found on individual requests.

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 Business Services, 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 and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
- 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

CITY OF WINCHESTER TRUST

HOG ORG NO: 1502

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The City of Winchester Trust was set up to conserve the character of the City and its surrounding area by preserving and protecting its buildings, spaces and artefacts; sponsoring and encouraging new building, redevelopment, landscaping and conservation in accordance with the highest architectural standards.

The Trust is applying for a grant to support the general running of its projects and activities which include, publications relating to the Winchester Local Plan and the Winchester Excavations, Densities Booklet and producing books and cards.

Total Expenditure: £7,000 (publications, administration costs)

Total Income: £1,000 (sale of publications and cards)

Shortfall: £6,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£1,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

This budget:

Up until 2010 - £1,000p.a. - support the work of the Trust

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The Local Member is Councillor Collin who advises "This organisation provides excellent services to the people of Winchester".

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/ EQUALITY INFORMATION

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: Through their building conservation work the organisation supports sustainability and economic development.

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: This organisation received an annual grant until 2010. Following a review on all annual grants from this fund, it was agreed that the organisation apply on a yearly basis from the "one-off" grants budget.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,000

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY, WINCHESTER

HOG ORG NO: 117

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

Friends of the Family in Winchester provides advocacy, advice and befriending services and offers emotional and practical support to vulnerable families. Monies are being sought to purchase two laptops for its under-13 projects which will allow them to make and receive referrals and carry out more outreach and 1-1 work in families' homes.

The projects aim to help children develop relationships in a safe and healthy environment and create more opportunities for out of school activities.

Total Expenditure: £900

Total Income: Nil Shortfall: £900

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£900

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

Culture, Communities and Business Services:

A request has been received for £5,000 to train and supervise local volunteers (The Executive Member for Culture and Recreation is to consider this matter at his meeting on 21 January).

Children's Services:

2009- £5,000- Children's and Families grant

2011- £5,000- mothers and pre school children group

In 2011, both Cllrs Collin and Dickens awarded a total of £2,750.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The local Member is Councillor Collin: The organisation provides excellent services to the people of Winchester

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This organisation is a registered charity and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Children's Services: Support the application for funding. The department have requested more evidence to have confidence in the reserves figure.

Director of Policy and Governance – Corporate Services: This organisation has historically been funded by Children's Services Department. This year, a grant request has been submitted to both CCBS and this budget for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

£900

NORTH BADDESLEY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CLUB HOG ORG NO: 3832

PURPOSES FOR WHICH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS SOUGHT

The North Baddesley Youth and Community Club assists all residents to create opportunities and enable access to services and activities. The Club has requested funding for a Building Skills- Intergenerational Project, focusing on tackling educational and employment skills deficit in the community.

The project will adapt a partnership approach with local and regional businesses, volunteers and teachers to build on practical and educational skills. It will provide all residents to engage in a range of community development opportunities.

Total Expenditure: £8,700 (£3,000 - facilities hire, £2,880 - development workers,

£1,600 - laptops, £1,220 - admin costs) **Total Income**: £4,350 - Awards for All

Shortfall: £4,350

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£4,350

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

2012

This budget- £2,000- Arts, Awareness and Life Skills Project Exec Member for Economic Development and Rural Affairs - £2,500- Learning, Life and Employment Skills – Inter-generational Project.

Councillor Dowden - £500-funding for instructor (in 2011)

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Dowden is in full support of this funding request

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This organisation is a voluntary and community group and is therefore eligible for a grant under S137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This project offers personal and professional development opportunities for local residents of North Baddesley by engaging and empowering local people to work in partnership with service users and communities and responds to the needs of local vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in community.

RECOMMENDATION

£1,600 to purchase laptops