

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Policy and Resources |
| Date of Decision: | 22 January 2018 |
| Decision Title: | Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies and Invest in Hampshire funding |
| Report From: | Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services |

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That grants totalling £22,000 be approved from the Policy and Resources grants budget to those organisations as outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 1.2.1 That a sum of £21,500 be approved from the Invest in Hampshire fund to the Hampshire Music Service towards the cost of their performance at the Royal Albert Hall on 23 April 2018.
- 1.2.2 That, in addition to the above Invest in Hampshire funding, it be agreed to underwrite the cost of the performance and that the Director of Corporate Resources be given delegated authority to agree the final sum to be paid, should any shortfall be identified.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report is to consider requests received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget and the Invest in Hampshire fund. Details of these requests are outlined in paragraph 5 below and in Appendix 2 to this report.

3. Budget Position

- 3.1 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 22 January 2018 is £128,505.

4. Grants Criteria

- 4.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget and the Invest in Hampshire fund are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

5. Invest in Hampshire Fund

- 5.1 Hampshire Music Service is staging a performance at the Royal Albert Hall on 23 April 2018. A spectacular showcase of young talent featuring 2,000 performers from Hampshire (aged between 7 and 18 years) and will include County groups, massed ensembles, a choir of a 1,000, plus dancers and drummers.
- 5.2 The event will include a newly commissioned work “My World”, which challenges our individual role in the pollution of the seas and the collective responsibility to make a positive change. With guests from the Armed Forces, there is also a special performance of Passchendaele and the anthem *We Will Remember Them* to mark and reflect on the centenary of the end of WW1.
- 5.3 The total cost of the event is estimated to be just under £109,000. A sum of £21,500 has been requested from the County Council which will pay for the cost of hiring the Albert Hall, the majority of other costs are expected to be met through ticket sales, other grants or sponsorship.
- 5.4 Hampshire Music Service has many years of experience in organising large scale, high profile and very successful events and this will offer a once in a lifetime opportunity for our Hampshire students to contribute in an internationally recognised venue.
- 5.5 It is therefore recommended that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agrees to award a sum of £21,500 from the Invest in Hampshire fund towards the performance at the Royal Albert Hall. Given the importance of the event, it is also recommended that the County Council agrees to underwrite the cost of the performance from the Invest in Hampshire fund and that the Director of Corporate Resources be given delegated authority to agree the final sum to be paid, should any shortfall be identified.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

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| Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity: | no |
| People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives: | no |
| People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment: | yes |
| People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities: | yes |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
| None | | |
| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> | |
| None | | |

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.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| Application forms and correspondence received from organisations | Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services |

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:

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information may be found on individual requests.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR INVESTING IN HAMPSHIRE

The following criteria should be taken into account when considering a request for funding.

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. The application must show that the organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account. Funding would only be awarded if the proposal was to support activity within agreed County Council priorities.
2. Applications will only be considered for specific capital projects for the improvement or maintenance of significant assets or facilities within Hampshire, within agreed priorities and where other substantial funding exists.
3. The wider economic benefits to the residents of Hampshire should be considered together with any complementary benefits for Hampshire County Council. Awards would normally only be given to projects within the remit of Policy and Resources.
4. Awards will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
 - Government Institutions
 - Schools
 - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
 - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will only be considered from faith groups where the application is in respect of a historically significant asset.
6. Apart from exceptional circumstances, the requesting body would be expected to provide their own funding towards the project.
7. As a general rule, grants in excess of £100,000 will not be awarded unless significant benefits and funding are available. In exceptional cases, where the benefits are significant and directly relate to services and functions close to the County Council's key objectives, then an award greater than the level above would be considered.
8. Given the longer term nature of capital projects, requests can be considered well in advance, but funding will only be released once evidence of capital expenditure has been provided to the County Council or other arrangements made consistent with the agreement of the Director of Corporate Resources

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 grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

Investing in Hampshire – Hampshire Music Service

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| Applicant | Hampshire Music Service | | |
| Name / Location of Project | Hampshire at the Hall | | |
| Summary of Project / Bid | <p>A concert for young Hampshire musicians has been organised at the Royal Albert Hall on 23 April 2018.</p> <p>This will give those involved the opportunity to showcase their musical talents in a high profile event for both the Hampshire Music Service and Hampshire County Council.</p> | | |
| Funding Requested | £21,500 | Financial Year | 2018/19 |
| Funding Arrangements (including matched funding) | <p>The total cost of the event is estimated to be just under £109,000. The requested contribution will pay for the cost of hiring the Albert Hall, but the majority of other costs are expected to be met through ticket sales, other grants or sponsorship.</p> <p>Given the importance of the event, it is also requested that the County Council underwrite the event from a financial point of view.</p> | | |
| What are the benefits for Hampshire Residents? | <p>Around 2,000 young Hampshire musicians are expected to take part in the event, giving them a once in a lifetime opportunity to contribute in an internationally recognised venue.</p> <p>Parents, friends and carers will have the opportunity to attend the event and support the musicians.</p> <p>Hampshire Music Service has many years of experience in organising large scale, high profile and very successful events, which promote the Service, attract additional funding and therefore give greater scope for young people to benefit from the opportunities that can be offered.</p> <p>The event at the Albert Hall will be one of the most prestigious events ever organised and will no doubt enhance the profile and future funding opportunities for the Service.</p> | | |
| What are the complementary benefits for HCC? | <p>Hampshire's strong support for the Music Service will be underlined and it is a chance to showcase talent from across Hampshire in a high profile event for the County Council.</p> | | |
| Any other relevant factors? | <p>The contribution that is being requested works out at just over £10 per student for the event, which is considered exceptional value for money for an event of this type.</p> | | |

ROYAL ARMOURIES - FORT NELSON (CG00014709)

As part of the final year of 14-18 NOW's UK-wide tour, the Royal Armouries (a registered charity) is presenting the iconic "Poppies: Wave" at its Fort Nelson location which sits on top of Portsdown Hill near Fareham.

"Poppies: Wave" is from the installation of the 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' poppies sculpture which was originally placed at HM Tower of London in 2014 and visited by over five million people.

The installation will be open to the public from Friday 13 April until Sunday 24 June 2018 and admission will be free.

Total cost: £303,000 (design, production and marketing of sculpture, viewing gallery, lifting equipment, lighting, interpretation boards, etc).

Income: £283,000 (£110,000 is so far confirmed; £20,000 - other bids expected January and a further £142,500 is expected income from catering and retail over the duration of the event).

Shortfall: £20,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£20,000

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

This budget:

None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Patricia Stallard has been contacted regarding this application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: The presentations by 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary, give people across the UK the chance to experience the impact of the ceramic poppy sculptures in a range of places of particular First World War resonance such as Fort Nelson.

Poppies Wave is expected to be very popular and will give residents an opportunity to see it in a unique Hampshire setting. Fort Nelson is owned by the County Council and leased to the Royal Armouries.

RECOMMENDATION

£20,000

WEST WELLOW CRICKET CLUB (CG00014727)

Replacement of Wellow Cricket Pavilion. The current building has been in situ for over fifty years and was originally a World War 2 Field Kitchen. It is no longer fit for purpose and has been demolished.

Whilst fundraising takes place for a replacement structure, the Club is seeking a grant from the County Council to install electrical goods/items, sanitary ware and kitchen areas in the new facility.

Total cost: £106,500 (replacement structure, groundworks and fitting-out items mentioned above)

Income: £104,440 (£81,000 - own funds and £23,440 - Test Valley Borough Council)

Shortfall: £2,060

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£2,000

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Councillor Roy Perry is supportive of this application.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: Wellow Cricket Club is open to all sections of the community and has a thriving Colts section, which includes Under 9's, 11's and 13's squads.

It is envisaged that when the building is not in use by the Club it will be hired out to other organisations in the community.

RECOMMENDATION

£2,000