

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage
<b>Date:</b>	3 September 2018
<b>Title:</b>	Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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### 1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage:
- i) Approves awards from the Culture and Community Activity Grants 2018/19 totalling £12,570 to cultural, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire as outlined in Appendix 2.
  - ii) Approves a grant of £21,600 to Gosport Community Association towards the organisation's deficit on exit of the Hampshire Pension Fund.
  - iii) Approves the transfer of £15,000 to the Community Buildings Capital Fund.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage for £12,570 of Culture and Community Activity Grants 2018/19 to cultural, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire.
- 2.2 The report outlines the background to Gosport Community Association's request for support with a demand of £43,200 from the Hampshire Pension Fund following its exit from the scheme when its last active member of the scheme left in 2014. This member was previously employed by Hampshire County Council before transferring to employment by Gosport Community Association under TUPE and remained a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- 2.3 The report provides an update on the financial position of revenue grant schemes to culture and community organisations in 2018/19 and seeks

approval to close the Culture and Community Activity Grants 2018/19 and transfer a sum of £15,000 is transferred to the Community Buildings Capital Fund, leaving a contingency sum of £6,090 for any strategically important applications in the final part of the financial year.

### **3. Culture and Community Activity Grants**

- 3.1 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 over £1,000 up to a maximum of £3,000. Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Eight organisations have applied for funding and the details are set out in Appendix 2.

### **4 Gosport Community Association**

- 4.1 Historically Hampshire County Council employed some staff in a few community associations across Hampshire, but over time, the employment of these staff was transferred under TUPE to the individual community associations. This was the case with Gosport Community Association and staff transferred under TUPE remained members of the Local Government Pension Scheme. Gosport Community Association chose not to open this pension scheme to new members, however, and in 2014 the last active member of the scheme left employment.
- 4.2 Under the scheme regulations this meant that Gosport Community Association became an exiting scheme employer and an exit valuation was required by the fund actuary. This report identified a deficit on exit of £43,200 which the Community Association are required to pay.
- 4.3 The Community Association's accounts for 2016/17 shows provision for the £43,200 payment to the Pension Fund, but there is not enough money in reserves to pay this and the Community Association's expenditure would exceed its income if the payment was made. The Community Association has therefore approached the County Council to ask for a grant towards paying off the £43,200.
- 4.4 In 2013/14 a new committee took over the management of Gosport Community Association and it has worked hard since then to address the organisation's financial position through a staff restructure, capital works to improve income generation opportunities and a review of costs. The organisation's financial position has improved, but it remains tight while the impact of this approach begins to have an effect. The Community Association provides a valuable service to the local community by running or hiring out its spaces for a wide range of events and activities from within its extensive range of buildings. In view of this, it is recommended that a grant

of £21,600 is awarded to Gosport Community Association to meet half of the deficit charge on exit from the Hampshire Pension Fund.

- 4.5 Gosport County Councillors were invited to comment. Councillor Carter fully supports the recommendation.

## 5. Financial Information

- 5.1. The total draft budget for the 2018/19 revenue grants is £977,000. Of this, £475,761 was allocated on 7 December 2017 and £351,239 was allocated on 18 January 2018, with the remaining £150,000 set aside for Culture and Community Activity Grants (CCAG) 2018/19.

5.2 Allocation for CCAG 2018/19	£150,000
Previously awarded (5 March 2018)	£ 29,885
Previously awarded (10 May 2018)	£ 39,435
Previously awarded (9 July 2018)	£ 25,420
Recommendations for approval in this report	£ 34,170
Remainder available <i>(if all recommendations in this report are approved)</i>	£ 21,090

- 5.3 There are unlikely to be many more applications for Culture and Community Activity Grants in 2018/19 as the activity needs to have been completed by the end of March 2019 in order to qualify for a grant. At the same time the Community Buildings Capital Fund is heavily subscribed and there are likely to be more applications over the winter. As it is a capital fund, any money not spent by the end of 2018/19 is carried over into 2019/20. It is therefore recommended that the Culture and Community Activity Grants 2018/19 is closed and a sum of £15,000 is transferred to the Community Buildings Capital Fund, leaving a contingency sum of £6,090 for any strategically important projects in the final part of the financial year. It is further recommended that any remaining balance is transferred to the Community Buildings Capital Fund at the end of the financial year.

## 6. Other key issues

- 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 a grant or loan towards the expenses incurred by voluntary bodies in providing such facilities and activities.

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

<b>Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:</b>	yes
<b>People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:</b>	yes

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19	9 July 2018
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19	10 May 2018
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19	5 March 2018
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19	18 January 2018
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19	7 December 2017
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2017/18	18 September 2017
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2015/16	16 July 2015
Supportive Communities Grant Award	13 March 2018
<b>Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives</b>	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

<b>Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents</b>
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**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

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. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.

### **2. 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.

Applicants must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2017-2021](#). It forms the cornerstone of all strategies and plans across departments and service areas, and features four key aims:

- Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity
- People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives
- People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment
- People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities

Applications can be made for **over £1,000 up to a maximum of £3,000**. Applications **must** be submitted using the **Standard Form** (over £1,000) and applications submitted using the Short Form (£1,000 or under) may be required to resubmit using the Standard Form. Organisations seeking funding of £1,000 or less are recommended to look at [County Councillor Grants](#).

### What is funded

- Community, cultural or recreational 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
- Medical/complementary treatment activities or support groups
- Setting up an organisation
- Profit making or funding-raising events/activities
- County, District or Borough Councils or National Park Authorities
- 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, cadets, 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.

Applications which are clearly ineligible may be rejected by Officers in discussion with the Executive Member before the Decision Date.

### Grant criteria and eligibility

We will consider funding eligible organisations that meet **all** of the following criteria:

- **The organisation must have actively sought funding from other sources; this must include district, borough, town or parish council funding where available. Priority will be given to applications which have partner funding in place from other sources, particularly district, borough, town or parish council funding where available.**
- The proposed programme, project or activity of the organisation is a cultural, community, or recreational 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 [Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2017-2021](#) priorities detailed above.
- A high quality, time-limited 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 (see additional criteria below).

**All organisations requesting support must submit their latest Annual Accounts/annual financial summary and a copy of their constitution/terms of reference.**

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.

**Culture and Community Activity Grants 2018/19**  
**Application assessment summary**

Each grant application has been assessed against the Culture and Community Activity Grant criteria (Appendix 1) using a standard template.

**Project funding requests:**

<b>Organisation</b> <b>(District / Division)</b>	<b>Project Title</b> <b>(Project Costs)</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended activity grant 2018/19</b>
Andover Trees United  (Test Valley / Andover South)	Schools Planting Weeks 2018  (£2,830)	<p>Andover Trees United seeks funding towards a schools tree planting fortnight to take place in November and December 2018. Funding will contribute towards transport for the children, plus some refreshments and tags for trees to record the names of children who planted each one, so they can find them in the future as they grow. This is part of an ongoing project to create a community woodland, with five more years expected before it is completed. The Countryside Service fully supports this project and greatly values the efforts of Andover Trees United in engaging the community in the development of Harmony Woods. Officers from Children's Services were also consulted and are supportive of the project overall.</p> <p>1,000 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit.</p> <p>The organisation has applied for £1,000 from Test Valley Borough Council (outcome expected October 2018) and £500 from Andover Town Council (outcome expected October 2018). It is applying for more than the project shortfall of £1,330. Councillor Boiles was invited to comment.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> The organisation was awarded £2,425 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2015/16 (decision day 16/07/2015) and £1,010 Culture and Community Activity Grant 2017/18 (decision day 18/09/2017) towards this ongoing project.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that Andover Trees United is awarded the project shortfall of £1,330. In light of previous support to the project and to reduce reliance on Council funding, this will be the last award to this project for school tree planting fortnight through this grant scheme.</b></p>	£2,830	£1,330
BrendonCare  (Winchester / Winchester Downlands)	Dementia Friendly Group  (£5,300)	BrendonCare seeks funding towards a weekly activity group for people with dementia, their partners and/or carers and wider community members. The organisation is opening a pioneering new residential facility in Otterbourne in August 2018, that enables couples to stay together where one has dementia and requires residential care. The aim of the project is to provide stimulating activity, to help residents integrate into the local	£3,000	£3,000

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BrendonCare, cont.		<p>community and to reduce social isolation. Activities are expected to include dancing, yoga, curling and specialist dementia table tennis. As a new club there will be costs to purchase equipment, recruit and train volunteers, promote and design the club in consultation with residents, their partners and with community members, but the club will be able to operate after the grant period on lower costs making activity sustainable. Officers from Adult Health and Care (AHC) were consulted and are supportive of the proposal. AHC have a good relationship with BrendonCare Clubs. 20 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit.</p> <p>The organisation has secured £300 from Isle of Wight Community Foundation and will benefit from £2,000 in-kind support in venue costs. Councillor Warwick supports the application.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> The organisation was awarded an Adult Health and Care Community Based Support Grant 2018/19 of £49,696 towards Gosport Community Hub Development (decision day 13/03/2018).</p> <p><u>Note 2:</u> The organisation was awarded 8 County Councillor Grants in 2017/18 towards various BrendonCare clubs around the county.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that BrendonCare is awarded £3,000.</b></p>		
Charles Kingsley Society  (Hart / Hartley Wintney and Yateley West)	Charles Kingsley 200, phase 1  (£7,100)	<p>Charles Kingsley Society seeks funding to support community outreach activity in advance of a festival in June 2019 to celebrate the bicentenary of author Charles Kingsley through activities including a series of talks, a locally written and performed play and a choral work performed by local choral societies. Funding will go towards engagement activity with local children and families including workshops in pageantry and puppetry as well as outreach work with local choral societies and a local orchestra in the lead up to performances at the festival in June. It will also contribute to some marketing costs specifically to engage children and young people via animated online marketing.</p> <p>The organisation has committed £500 of its own funds to the project and has secured £2,500 from the Duke of Wellington. 1,000 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit. Councillor Simpson was invited to comment.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that Charles Kingsley Society is awarded £3,000 on condition that Safeguarding Policies are developed and submitted.</b></p>	£3,000	£3,000
deafPLUS  (Multiple)	Safe, Healthy & Independent Living Workshops	<p>deafPLUS seeks funding to support monthly one-hour workshops, to be delivered in Aldershot, Eastleigh and Farnborough, for deaf people. Topics will include online safety, making video calls, staying healthy and well (advice on nutrition and attending health checkups), universal credit, information on self-employment and how to vote. Not all of</p>	£3,000	£0

Organisation (District / Division)	Project Title (Project Costs)	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended activity grant 2018/19
deafPLUS, cont.	(£3,007)	<p>these topics are relevant to this grant scheme. The project will recruit a co-ordinator to work 5 hrs per week. Officers from Adult Health and Care commented the organisation is professional in approach and is adept at finding funding from a variety of sources. 50 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit.</p> <p>The organisation has applied for £5,000 from, Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust (outcome expected July 2018), £5,000 from Ernest Hecht Charitable Foundation (outcome expected July 2018), £5,000 from Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity (outcome expected August 2018) and £5,000 from Odin Charitable Trust (outcome expected August 2018). There is no project shortfall if any of these funding applications are successful.</p> <p><u>Note 1:</u> The organisation was awarded two grants of £29,965 each from the AHC Hampshire Community Grants Programme 2017/18 (decision day 17/01/2017).</p> <p><b>As there is no project shortfall and the topics for workshops are not all relevant for this grant scheme, it is recommended that deafPLUS is not supported.</b></p>		
Love Andover Ltd  (Test Valley / Multiple)	Andover Proms in the Park  (£8,075)	<p>Love Andover Ltd seeks funding towards a screening of Proms in the Park on 8 September 2018 to offer a classical music event and celebration of British culture. Local bands and choirs will also have an opportunity to appear. Funding will support hire of screen, stage, generator, seating, toilets and post-event park clean-up. 3,000 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit.</p> <p>The organisation has committed £500 of its own funds and has applied for £1,000 from Test Valley Borough Council (outcome expected August 2018). Councillors Boiles, Brooks and Locke were invited to comment. Councillor Locke supports the application.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that Love Andover Ltd is partially supported and awarded £1,000, matching the award from Test Valley Borough Council.</b></p>	£3,000	£1,000
The Society of St James (SSJ)  (Rushmoor / Aldershot South)	North Lane Lodge Activities Project  (£2,000)	<p>The Society of St James (SSJ) seeks funding to support monthly outdoor activities for residents of North Lane Lodge, which provides accommodation and support for entrenched homeless, most of whom also experience substance abuse and mental health issues. Activities would take place in activity centres across Hampshire with each of the male residents supported to engage in at least one activity per month to increase their social skills and develop team work, trust, time keeping and other independent living skills. The project will provide an opportunity for people who have been living a reclusive life to re-engage with others, including family and friends who they will be able to recount their experiences to. Officers from Adult Health and Care were consulted and are supportive of the proposal. The project aims align to those of the AHC departmental strategy in terms of prevention and managing demand, specifically through seeking to increase connections with others and reducing social isolation and loneliness.</p>	£1,500	£1,500

## Appendix 2

Organisation (District / Division)	Project Title (Project Costs)	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount recommended activity grant 2018/19
The Society of St James (SSJ), cont.		12 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit. The organisation secured £100 from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Councillor Withers was invited to comment. <b>It is recommended that The Society of St James (SSJ) is awarded £1,500.</b>		
Weeke Community Association  (Winchester / Winchester Downlands)	Matinee Club  (£3,176)	Weeke Community Association seeks funding towards a fortnightly community cinema, particularly for older people. The application is to expand and embed a pilot project which has been running for six months with an average attendance of 25. Transport has been identified as a barrier and the project includes costs to hire a minibus and recruit and manage volunteer drivers/escorts as well as for an improved screen, upgraded community license to allow wider variety of titles to be show, refreshments and some publicity to expand attendance. The organisation serves a community in the 25% most deprived wards in Hampshire (IMD 2015). 40 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit. The organisation has secured £700 from North Winchester Community Church. It has not yet applied to Winchester City Council. Councillor Warwick supports the application. <b>It is recommended that Weeke Community Association is partially supported and awarded £1,240. It is suggested the organisation apply to Winchester City Council for the remaining shortfall.</b>	£2,476	£1,240
Westfield Productions  (Eastleigh / Bishopstoke and Fair Oak)	Peter Pan  (£17,304)	Westfield Productions, a community theatre group, seeks funding to stage Peter Pan as a pantomime at The Point, Eastleigh in January 2019. This will be a more ambitious and expensive production than usual to mark their 80th Anniversary, as Peter Pan requires some of the performers to fly at a cost of £3,500 to the project. The organisation will also offer a workshop to young people on the set to encourage new members. 500 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit. The organisation has secured £200 from Community Kick Start and will apply to Eastleigh Borough Council when its community grant scheme opens for applications in September. It expects to generate £11,500 from ticket sales, £500 through membership subscriptions and £750 from programmes and raffles. It will also benefit from £1,000 in-kind support in programme sponsorship. Councillor Thornton was invited to comment. <b>It is recommended that Westfield Productions is partially supported and awarded £1,500. It is suggested the organisation apply to Eastleigh Borough Council for the remaining shortfall.</b>	£3,000	£1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>			£21,806	£12,570