

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	08 March 2019
Decision Title:	Grant to voluntary organisations and other bodies
Report From:	Director Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. Recommendation:

- 1.1 That a grant of £5,000 be awarded to the Lymington Rowing Club from the Policy and Resources grants budget towards converting a building unit into its new clubhouse.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report is to consider a grant request from the Lymington Rowing Club for financial assistance towards transforming a two-storey unit to be fitted out with accommodation at ground floor level for changing rooms, toilets and showers, disabled toilets and an exercise/club room for land training and social activities. Below, at lower ground floor level, installation of racking for boat storage, oars and miscellaneous equipment is required.

3. Budget Position

- 3.1 The budget available at today's meeting on 8 March 2019 is £156,000.

4. Grants Criteria

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

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 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**

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

Other Significant Links

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.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Application form and correspondence received from organisation	Director of Transformation and Governance

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.

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 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 are for small one-off projects.
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.

LYMINGTON ROWING CLUB (CG00016658)

Lymington Rowing Club is seeking £5,000 from the County Council towards its new clubhouse facilities.

The project comprises a two-storey unit which requires to be fitted out to provide facilities for a clubhouse with accommodation at ground floor level for changing rooms, toilets and showers, disabled toilets and an exercise/club room for land training and social activities. Below, at lower ground floor level, installation of racking for boat storage, oars and miscellaneous equipment is required.

Total cost: £102,000

Total income: £95,000 - (£30,000 own funds, £35,000 NFDC and £30,000 Sport England)

Shortfall: £7,000 (further fundraising is expected to reduce this figure to £5,000)

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

This budget:

See comments below.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Comments have been sought from the local member, Councillor Michael White.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: This request was previously considered at a Decision Day in 2008 where a £5,000 grant was awarded subject to them raising the remainder of the funds. The time period to claim this award lapsed and the grant was never paid.

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: This is a well-considered application which already has considerable financial support confirmed from New Forest District Council and Sport England.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000