

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Policy and Resources |
| Date: | 25 April 2019 |
| Title: | Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies |
| Report From: | Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services |

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to consider three grant requests received from the Policy and Resources grants budget.

Recommendations

2. That grants totalling £85,000 in 2019/20 financial year be awarded to those voluntary organisations and other bodies listed in the sums shown in attached Appendix 2. It is also recommended that a further sum of £20,000 be awarded to Trinity Winchester in both 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Executive Summary

3. This report is to consider requests received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Details of individual requests are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.
4. The Policy and Resources budget allocation for 2019/20 is £232,000. The grants budget available at the meeting on 25 April 2019 is £232,000.

Grants Criteria

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

Legal Implications

6. 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.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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| 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 |
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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> |
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| Application forms and correspondence received from organisations | Director of Transformation and Governance |

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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 by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

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 can be found on individual requests.

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.

GOSPORT D-DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT

2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the build-up and launch of the D-Day operation to liberate Europe from the Nazi occupation. The war involved thousands of men, women and children from Hampshire, and like other South coast ports, Gosport played a vital role in support of the troops during 1944. A special weekend is being held in early June to mark this important event which will include:

- Armed Forces displays
- Music and song, to include 1940s songs, entertainment and dancing
- Sunday Remembrance parade
- Original military equipment collection, including some firing artillery pieces, with 2 displays per day
- Flypast by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Lancaster, Spitfire and/or Hurricane.

Total cost: £90,700

Income: £50,000 (incl £40,000 from Gosport Borough Council)

Shortfall: £40,700

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£40,000

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

This budget: None

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

The coverage of this event will be countywide.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services: It is likely that this will be the last landmark anniversary year that will be attended by significant numbers of living veterans, a particularly important and poignant aspect of the planned commemorations on a national basis. The events proposed in Gosport seek to recognise this overall context in providing a respectful and engaging commemoration, once the constituent elements listed are secured. While this is an exceptional grant figure, it is deemed to be an appropriate response to the commemoration of a truly exceptional historic event for the United Kingdom, Hampshire, its residents, and the many people from around the world directly connected to it.

RECOMMENDATION

£40,000

TRINITY, WINCHESTER

Trinity Winchester operates direct access to Drop-in and Women's Services at Bradbury House in the city for people in Hampshire who are vulnerable to the consequences of homelessness, addiction, physical/mental ill-health, poverty, social isolation and domestic abuse.

It provides the basics including hot meals, clothing, washing facilities, a contact address, as well as opportunities to make positive long-term changes through counselling, healthcare and learning. Trinity supports people to take positive steps towards change as individuals and as part of their local Hampshire communities.

Total Expenditure: £475,000 (staffing, premises, office costs and fundraising & publicity)

Total Income: £395,000 (includes £80,000 - confirmed). This total will be raised through various trusts and foundations and hiring of room within facility.

Shortfall: £80,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£20,000 p.a for a period of 3 years

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

This budget: Funding has been provided to Trinity from this budget over a number of years.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Comments have been sought from the local member, Councillor Hiscock.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Adults, Health and Social Care: Trinity Winchester provides a range of support in respect of adult social care or Public Health and have received relatively small awards from this budget and Member grants. Hampshire County Council's Public Health service are currently supporting Trinity Winchester in a funding bid through the national Alcohol Capital Fund to create bed-based capacity through the conversion of their existing building space. The County Council regard Trinity Hampshire as a fit and proper organisation.

RECOMMENDATION

£20,000p.a. for 3 years.

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST (HIHCT)

A sum of £25,000 is being sought by the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust to enable it to award smaller grants to churches within Hampshire to help with their one-off projects.

The Trust considers applications for grants and loans from churches of all denominations which are members of 'Churches Together', for work to preserve, maintain or repair the fabric of the church, including modifications for disabled access or for health and safety reasons.

Total expenditure: £117,000

Total projected income: £67,000 (including fundraising and subscriptions)

Shortfall: £50,000 (over 2 years)

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£25,000

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

This budget: Grants of £25,000 have been awarded from this budget over a number of years.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide organisation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services: Nine churches in Hampshire received funding from the County Council sum awarded for 2018/19.

A grant for this year would support the County Council's strategic objective of enabling people in Hampshire to enjoy a rich and diverse environment by enhancing and protecting Hampshire's heritage and culture and maintaining the unique character of the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

£25,000 this financial year only