

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Public Health
Date:	27 November 2019
Title:	Update on Supporting Families Programme Transition Grants 2019/20
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Purpose of this Report

1. At the Decision Day on the 16/9/19 the Executive Member for Public Health agreed the following recommendations:
 - i) A proposal for SFP Transition Grants (not exceeding £100,000 with maximum bids of £20,000) to be made available via Hampshire County Council's Small Grants process in the autumn of 2019 for projects that will support SFP Transition Plans.
 - ii) The Executive Member to receive a report at the next Decision Day in November 2019 detailing the SFP Transition Grants recommended for approval.
2. This report provides recommendations for the allocation of SFP Transition Grants as outlined in the following section.

Recommendation(s)

3. The Executive Member for Public Health to approve the following SFP Transition Grants totalling £99,860;

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i) Yellow Brick Road (Test Valley)	12,000
ii) Yellow Brick Road (Hart/Rushmoor)	10,000
iii) CSW Ltd	13,000
iv) Andover Crisis Centre	8,860
v) Home-Start Hampshire	12,000
vi) Bushy Leaze Children's Centre	9,000
vii) Unity (Winchester)	20,000
viii) Roberts Centre	15,000

Executive Summary

4. A copy of the Supporting Families Programme Transition Grant report presented to the Executive Member for Public Health on 16/9/19 is appended to this update report for information. Paragraphs 27 to 31 of that report provide the background to SFP Transition Grants.
5. Following Executive Member approval of the recommendation detailed in 1i) Hampshire County Council's Small Grants Portal opened for SFP Transition grant bids on the 4/10/19 and closed on 4/11/19. During this one-month period 22 grant bids were received and considered by a Grants panel on 6/11/19.
6. The panel that met on the 6/11/19 comprised of 3 representatives from the SFP Central Team, a Hampshire Constabulary representative and a Housing Association representative. Each bid was assessed by the panel against set criteria leading to the recommendation that 8 bids be awarded SFP Transition Grants as set out in the previous section.
7. All recommended bids have the support of the relevant SFP Senior Responsible Officer for the district they will operate in, which was an important bid criteria. In addition, all recommended bids have been assessed as being able to make a positive contribution to the attachment of families to SFP and deliver positive outcomes that will assist SFP reward claims.

Summary of grant bids and bids recommended for SFP Transition Grant

8. Grant bids were received covering 10 of Hampshire's 11 districts. The only district where no bids were received was Fareham. The bids recommended for approval cover 8 districts. The other two districts in addition to Fareham that do not have a recommended SFP transition grant for their district are Basingstoke and Havant.
9. SFP funding from the Government in 2020/21 is not yet known. If funding permits it may be possible to support a further Transition Grant round (subject to Executive Member approval) in the next financial year that could be targeted at projects in those districts that were not funded in this grant round.
10. A brief summary of the eight bids recommended for approval by the Grants Panel is as follows;
 - i) Yellow Brick Road (Test Valley)

£12,000 award to deliver two You Matter Programmes in Romsey for families affected by poverty who meet the SFP Criteria or have experienced homelessness. You Matter is an accredited and structured 12-week programme for 7 families providing activities that cover key themes; Money, Home, Life and Future.

You Matter programmes have been successfully run in Andover for several years. This funding will allow You Matter to run in Romsey for the first time so includes set up/venue costs.

ii) Yellow Brick Road (Hart/Rushmoor)

£10,000 award to deliver two You Matter Programmes in Hart/Rushmoor as outlined in the previous bid.

You Matter has been previously successfully delivered in Hart/Rushmoor in conjunction with Hampshire County Council's local Family Support Service who are critical SFP partners allowing economies of scale to reduce the cost.

iii) CSW Ltd (Eastleigh and New Forest)

£13,000 award to run the Adapt2 programme in schools in Eastleigh and New Forest for young people with mental health issues that have kept them out of the classroom/isolated from peers.

Adapt2 is a 10-week programme of one to one support taking place in school using a workbook of activities. Up to 32 students will benefit. The programme aims to increase the amount of time students with mental health issues spend in class and thus improve their educational outcomes.

The total cost of the project 30k includes running the project in Winchester as well. CSW Ltd are putting 10k toward the cost and it is anticipated that the Transition Grant Award will be enough to run Adapt2 in Eastleigh and the New Forest.

iv) Andover Crisis Centre (Test Valley)

£8,860 award to the SEEDS: Healthy Body – Healthy Brain programme which will help up to 12 families manage and improve relationships between stress, anxiety, depression and mental health.

SEEDS is an acronym for the key elements addressed by the programme; Social – Emotional – Education – Diet – Sleep. The funding will pay for the deliver of the modules associated with the programme and an evaluation.

v) Home-Start Hampshire (Hart/Rushmoor)

£12,000 award to the Families Matter programme which uses trained volunteers to provide a weekly home-visiting service supporting up to 50 vulnerable families in Hart/Rushmoor with younger children at Primary School or who are preschool.

The funding will principally be used fund staff to 'match', train and support volunteers working with families.

vi) Bushy Leaze Children's Centre (East Hampshire)

£9,000 award to Bushy Leaze Family Support Service (which is independent of Hampshire County Councils' Family Support Service but works closely with them) to support up to 320 families with young

children in the Alton area in crisis or who need support to improve their children's quality of life/life chances, through targeted groups and one to one support.

The total cost of the Bushy Leaze Family Support Service is circa 55k and c38k income has been secured from outer funders.

vii) Unity (Winchester)

£20,000 award for Winchester Link service targeted at 40 economically inactive families to improve their lives but supporting family members into employment, training and volunteering opportunities.

Unity have successfully run a similar service in Andover and with the support of Winchester City Council want to set up this programme in Winchester. The total cost of the programme is 36.6k and the City Council have agreed to contribute 16.6k.

viii) Roberts Centre (Gosport)

£15,000 award for the Raise Family Service to support up to 80 family members who bounce up and down in need and to lift them back to the 'good enough' level. Hands on support offered up to 18months duration includes working with families to get their finances back in order, advice and assistance with home management, healthy eating, school attendance etc...

11. All approved grants will be subject to review by the SFP Central Team at least once every six months, usually at the 6 and 9 month point.

Consultation and Equalities

12. Equalities Impact Assessments in respect of the programme were completed in both 2012 and 2015. See Section 2 on the last page of this report.

Conclusions

13. All the recommended bids detailed in paragraphs 3 and 10 have been assessed using Hampshire County Council's Small Grants process and the Executive Member is asked to approve these bids.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND 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:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because: Not applicable	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Supporting Families Programme Transition Grants 2019/20 (Executive Member for Public Health Decision Day)</u>	<u>16/9/19</u>
<u>Supporting Families Programme update (Cabinet)</u>	<u>15/7/17</u>
<u>Supporting Families Programme update (Children & Families Advisory Committee)</u>	<u>31/1/18 & 5/2/19</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
MHCLG Financial Framework for the Expanded Troubled Families Programme https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financialframework-for-the-expanded-troubled-families-programme	April 2015
DCLG Supporting disadvantaged families Troubled Families Programme 2015-20: Progress so far https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/611991/Supporting_disadvantaged_families.pdf	April 2017

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>
Evaluation of phase 2 of Hampshire's Supporting Troubled Families Programme (March 2019)	Hampshire County Council/Solent University

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:

- 2.1. An equalities impact assessment was completed by the SFP at the start of the programme planning in 2012. This highlighted the programme may disproportionately impact upon families within particular age groups and families with women in the household due to the restrictive MHCLG definition of a troubled family in Phase One (2012-15).
- 2.2. A further equalities impact assessment was undertaken at the start Phase 2 in 2015 taking account of the extended criteria used to attach families (see 4.2) which means the issue highlighted in 7.1 no longer applies. SFP is a supportive programme designed to improve the lives of some of Hampshire's most troubled families and communities, and therefore the impact of the proposed SFP Transition Grants is likely to be positive.