

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	20 January 2017
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Decision Reference:	8043
Report From:	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This report gives details of 2 grant requests seeking financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Further details can be found in Appendix 2 of the report.

2. **Budget Position**

- 2.1 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 20 January 2017 is £87,528.

3. **Grants Criteria**

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

4. **Legal Implications**

- 4.1 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.

5. **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 5.1 That grants totalling £10,000 be awarded to those organisations listed within Appendix 2 of this report.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	Yes
Maximising well-being:	Yes
Enhancing our quality of place:	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 charity	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 proposal 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 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.

THE MUSEUM OF ARMY FLYING, MIDDLE WALLOP

The Museum of Army Flying in Middle Wallop is seeking a grant of £5,000 from the County Council towards placing a memorial within its grounds to honour the 5,000 soldiers who died in service during WWI and WWII. **Total cost: £300,000.**

The Museum is hoping to raise the necessary monies to have the memorial in place by September 2017, which incidentally ties in with its 60th anniversary of the Army Air Corps.

There are currently 3 phases to its fundraising campaign, Phase 1 being the memorial and Phases 2 & 3 which are to modernise and expand the museum at a further cost of £600,000.

Total Expenditure: £300,000 – cost of memorial

Total Income: £60,000 (own funds)

Shortfall: £240,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

This budget:

Nil

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: This memorial will be similar in design to that of the Armed Forces one at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire and will be a fitting tribute to those soldiers from within Hampshire. A grant is recommended on this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000

**FALKLANDS 35TH COMMEMORATION EVENT – GOSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
(CG00013313)**

A grant is sought to help fund a Falklands 35th Commemoration Event, which is being held in Gosport on Sunday 21 May 2017 and includes a Parade through the town.

This event is in the early planning stages but financial support from the County Council would help contribute towards the overall cost of delivering this event, including barriers, traffic management, first aid; all of which will ensure the safety of all those attending.

Total Expenditure: £16,650

Total Income: £10,000 (Gosport Borough Council)

Shortfall: £6,650

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Leader of the Council

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

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

This budget:

2012 - £5,000 - Falklands 30th Commemoration Event

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

Comments from the local members from within Gosport have been sought.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: Grants are not usually awarded to other local authorities as they have the ability to precept funds.

However in view of the significant and important role the armed forces played in the Falklands conflict, many of whom would have embarked from locations within the County, a grant may be appropriate on this occasion.

RECOMMENDATION

£5,000