

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside
Date:	10 May 2018
Title:	Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside gives approval:
- i) To award one-off Culture and Community Activity Grant 2018/19 funding of £30,000 to Live Theatre Winchester Trust.
 - ii) To pay from the 2018/19 budget £9,435 awarded to Pilands Wood Community Association in 2017/18 on condition that it engages with Community First, the local Council for Voluntary Services, to strengthen management of the organisation.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for £39,435 of Culture and Community Activity Grant 2018/19 to cultural, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire.
- 2.2 The report also provides an update on the financial position of revenue grant schemes to culture and community organisations in 2018/19.

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. Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.

4. Live Theatre Winchester Trust

- 4.1 Live Theatre Winchester Trust has applied for a grant of £30,000 to support community activity and outreach work to engage a wider diversity of Hampshire residents. Activities will support people's empathy and awareness of others in the community and will be beneficial to their health and well being. The project will also explore how fuller and better use can be made of the organisation's spaces for the benefit of a wider mix of Hampshire residents and will engage the community through consultation and an Open Day.
- 4.2 The project costs are £60,000 and the organisation has secured £30,000 funding from Winchester City Council on the condition that this funding is matched by Hampshire County Council. The organisation has no free reserves. It receives core funding through the Council's Culture and Recreation Investment Fund and was awarded £88,105 for 2018/19.
- 4.3 In light of the regional significance of the organisation and its programme and the level of match funding secured, it is recommended the application is supported and the organisation is awarded a one-off, non repeatable grant of £30,000 on condition that the organisation will not apply for any further revenue support beyond the agreed core annual funding from the Culture and Recreation Investment Fund.
- 4.4 Councillor Warwick, the Council's appointed representative to the organisation supports the application. Councillor Tod, the local Members for Winchester Eastgate, strongly supports the application, particularly the ambition for greater community outreach and engagement. Councillor Hiscock, the local Member for Winchester Westgate, wholeheartedly supports the application.

5 Pilands Wood Community Association

- 5.1 This medium sized community association serves an area of significant multiple deprivation in Eastleigh, ranked in the top 5% in Hampshire and the top 20% in England. It offers guidance, support and advocacy to approximately 2,000 people, addressing local needs and delivering activities that include intergenerational bingo, a youth group, low cost parent and toddler group, memory café, charity shop and job club.
- 5.2 The organisation was awarded £9,435 from the Community Investment Fund 2017/18 on condition that Charity Commission compliance is brought up to date, including submission of outstanding Annual Returns and Annual Accounts. These returns remain significantly overdue and therefore the award could not be paid in 2017/18.

- 5.3 The organisation was awarded a further £9,435 from the Community Investment Fund 2018/19 with the same condition. This award will be paid when the organisation's Charity Commission compliance is up to date.
- 5.4 Eastleigh Borough Council provides funding of £12,500 per year. The organisation also generates income of approximately £32,000 per year, but has annual costs of approximately £56,000.
- 5.5 As the organisation is known to operate on limited income, while delivering programmes of importance to the local community, loss of the 2017/18 grant income will have a detrimental impact on its ability to continue long term.
- 5.6 In light of the importance of the community programmes delivered by the organisation in an area of significant multiple deprivation, it is recommended the 2017/18 award is carried forward and paid from the 2018/19 Culture and Community Activity Grants budget on further condition that the organisation engage with Community First, the local Council for Voluntary Services, to strengthen management of the organisation. This would be in addition to the 2018/19 Community Investment Fund award previously approved.
- 5.7 Councillor House, the local Member for Hamble, is supportive of the recommendation.

6 Financial Information:

- 6.1. 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.
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| 6.2 Allocation for CCAG 2018/19 | £150,000 |
| Awards approved on 5 March 2018 | £ 29,885 |
| Recommendations for approval in this report | £ 39,435 |
| Remainder available for future rounds
<i>(if all recommendations in this report are approved)</i> | £ 80,680 |

7. Other key issues

- 7.1 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**

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>
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations 2018/19		18/01/2018
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire 2018/19		07/12/2017
Annual core infrastructure grants to Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations	8121	09/03/2017
Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire 2017/2018	7924	06/12/2016
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

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>
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.

This programme funds projects and proposals which support the priorities and outcomes in [Hampshire County Council's Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future'](#).

- Health and wellbeing: Improving health and wellbeing for all, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged, including mental health and wellbeing.
- Economy: Promoting economic prosperity and protecting the environment.
- Communities: Working with communities to enhance local services.

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). 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/complimentary treatment activities
- 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 could include district, borough, town or parish council funding. Priority will be given to applications which have partner funding in place from other sources.**
- 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 Strategic Plan 2013-17 'Shaping Hampshire: modern, public services for the future' 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.

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.