

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage
Date:	7 May 2019
Title:	Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire 2019/20, Andover Cycling Festival
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend a funding award to Andover Cycling Festival from the Recreation and Heritage Community Fund.

Recommendation(s)

2. The Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage approves an award from the Recreation and Heritage Community Fund 2019/20 totalling £3,000 to Andover Vision in support of Andover Cycling Festival, as set out below.

Executive Summary

3. This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage for £3,000 of awards to cultural, recreational and community organisations across Hampshire.
4. This report also provides an update on the financial position of the Recreation and Heritage Community Fund.

Contextual Information

Recreation and Heritage Community Fund Grants

5. The purpose of this grant stream is to fund projects which provide community benefit and help local communities thrive and/or to help local organisations become financially self-supporting and not reliant on public sector funding. In addition, small one-off grants from £1,000 to £3,000 will also be awarded to help pump-prime community events and activities. Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.

Andover Vision, Andover Cycling Festival

6. Andover Vision, a partnership organisation, has submitted an application for £3,000 to support Andover Cycling Festival, to be delivered in Andover, Test Valley, and the surrounding countryside. The event is scheduled to take place on 7 July 2019. The application was not received in time for inclusion in the main Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire 2019/20 report for the Decision Day on 7 May 2019.
7. The event will deliver a day of participation and fun for leisure cyclists, including a schools and family fun cycle ride, some challenging cycling for non-competitive cyclists who enjoy fitness and activity and some racing competition for those who want more of a challenge in competition. Outreach activity with schools will take place in advance of the event to engage children and young people. An event village will include stands to signpost attendees to local clubs and opportunities to sustain activity and associated community and health benefits beyond the event. A set of bikes will be available at the start to allow those who have no bicycle to participate, removing cost barriers to participation. 1,200 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit from the project, with participants expected to come from across the County.
8. The total project costs are £21,450 and the organisation has secured £5,000 from Test Valley Borough Council and a further £7,500 from other funders. It expects to generate £5,000 in race entry fees.
9. As the event is planned to take place before the next scheduled Decision Day and in light of the community benefit of the proposal, it is recommended the application is supported and the organisation is awarded £3,000 on condition that they provide evidence of the Partnership Agreement and their latest accounts.
10. Councillor Gibson supports the application.

Finance

11. The total draft grants budget for 2019/20 for the portfolio of the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage is £938,000, made up of £813,000 revenue funding and £125,000 capital funding. Of this, £453,000 was awarded to cultural and community organisations at the Executive Member's Decision Day on 14 January 2019, leaving £485,000 for the Recreation and Heritage Community Fund.

12. Budget Update:

Recreation and Heritage Community Fund budget 2019/20	£485,000
Transferred from Community Buildings Capital Fund 2018/19 (Decision Day 25 February 2019)	£98,809
Previously awarded (Decision Day 25 February 2019)	£12,959
Recommendations for approval in the main report (Decision Day 7 May 2019)	£83,860
Recommendation for approval in this report	£3,000
Remainder available (if all recommendations in both reports for Decision Day 7 May 2019 are approved)	£483,990

Other Key Issues

13. 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.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
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> Grant Funding for Culture and Community Organisations in Hampshire	<u>Date</u> 14 January 2019
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.)

Document

Location

None

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:

A high level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.

Criteria for Recreation and Heritage Community Fund

What is Funded?

The priority of the scheme is to fund projects which:

- Provide community benefit and help local communities thrive
- Help local organisations become financially self-supporting and not reliant on public sector funding

In addition, small one-off grants from £1,000 to £3,000 will also be awarded to help pump-prime community events and activities.

The programme is not designed to be overly prescriptive.

Applicants must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2017-2021](#). It forms the cornerstone of all strategies and plans across departments and service areas, and features four key aims:

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

What is not Funded?

The following organisations are not funded under this scheme:

- Individuals
- Services provided solely within the unitary authority areas of Portsmouth City Council and/or Southampton City Council
- Other local authorities, including District, Parish and Town Councils
- Commercial/Profit-Making organisations
- Schools, including pre-schools and colleges

The following projects are not funded under this scheme:

- The purchase of land.
- Capital works that have already been carried out. We cannot retrospectively fund projects; grants are awarded for works to be carried out in the future.
- Ongoing staff costs. We may fund a fixed-term member of staff or consultant to carry out a time-limited piece of work.
- Fund-raising activities.
- Projects which meet the aims of other Hampshire County Council grant schemes. Where relevant, applications may be transferred to more appropriate schemes.

Organisations will not be awarded more than one grant per financial year and previously funded projects must be completed before a new application is made.

Grant Criteria and Eligibility

Organisations must be properly constituted with clear and effective local governance and management structures. Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold unallocated reserves in excess of one year's running costs. Where it is judged that unallocated reserves are unreasonably in excess of what is required or not allocated for legitimate purposes, those organisations may receive a reduced grant. All charitable organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

Projects should be well developed with match-funding secured. Organisations should have also applied to local District or Parish Councils where local funding opportunities exist.

Hampshire County Council will normally fund up to a maximum grant of £100,000. Please contact CCBS Grants to discuss any proposals in excess of this.

Match funding or clear evidence of seeking match funding is highly desirable although not essential.

We would expect any applications for new buildings or large extensions to show consideration has been given to the development of a [Changing Place](#) even if it is not included in the final project.

All applicants will be expected to have obtained permission from the landlord to undertake the capital work. If required applicants will also be expected to have obtained (or engaged in the process of) planning permission and/or listed buildings consent (if appropriate) to carry out the works.

Where appropriate, depending on the grant sum requested, the organisation will be expected to submit supporting documentation.

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