

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services
Date:	13 July 2023
Title:	The Leader's Community Grant Fund
Report From:	Director of Hampshire 2050

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves the revised Guidance and Criteria for the Leader's Community Grant Fund, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 1.2 That, in respect of the Leader's Community Grant Fund, the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive be given delegated authority to approve minor administrative changes to previously approved grant conditions, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, where the overall outcomes of the project or scheme remain unchanged.
- 1.3 That, in respect of the Leader's Community Grant Fund, the Director of Hampshire 2050 and Assistant Chief Executive be given delegated authority to approve grant awards under £5,000, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services, where the applications meet the grant criteria.
- 1.4 That the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services approves two grants totalling £26,650 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24 to cultural and community organisations in Hampshire, as outlined in Appendix 3 of the report.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The Guidance and Criteria for the Leader's Community Grant Fund have been reviewed to ensure that there is greater clarity for applicants, and to ensure that all grants which are approved deliver clear impact and benefit.
- 2.2 Under the current constitution and scheme of delegation, minor amendments to grant awards are required to be determined by the Executive Member. It is proposed that authority for these minor changes to previously approved grant

conditions is delegated to the relevant Chief Officer. In addition, delegated authority is sought for the determination of applications for grants under £5,000, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services.

2.3 Two organisations have applied for a grant through the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2023/24 and the funds requested total £26,645. The report considers the applications using the previous grant criteria (as set out in Appendix 1) and recommends the awards totalling £26,650. The recommended award can be met from within existing budget provision.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Leaving the criteria and delegations unchanged. This would not deliver the required improvements in clarity of criteria or efficiency of process. This option was therefore rejected.
- 3.2. Not to award the individual grants. The applicants have demonstrated that they meet the criteria of the grant scheme and there is sufficient funding within the allocated budget to award the grants. This option was therefore rejected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

13 July 2023

**Leader and Executive Member for Hampshire 2050
and Corporate Services
Councillor Rob Humby**