

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

(Executive Decision)

Decision Maker	Director of Children's Services
Title	SFP Covid-19 Emergency Support Grant Funding
Date	22 May 2020

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1. The decision

1.1 The Director of Children's Services, to approve the distribution of £100k to support vulnerable families during the Covid-19 pandemic.

1.2 The Director of Children's Services to approve the individual grants listed which exceed £5k:

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i) Home-Start Hampshire	8,554
ii) Andover Crisis & Support Centre	8,350
iii) Fleet Phoenix	8,000
iv) Yellow Brick Road	7,700
v) Stop Domestic Abuse (previously SDAS)	7,500
vi) Y Services	6,155
vii) Cherrywood Primary School.	5,919
viii) The Moving On Project	5,296
ix) YMCA Fairthorne	5,261
x) Havant & East Hants MIND	5,200
xi) Inspero	5,100
xii) The Vine Drop In Centre	5,000
Total	78,035

2. Reason(s) for the decision

- 2.1. The Covid-19 Emergency Support Grants will enable organisations providing early help interventions to transform and develop services to meet the challenges faced by Covid-19.
- 2.2. Organisations receiving the grant money are working locally with vulnerable families, and support the work to reduce the likelihood of family situations escalating and resulting in the need for higher levels of support.

3. Background to the decision

- 3.1. Covid-19 has had a significant impact on services offering support to vulnerable individuals and families. Many families are facing additional challenges – financially, physically and psychologically as a result of the outbreak which has also resulted in more complex needs.
- 3.2. Many projects by established local organisations are in need of support to transform services, either to provide the technology to enable services to be provided remotely, or funding to support in practical terms in relation to resources and safe delivery of items.
- 3.3. There is a likelihood that as lockdown restrictions ease, the demand on Children's Services will significantly increase, as families start to re-engage with professionals and are no longer restricted to their home settings.
- 3.4. It is hoped that support for individuals and families during lockdown will ensure safeguarding concerns are raised at the earliest opportunity, and also that providing families with early intervention will reduce the number of referrals to Children's Services post-lockdown, enabling the focus for Children's Services and other statutory services to be with those most in need.

4. Other options considered and rejected

- 4.1. An alternative to this grants round, was to run the planned grants round later in 2020, as originally planned to support transitional projects. This option was rejected on the grounds that the funding was best deployed during the current crisis.

5. Conflicts of interest:

To record conflicts of interest declared by any Member who is consulted in the process of taking this decision: **None**

6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service - None

7. Supporting information - None

Approved by:



Steve Crocker
Director of Children's Services

Date: 22nd May 2020

Officer Decision Supported by:



Judith Grajewski
Executive Member for Public Health

Date: 22nd May 2020