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Dear Members

I am pleased to let you know that, at my Decision Day on 14th January, I decided to create a new grant scheme called the Recreation and Heritage Community Fund.

There will be over £500,000 in the new fund in 2019/20 which replaces four existing grant schemes. I am keen to continue supporting organisations which provide projects and activities that directly support the communities that need them most and to see them thrive. For the first-time young people's uniformed organisations such as Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts, as well as sports clubs, will be able to apply for funding.

An application form for the new fund will soon be available via this link:

<u>www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-funds-list?filter=.Culture-Communities-and-</u> Business-Services

The new fund will allow us to think more creatively about how best to distribute the money we have, ensuring we get the maximum benefit for residents through this new competitive process.

I hope the fund will attract exciting applications from organisations who we don't currently know about and who would benefit from extra support. However, we also want to safeguard the future of those organisations that most directly support the community and help them become more self-sustaining in the future.

More details are available in my recent <u>Decision Report</u>.

Best wishes

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