

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
Date of Decision:	18 October 2017
Decision Title:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations and Other Bodies
Report From:	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to consider 2 requests received for financial assistance from the Policy and Resources grants budget. Details of this request are outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

2. Budget Position

- 2.1 Following commitments made at previous meetings, the Policy and Resources grants budget available at the meeting on 18 October 2017 is £146,505.

3. Grants Criteria

- 3.1 A copy of the criteria used for considering grants from the Policy and Resources grants budget is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 Subject to certain restrictions, the County Council has the power under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do including the power to give grants.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

- 5.1 That grants to those organisations as shown in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

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>
None		
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	
None		

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>
Application forms and correspondence received from organisations	Director of Transformation and Governance - Corporate Services

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:

The application procedure includes equalities monitoring information as agreed as part of the corporate review of grants programmes and procedures. Further information may be found on individual requests.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The proposals in this report aim to improve the wellbeing of Hampshire residents and reduce the risk of crime occurring.

3. Climate Change:

There is no significant link to Climate Change as a result of this decision.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THE POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS

The following criteria should be taken into consideration when preparing a submission for funding. They are intended as guidelines and not prescriptive rules

1. Assistance will be considered only in response to direct applications from properly constituted organisations seeking assistance. You must show in your application that your organisation is properly and legally organised and has its own bank account.
2. Where appropriate, applications will be referred to the relevant service department (e.g. Adult Services, Culture, Communities and Business Services, Children's Services, etc.) for consideration.
3. Preference will be given to applications for specific projects or activities rather than general running costs of organisations. These grants are not intended to replace shortfalls in service delivery budgets or replace funding for other support you may be able to obtain, or that you have obtained from us in the past.
4. Grants will not usually be made in respect of applications from the following:-
 - District or Parish Councils
 - Government Institutions
 - Schools
 - Overseas and out of County organisations which have no direct Hampshire involvement
 - Branches or organisations assisted centrally with a sum from the County Council
 - Bodies requesting funds for onward distribution to other charities e.g. mayoral appeals, carnivals, fetes, or for their own fundraising events.
5. Applications will not be accepted from political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
6. Applications will only be considered from faith groups who can demonstrate their facilities are open and used by the local community other than for church related activities and then only for works in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act.
7. Requests may be considered from County wide groups (e.g. Guides, Scouts, Hampshire County Youth Orchestra) for specific trips, e.g. for an international jamboree or cultural tour. Individual requests will not usually be considered.
8. Where possible self-help within organisations should be encouraged and to this end, grants are normally a percentage of the sum required to complete the project.
9. As a general rule, grants in excess of £5,000 will not be awarded.
10. In general grants will only be awarded to projects which are taking place in the same year as application for funds.

BE YOUR BEST FOUNDATION (CG00014445)

The Be Your Best Foundation is seeking a grant of £5,000 from the County Council towards the cost of staging its Global Rock Challenge events at Portsmouth and Southampton Guildhalls in 2018. There will be 12 events involving up to 12 local secondary and primary schools totalling approximately 4,500 young people.

Rock Challenge is a crime and drug prevention initiative in the form of a performing arts event for 7-18 year olds. The focus of the event is on young people leading healthy lifestyles, having fun and being their best without the need for tobacco, alcohol or any other harmful substance as well as making a positive use of their spare time.

Total Expenditure: £119,500 (venue hire, lighting and sound, insurances, etc.).

Total Income: £124,500 (confirmed and unconfirmed), including Portsmouth CC - £5,000, Southampton CC - £10,000 and Hampshire Rural Communities - £10,000 (Decisions known Nov/Dec 2017)

Surplus: £5,000 should all funding requests be granted and expected income received

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£5,000

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS**This budget:**

The Foundation has received a £5,000 grant from this budget over many years.

Hampshire Rural Communities budget: £10,000 requested

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide organisation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: Up to 12 local secondary and primary schools will be in attendance where pupils will experience increased self-esteem, improved teamwork skills and thereby having better relationships with peers and teachers and improving their attendance in school.

It should be noted that should all their funding requests be granted and expected income received, the Foundation would have a surplus of £5,000. It is therefore recommended that depending on the outcome of its other requests to the County Council and other funding authorities, a final grant of up to £5,000 be awarded.

RECOMMENDATION

A final grant of up to £5,000

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL TRUST (CG00014469)

Winchester Cathedral Trust is seeking funding towards the education and training of a chorister at Pilgrim's School.

The choristership will involve training with the choir, travelling to other places of worship to perform, recording music, travelling abroad and promoting the Music of the Cathedral.

Total Expenditure: £13,000 p.a.

Total Income: £0

Shortfall: £13,000

APPLICATION ADDRESSED TO:

Director of Transformation and Governance

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

£13,000 p.a. for a period of 5 years

GRANTS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED BY OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN BY OTHER LOCAL MEMBERS

This budget:

- 2003 – 5 year funding
- 2008 – 5 year
- 2013 – 4 year

Grants over these years have ranged from between £8,000 and £12,500 p.a.

COMMENTS OF LOCAL MEMBER

This is a countywide organisation.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Director of Transformation and Governance: The County Council has funded the cost of a choristership at the Cathedral over a number of years.

Previous recipients from Hampshire have gone on to win music scholarships and the opportunity in being a Chorister at the Cathedral has helped them enormously with their confidence in performance and their self-esteem. Further funding is recommended.

RECOMMENDATION

£13,000 for a period of 5 years (from 2017/18)