

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
<b>Date:</b>	26 April 2022
<b>Title:</b>	The Leader's Community Grants
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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#### Purpose of this Report

1. The report considers 8 applications for grants from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2022/23.

#### Recommendation

2. That the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approves 8 grants totalling £56,130 from the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2022/23 to cultural and community organisations in Hampshire as outlined in Appendix 2.

#### Executive Summary

3. 8 organisations have applied for grants through the Leader's Community Grant Fund 2022/23 and the funds requested total £59,197.59. The report considers the applications and recommends awards totalling £56,130. The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.

#### Contextual Information

4. 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.

Full details, including what the County Council can and cannot fund, are set out in Appendix 1.

5. 8 applications have been submitted for consideration. Details are set out in Appendix 2.

### **Finance**

6. The recommended awards can be met from within existing budget provision.

### **Consultation and Equalities**

7. A high-level Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken. The grants are intended to have a positive impact and advance equality.
8. The corporate terms and condition of grant require that any organisation in receipt of funding shall ensure that at all times it complies with the Equality Act 2010 if applicable and shall ensure that it does not discriminate against any person or persons on the basis of race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise.

### **Climate Change Impact Assessment**

9. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
10. The carbon mitigation tool decision tree indicates it is not suitable for the assessment of a programme. The decisions in this report are financial decisions in relation to a programme of one-off grant opportunities. Therefore, the tool is not suitable for this Climate Change Impact Assessment and has not been used.

### **Other Key Issues**

11. Legal Implications: Section 1 (1) of the Localism Act gives the County Council the power to do anything that individuals may generally do. This includes the power to make grants.'

## 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>	<u>Date</u>
<a href="#">Leader's Community Grants – Revised Criteria and Management</a>	8 July 2021
<a href="#">The Leader's Community Grants Decision Report</a>	9 March 2022

### 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>
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:**

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

## Leader's Community Grants – Criteria

### What is funded?

The purpose of the scheme is to fund one-off, time limited projects which:

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

Proposals will be particularly welcomed where they can demonstrate how they:

- respond to the [Climate Emergency](#), as declared by the Council in June 2019
- reduce demand for Council services

Proposals must support the priorities and outcomes of Hampshire County Council's [Serving Hampshire - Strategic Plan for 2017 to 2021](#). It forms the cornerstone of all strategies and plans across departments and service areas. It 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

Applications can be made for over £1,000 to a maximum of £25,000 and may be for activity costs and/or capital costs. Applications in excess of £25k will occasionally be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Secured match funding or clear evidence of seeking match funding is highly desirable. Organisations should have also applied to local District or Parish Councils where local funding opportunities exist.

Supporting documentation will be required for all applications.

### Who can apply?

Organisations wishing to apply must be properly constituted with clear and effective governance and management structures. They must be delivering activities or services that benefit Hampshire residents. 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 organisations are expected to have an agreed reserves policy that addresses their financial risk.

The following organisations are not normally 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
- large, national organisations or 'household name charities', including local branches
- political parties or groups affiliated with a political party or from lobbying/campaigning organisations.
- 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
- 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.
- Self-help by organisations is encouraged, and therefore grants are normally only a percentage of the sum required to complete a project.

### **When to apply**

Applications are welcomed at any time and will be dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. Recommendations for awards will be taken to the next available Executive Members decision day. This may be up to three months after the application is received, in line with meeting schedules.

Projects should be well developed, with match-funding secured, and any supported projects will normally be expected to commence within six-months of the decision date. All applicants for building works will be expected to evidence freehold or to have obtained permission from the landlord. 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 before applying.

### **What is not funded?**

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
- 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
- ongoing staff costs - we may fund a fixed-term member of staff or consultant to carry out a time-limited piece of work
- repeat applications to cover previously funded activities/annual applications for the same activities
- profit-making or fund-raising activities, or onward distribution of funds

- projects which meet the aims of other Hampshire County Council grant schemes - where relevant, applications may be transferred to more appropriate schemes
- applications for £1,000 or less - where relevant, these should be directed to the Members' Devolved Grants Scheme.

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. Previous levels of Council funding will be taken into account when assessing applications.

## Grant Funding to Culture and Community Organisations, 2021/22

Organisation (District / Division)	Proposal	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
VieNess Discover You Love You CIC (Eastleigh/ Chandler's Ford)	<p>The organisation is seeking funding to promote and deliver a series of workshops in the Chandler's Ford area aimed at children and young people to develop self-esteem and confidence. The workshops will provide the opportunity for young people to take part in a variety of exercises including breathing exercises, dance activities and games designed to promote positive wellbeing and self-confidence building. The organisation has previously delivered successful workshops in the Southampton area and the funding sought will be used to develop their outreach to schools in the area of Chandler's Ford. The organisation seeks the full amount of funding for the project totalling £5,500 and currently has no match funding in place. 1000 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit.</p> <p><b>Councillor Groves has been informed of the application.</b>  <a href="#">It is recommended that the organisation is partially awarded £2,500 on condition that it seeks local or district match funding for the remaining project costs.</a></p>	£5,500	£2,500
Everton Community Association (Milford and Hordle / New Milton North)	<p>The organisation seeks funding for a Jubilee Celebration consisting of a party in the park with music by local artists, a dog show, a fashion show, arts and craft exhibitions and other activities providing a valuable chance for members of the local community to get together to celebrate the National Jubilee event. Everton has predominately elderly residents who will benefit from this social activity, particularly after a long period of isolation during the pandemic. The funding will pay for costs associated with the event including artist fees and marquee hire. 2000 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit.</p> <p><b>Councillor Carpenter has been informed of the application.</b>  <a href="#">It is recommended that Everton Community Association is awarded £1,030.</a></p>	£1,030	£1,030
Catisfield Village Association	<p>The organisation seeks funding for a Jubilee event to benefit local residents in the area of Catisfield. The event will consist of a variety of events aimed to suit all age groups including music from vintage singers,</p>	£1,000	£1,000



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(Fareham / Fareham Titchfield)	<p>food stalls and games for young children. The event will provide the local residents with the opportunity to celebrate this major national event after having spent many previous months in isolation due to the restrictions of the pandemic and it is hoped the event will increase wellbeing for local residents. The funding will pay for costs associated with the event including marquee hire, artist hire and a children's entertainer. The funding provided will also help ensure that ticket price entry is kept low allowing the event to be accessible to all in the community.</p> <p><b>Councillor Pankhurst has been informed of the application.</b></p> <p>Note: The organisation received a grant of £300 from Councillor Pankhurst towards this event.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that Catisfiled Village Hall is awarded £1,000.</b></p>		
Emsworth Business Association (Havant / Emsworth & St Faiths)	<p>The organisation seeks funding for a firework display as part of the conclusion to their planned Jubilee Celebration event in the town of Emsworth. The event will bring together members of the community following Covid-19 lockdowns and create a sense of well-being and community cohesion from all ages. The funding will go towards the cost of staging the event.</p> <p>Note: The organisation has previously received a member grant of £500 in 2019/20 towards Emsworth Christmas lights and £1,000 in or 2021/22 from Councillor Bowerman towards Queen's Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p><b>Councillor Bowerman has been informed of the application.</b></p> <p><b>It is recommended Emsworth Business Association is awarded £1,000.</b></p>	£1,000	£1,000
Living Paintings Trust (Countywide)	<p>The organisation provides tactile Touch to See books for children through to adults. The books enable partially sighted and blind readers to visualise what they are reading, providing an enhanced experience that they are able to share with teachers, parents or carers leading to better outcomes around social isolation, literacy and numeracy and further supporting curriculum learning. The funding seeks to increase the existing loan provision within Hampshire furthering the number of beneficiaries. The</p>	£3,000	£3,000

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	<p>funding sought will go towards the development of new titles along with the costs of distribution.</p> <p><b>It is recommended that the Living Paintings Trust is awarded £3,000</b></p>		
<p>Longparish Community Pub (Test Valley / Test Valley Central)</p>	<p>The organisation seeks funding to refurbish two existing storerooms within the facility. This will allow the current ground floor space which is being used as a temporary storeroom to be converted into a medium sized, wheelchair-accessible ground-floor community room. The facility is expected to be used by local residents and those from outside the area visiting the local football pitch and school. It is hoped that by increasing the current provision within the community pub to include a larger community facility this will ensure future sustainability through increased footfall and subsequent revenue generation.</p> <p>The total project costs are £35,200 and the organisation has applied for £17,556 match funding from Test Valley Borough Council (expected outcome 11/04/2022).</p> <p>Note: The organisation received £500 from Councillor North in 2021/22 towards “An Online Cultural Hub”.</p> <p><b>Councillor Drew has been informed of the application.</b></p> <p><b>It is recommended that Longparish Community Pub is awarded up to 50% of total project costs to a maximum of £17,600 on condition that match funding is secured from Test Valley Borough Council.</b></p>	£17,557	£17,600
<p>Hythe Pier Heritage Association (HPHA) (New Forest / Dibden and Hythe)</p>	<p>The organisation aims to protect and restore the Hythe Pier Railway and structures of Hythe Pier and provide advancement of education of the public in the history of Hythe Pier, Train and Ferry. The organisation seeks funding for emergency repair works to the 40m of existing rail track. This will enable them to ensure short term future plans regarding the development of the Pier are viable. It is hoped the repair works will enable a larger planned project of works which will increase local tourism, providing economic benefit to local residents and businesses.</p> <p>The total project costs are £50,000 and the organisation has secured £5,000 from Dibden Allotment and £10,000 from an annual grant from</p>	£25,000	£25,000

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	<p>Beaulieu Beaufort towards to project. They have applied for £1,000 from the Foyle Foundation (expected outcome 01/05/2022), £2,000 from Beaverbrook (expected outcome 01/06/2022), and £2,000 from New Forest NPA (expected outcome 01/06/2022). 25,000 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit. <b>Councillor Wade has been informed of the application.</b> Note: The organisation has previously received a grant of £1,000 from Councillor Wade in 2021/22 towards Carriage 1 Restoration <b>It is recommended that Hythe Pier Heritage Association is awarded up to 50% of total project costs to a maximum of £25,000.</b></p>		
Fareham Borough Council (Fareham / Fareham Town)	<p>The organisation seeks funding towards a Falklands Commemorative Event for Fareham which will consist of a freedom march by HMS Collingwood and the unveiling of decorative adaptations to the Falklands Arch in Fareham Town Centre. The event will be high profile, with many media organisations in attendance and the coverage of the event will provide residents who are unable to attend in person with the opportunity to reflect. The funding sought will go towards various elements of the event including security, first aid, adaptations to the arch, road traffic management and a hymn soloist. It is noted that Borough and District Councils are not normally eligible to apply to the Leader's Community Fund. However, this proposal is for an activity which is clearly outside the scope of Fareham Borough Council's normal role and therefore the application has been accepted for consideration. The organisation has committed £20,120 of its own funds towards the event. <b>Councillor Bryant has been informed of the application.</b> <b>It is recommended Fareham Borough Council is partially awarded £5,000 in keeping with a similar award made to Gosport Borough Council on 9 March 2022.</b></p>	£5,110.59	£5,000
		<b>£59,197.59</b>	<b>£56,130</b>