



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY & PUBLIC HEALTH

TOPIC - SMALL GRANTS June 2011

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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SUMMARY

The allocation of grants within this Decision Notice are from the Small Grants Funding Scheme and are within the approved overall budget.

Please note that in order to support all eligible applications in this round it has not been possible to award the full amount of grant requested to all applicants.

Applications were invited from all charitable community and voluntary groups but applicants should note that priority is likely to be given to those organisations that can demonstrate that their project is linked to the delivery of one or more of the Winchesters Community Strategy priorities. The priorities are:

- Promote the wellbeing of older people
- Improve access to services
- Reduce the district's carbon footprint
- Improve quality of life in the Stanmore neighbourhood, Winchester
- Improve quality of life in the Winnall neighbourhood, Winchester.

DECISION

Please note: A high volume of applications was received over all. In order to benefit all eligible applications and the wider community it was decided that it was beneficial to proportionally fund applications rather than turn good applications away. To this end funding was attributed to items with a specific value within the breakdown of the grant requested and taking account of other income. In some cases it was not possible to select discrete items that could be funded within the request so in order to compensate for this a proportion of the overall request was funded.

It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Winchester Detached Youth Work Project aka Street Reach

Amount Requested: £484
Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards the activity day in Winnall on GCSE results day, a contribution will be made to the hired activity, refreshments and publicity materials.

It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

City of Winchester Trust

Amount Requested: £490
Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards the room hire and materials for the low carbon, sustainable city consultation in conjunction with WinACC.

Kings Worthy Action on Climate Change

Amount Requested: £478.60
Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards the publicity materials for this low carbon initiative in Kings Worthy in conjunction with WinACC.

The Worthys Festival 2011

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £120

Funding recommended as a contribution towards the publicity materials for the community event in Kings Worthy, the Worthys Festival over nine days in September 2011.

Winchester YMCA

Amount Requested: £449
Amount Awarded: £350

Funding recommended towards the laptop to be used for the Progress for Success NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) workshops supporting year 11i pupils leaving secondary school.

Age UK

Amount Requested: £480

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards pump priming the Fit as a Fiddle programme at lunch clubs which is fundamental support to the well-being of the elderly.

Micheldever Station Community & Recreation

Amount Requested: £285.37

Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards the materials for the Active in Art Group run for the elderly in the Micheldever Parish and outlying hamlets.

Winchester City Penguins

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards providing swimming lessons in order to encourage the pupils from Winnall and Stanmore to attend the annual schools swimming gala in Winchester.

B-Eat Winchester

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards the publicity materials, training and reference library for this self-help eating disorders support group which has an emphasis on recovery.

The Gratton Trust

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the £10,000 project to improve access to the Pavilion.

CultureNET

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards a contribution to the room hire and publicity materials for the Family challenge day held in conjunction with the University of Winchester and the Minority Matters information event in October.

Filipino Association in Central Hampshire

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards a contribution to the venue hire, equipment and the publicity for the Family intergenerational family and cultural sports day.

Winchester Access for All (WAAFA)

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the build and maintenance of a website for this project which is to tackle issues for people with sensory/physical disabilities increasing access to services and supporting the elderly.

Winnall Street Dance Academy

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards pump priming this new initiative that is to provide a dance academy to the less privileged youths in the area of Winnall who would not under normal circumstances be able to access such a service.

Bishops Waltham Pre-School

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards rejuvenating the outside garden area to the pre-school to include an all-weather surface.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Grants from the small grants scheme are made twice per year. All applications for grants were considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder who received advice from the case officer and other relevant officers as appropriate.

The decision on the following applications for a small grant was refused:

Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau – (up skilling volunteers to provide support following DRO's – Debt Relief Orders). *Volunteer training is seen as a core revenue cost for this service and therefore not appropriate for the small grant scheme.*

Greensleeves Homes Trust – (2 x wheelchairs for residents). *These items are deemed to be a core requirement for this service which is provided by a substantial organisation. The application is therefore deemed inappropriate for the small grant scheme.*

Creative Hub Enterprises CIC – (5 days of arts activities and a showcase event).
Insufficient information was provided in this application which was weak in comparison with others.

Victim Support – (to supply 2 x computers for use at Winchester Crown court).
These items are deemed to be a core requirement for this service which is substantially funded through other sources. The application was therefore deemed inappropriate for the small grant scheme.

Denmead Baptist Church – (contribution towards insulation for the church).
Religious activities are not eligible for the small grants scheme.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The budget for small grants in 2011/12 is £9,000 over two tranches, this being the first. The resource implications of this report are £4,220.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

Consultees have been WCC Officers, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health and Winchester Area Community Action (WACA).

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

n/a

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

Winchester Access for All is currently being run by WACA as it is a newly formed group needing support to get off the ground.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

n/a

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 28 July 2011

Councillor John Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety & Public Health