



Decision to be taken on or after 21 February 2013

Ward: Various

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2012/13

Report by the Executive Head of Planning, Regeneration and Wellbeing

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report requests the Cabinet Member to consider the allocation of the remaining 2012/13 grants budget. Ten applications were received before the second round closing date of 25 January 2013. The applications total £38,601 and the unspent amount in the grants budget is £51,353.

2.0 Background

2.1 There is no legal obligation on the Council to provide financial or other assistance to voluntary and community groups. However, the Council recognises the vital part played by such groups in the life of the District eg in the Councils' corporate priorities 2011-14: 'Develop ways in which the Councils can commission the Community and Voluntary sector to deliver services'.

2.2 The Council currently provides grants to voluntary groups in two ways: through ongoing contracts and Service and Funding Agreements with a number of key providers, and through a small grants programme which is subject to applications made on the application form **see Appendix 1**.

2.3 The Council also supports voluntary groups through the granting of discretionary rate relief and subsidised rents. However, the recommendations in this report do not apply to these forms of support.

2.4 In 2011/12, grants to the value of £76,805 were awarded to 15 local organisations, see **Appendix 2** for summaries of six-monthly monitoring information not already reported.

2.5 The 10 applications received in the second round of 2012/13 grants will be scored against the criteria set out on the application form – see copy of scoring criteria in **Appendix 3**.

3.0 Proposals

A summary of each of the 10 applications can be seen below.

3.1 **Action on Elder Abuse (AEA) Lancing Group**

AEA provides support for victims of elder abuse including a buddying scheme, visiting scheme, support group and awareness raising sessions.

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards awareness raising materials, training and volunteer expenses.

AEA was awarded £3,000 in the 2011/12 round of Adur Community Grants. See previous report for feedback.

3.2 **Freedom Powerchairs**

Freedom Powerchairs are a registered charity that provides a rapid response service for disabled needs, they aim to respond within two weeks and are able to offer practical help including supply and repair of equipment.

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards service development and marketing, repairs and administration.

3.3 **The Friday Club Shoreham Beach**

The Friday Club is a weekly community club based on Shoreham Beach which provides social activities and fellowship for the elderly, housebound and infirm on Shoreham Beach, Lancing and a few members in Shoreham. There are currently **35** members, all in their 80s and 90s.

Funding of **£500** has been requested towards transport costs

3.4 **Friends of Shoreham Beach**

Friends of Shoreham Beach (FOSB) is a group set up in 2007 to support the management objectives of the Local Nature Reserve. A number of events take place during the year to raise interest in the biodiversity of the seaside environment and ensure conservation.

Funding of **£679.90** has been requested towards costs of events and inclusion in World Oceans Day.

Friends of Shoreham Beach were awarded £320 in the 2011/12 round of Adur Community Grants. See previous report for feedback.

3.5 **Shoreham Baptist Church / Shoreham and Adur Debt Centre**

Shoreham Baptist Church is establishing a debt centre to offer a free service to those in the community who are suffering from financial issues and unmanageable debt. This service is run in partnership with Christians Against Poverty.

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards the Licence Fee to CAP for full dedicated support on all financial issues

3.6 **Shoreham Wordfest**

Shoreham Wordfest is a group of local writers and literary enthusiasts, whose aim is to celebrate words; written, spoken or sung.

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards the 3rd Literary Festival to be held in Autumn 2013.

Shoreham Wordfest were awarded £2,100 in the 2011/12 round of Adur Community Grants. See report for feedback.

3.7 **Sussex Clubs for Young People**

Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP) aim to help and educate young people in Sussex through their leisure time activities, so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities. They are keen to improve and enhance their work in Adur.

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards the cost of a part time Development Worker to manage and administer the Dorothy Parsons Trust on behalf of SCYP.

3.8 **Undercurrent Arts Outreach Programme 'Sitting Here, Together Forever'**

Undercurrent Arts deliver arts activities to local people. 'Sitting Here, Together Forever' is an oral history project which would work with local oral history expert, Lewis Gibson, to create an outdoor audio tour / walk that will explore the stories behind memorial benches in public spaces and the lives of those to whom they are dedicated.

Funding of **£2,665** is requested towards the costs of introductory sessions, publicity, volunteer and travel expenses.

3.9 **World of Widewater (WOW)**

World of Widewater are keen to complete an ecological survey of Widewater Lagoon local nature reserve. Widewater is a vulnerable and fragile ecosystem that requires careful management and protection to ensure its conservation for the wildlife, community and visitors who share it. A survey has not been undertaken in the last 10 years.

Funding of **£4,933** has been requested towards the cost of the Ecological survey.

3.10 **Your Space, Your Time**

Your Space, Your Time was set up in 2011 to provide safe, fun, accessible social play / activities for children and young people with a wide range of sensory, mobility, behavioural and learning difficulties and to provide respite to support parents / carers and enable them to spend quality time with other members within the family setting.

Funding of **£4,823** has been requested towards the cost of two sessional playworkers.

4.0 Legal

- 4.1 Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 2000 allows a Council to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area. This includes the giving of grants.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 There will be approximately £12,250 remaining in this grants pot following the allocation of these grants, if all the applications are agreed by the Cabinet Member.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member

Makes decisions concerning the allocation of the remaining 2012/13 Adur Community Grants budget in line with the suggested scoring criteria

Local Government Act 1972

Background Papers:

None

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Schedule of Other Matters

1.0 Council Priority

- 1.1 Work more closely with and commission our communities, the voluntary sector, public organisations, business and commercial sectors to develop and deliver services

2.0 Specific Action Plans

- 2.1 Develop ways in which the Councils can commission the Community and Voluntary sector to deliver services.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

- 3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

4.0 Equality Issues

- 4.1 Scoring criteria include: 'targeting inequalities and deprivation' and 'target local neighbourhood improvement areas'

5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- 5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

6.0 Human Rights Issues

- 6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

7.0 Reputation

- 7.1 Supporting the voluntary sector locally enhances the Council's reputation

8.0 Consultations

- 8.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

9.0 Risk Assessment

- 9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

- 10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

11.0 Procurement Strategy

- 11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

12.0 Partnership Working

12.1 Partnership working with the voluntary and community sector