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Record of Decision: Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14

Decision taken by: Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

Decisions:

Adur Churches Forum

Having formally constituted as a body, this grant will assist in the further establishment of the network through its first annual conference, and lead to provision of services to the wider community of Adur

Grant: £540

Adur Voluntary Action

This one application is in essence for three separate projects and should not be regarded as one grant request.

Homefront – requested £6,500 (plus shortfall of £2,000)

This garden programme is a key service for those unable to help themselves through physical disability or financial hardship. AVA has a long history of assisting those less fortunate members of our community through this project in Lancing. However, the need is across Adur, and in order to broaden the reach of the programme, it is essential to provide support through a co-ordinator who will manage a number of volunteers in providing a service.

While salaries are not normally something that the council will support, in this case, a part-time co-ordinator to manage volunteers is essential if the project is to be successful. West Sussex County Council have provided some matched funding, but insufficient to allow full development of the programme across the district. Bearing in mind the shortfall, I propose to cover some of that to enable the Lancing programme and provide additional funds to enable some extension to Shoreham and Southwick.

A small charge will be levied from users of the project. That being said, it is expected that AVA will continue to seek further funding elsewhere to ensure the sustainability of the programme beyond 2013/14 as Adur Council will not fund ongoing salary costs.

Grant: £6,000 subject to inclusion of volunteers and comments regarding funding above.

On-Line access – requested £5,800

At a time when internet access and skills are essential for people to apply for many benefits and jobs, there are insufficient services available to meet the need. AVA is already trying to provide some services, and this application for a grant to extend the services more widely across the district is an important one in provision of a wider hub. AVA are extending their reach into Shoreham area through a new office.

Grant: £5,800

A Voluntary Sector Hub – requested £1,000

AVA have made their premises available as a base for other crucial voluntary sector bodies delivering important services to our community. These include Cruise Bereavement and Credit Union. While I wish to support the further development of what can be described as a voluntary sector hub, applications from those bodies for funding **must cover the cost for AVA to host their services**. As an application for Cruise is also being considered in this round of grants,

Decision: Not funded due to duplicity with further application

Albion in the Community – requested £5,000

The Football in the Community Project was originally started by members of the community working with a Salvation Army youth worker in Lancing. It has proved its worth in reducing anti-social behaviour across Lancing and Sompting, and has around 70 members and has been regularly supported by ADC.

Currently the scheme is run by Albion in the Community, a registered charity, supported by the Well-Being Team from ADC. It was felt that in the light of the new developments in Lancing in respect of the Football Academy that Brighton and Hove Albion themselves should be asked to contribute to the scheme by way of matched funding, as it is in their interests to keep community support for their new venture and promote their community profile.

It is essential that an approach is made to the Albion in this regard or to other funding sources for the remainder of the requested amount.

Grant: £3,000

City Coast Trust – requested £2,500

A useful initiative which fits into the whole concept of health and well-being in one of our neighbourhoods suffering with health inequalities. Grant given on the understanding that significant measures are set in place to ensure the cycles or parts used are sourced from reliable and credible sources to avoid the use of stolen property.

Grant: £2,500

Cruise Bereavement – requested £3,200

This organisation has previously been supported by ADC, and is seen as an important service for the most elderly and vulnerable people across Adur. The application was duplicitous with the AVA application in respect of hosting. This grant is given with the understanding that the costs of hosting will be passed to AVA to facilitate the arrangements.

Grant: £3,200

Freedom Power Chairs – requested - £5,000

Insufficient information available in the application to support a decision. Further information to be sought about the long term security of any investment in the property in Lancing, and how the Council's investment might be safeguarded.

Decision: Application deferred for further enquiries & a meeting with applicant

Lancing United Football Club- requested £2442

Application to bring a poor building up to standard for use by the local community and football teams. However, a site visit would assist in making the decision as to whether the existing building would benefit from an investment, or whether other actions to replace said building would be preferable.

Decision: Application deferred to enable a site visit to be made

Paws – requested £5,000

This application did not meet the criteria for a grant from ADC.

Decision: Not funded as it does not meet the priorities of Adur District Council

St Peter's Knit and Natter

This application didn't meet the criteria for a grant from ADC. Applicant to be put in touch with AVA with a suggestion that a circulation be made for surplus wool as well as advice regarding obtaining funding elsewhere.

Decision: Not funded as it was felt that this did not meet the criteria

Key Decision: Yes / No

Reasons for the Decision:

- 1) These decisions have been made in order to underpin the priorities of Adur District Council in continuing to provide services to our community through the voluntary and community sector.
- 2) Subject to available funds remaining, I have agreed that two further opportunities will be made during 2013/14 for voluntary and community sector bodies to apply for grants addressing the core priorities.

Alternative Options Considered:
No other options have been considered other than those specified in the decisions above.

Other Matters Considered:

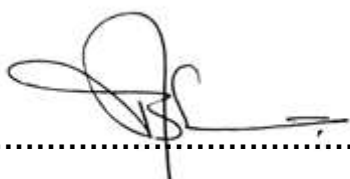
Legal Advice and Issues	X	Financial Advice and Issues	X
Sustainability Issues	X	Equality Issues	X
Community Safety Issues	X	Human Rights Issues	X
Reputation	X	Risk Assessment	
Health and Safety Issues	X		

Consultation: This report was circulated to Councillors, and published on the Councils' website on 12 July 2013. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision maker:
Discussions were held with the Leader of the opposition and Cabinet Member's community advisor which assisted in formalising the decisions. No other representations have been made to the Cabinet Member in respect of any of the grants.

Background Papers:
None

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Call-in: The call in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on Wednesday 7 August 2013.



Signed: **Date:** 31 July 2013

Name: Councillor David Simmons

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