



**Decision to be taken on or after 6 November 2013**

**Ward: Various**

## **Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 Round 2**

### **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 2013/14 grants budget amongst the 9 applications that were received before the deadline date of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The applications total **£28,872.89** and the remaining amount in the grants budget is **£61,420**. This is the second round of applications in the 2013/14 financial year.
- 1.2 An additional amount of £42,257 was carried forward from the 2012/13 grants budget to be used specifically for issues arising from the Welfare Reforms.

#### **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 e.g. 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 on-going contracts and Service and Funding Agreements with a number of key providers, and through a small grants programme which is subject to application 3 times per year.
- 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 2012/13, grants to the value of £49,642 were awarded to 12 local organisations.
- 2.5 The 9 2013/14 2<sup>nd</sup> round applications will be scored against the criteria set out on the application form – see copy of Application Form and Scoring criteria in **Appendix 1**.

### 3.0 Proposals

A summary of each of the 9 applications can be seen below.

#### 3.1 4Sight – Community Hub

4Sight supports blind & partially sighted people to

- Adjust to sight loss and make the best of their remaining vision
- Combat social isolation
- Access appropriate information and advice
- Maintain independence
- Participate actively in their communities and family life
- Access rural and urban facilities and open spaces
- Access high quality personal care, clinical services and a range of appropriate and timely choices
- Influence service provision, commissioning and planning
- Make informed choices about their own health and wellbeing

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards the costs of a new community hub service to complement the existing work taking place at their centre in Shoreham. The funding includes costs for an Outreach worker who would be responsible for managing the hub. The funding would also be used to enable them to deliver a series of sensory and exhibition days throughout the year in the more rural parts of the district. The hub will act as a base for a whole range of activities which are decided on by the users of the service themselves.

There are currently 287 members registered with 4Sight living in the Adur District. Additional older people may also wish to engage once the hub is up and running. West Sussex has the highest incidence of age related sight loss in the UK with just over 30,500 registered. This figure is likely to increase by 2020.

***Previously awarded £2,965 in 2009/10 for an Arts Club.***

#### 3.2 Albion in the Community (AitC) – Friday Night Football

Funding of £3,000 was awarded in the last round of grants. An additional £2,000 is needed to run the project for the next twelve months and it was suggested that they should approach Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club for this.

“Albion in the Community is the charitable arm of Brighton & Hove Albion, and as such is not funded by the football club. Indeed, because of its charitable status, it is able to attract support from a variety of sources to fund its award-winning work with vulnerable members of society across Sussex. Friday Night Football, which engages with some of Lancing’s most challenging young people, would be not be possible without the continued generosity of the

council. Since its inception, hundreds of young people have been provided with a safe and well-structured six-a-side environment on a night of the week when other, less constructive, alternatives have been taken up to the detriment of the young people, and the community as a whole. It remains THE most popular after-school football session in the area, and it is hoped that the influence it is having today will bear many good fruits in the years to come.”

***Tammy Waine***

Funding of **£2,000** is being requested to allow the sessions to continue in the way that they have been. This funding cannot be gained from BHAFC. AitC ask that the decision can be overturned and the additional £2,000 can be awarded to the project.

### 3.3 **Electric Storm Youth**

The aim of Electric Storm Youth is to educate, challenge and focus the energy of young people between the ages of 11 – 18 living in the Adur District, helping to improve social skills and build self-confidence and a sense of achievement.

In the long term, Electric Storm Youth seeks to provide and run a facility for the young people in Adur so that they have a place to call their own. Planning permission was granted in August 2011, and while efforts are made to raise the funds to build the centre, Electric Storm Youth focuses on providing activities in a temporary location in the Mash Barn ward.

A grant of **£700** is requested to cover the set up costs and provide materials for a pilot of the Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) award scheme for older teenagers (school years 11 – 13) as an after school group.

Older teenagers have expressed significant interest in the scheme. The funds being applied for will cover the costs of the materials needed to work on the physical and skills parts of the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards, and administrative costs and time for setting up the pilot group. It is understood from Electric Storm that the DoE awards scheme no longer runs out of Adur's two secondary schools since they became academies.

***Previously awarded £5,000 in March 2012 for the outreach youth project (Hot Chocolate and Lollies).***

### 3.4 **Fishersgate Amateur Boxing Club**

The club will promote and provide facilities for the sport of amateur boxing in Fishersgate and community participation in the same. The aims and objectives of the club are;

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in boxing
- To promote the club within the local community
- To manage the gymnasium at Fishersgate Community Centre
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

By creating an environment where the rewards of hard work and healthy living are readily apparent, boxing can help shape extremely positive mental attitudes through active learning and exercise.

Funding of **£3891.89** has been requested to enable the club to move from their temporary base and establish themselves within the Fishersgate Centre. The purpose of the grant is to support the club over the transitional period whereby it will establish itself in the Fishersgate Community, equip a fully functioning boxing gym, and to help promote the gym in the local community.

All coaches are fully qualified Level 1 and 2 coaches in accordance with the Amateur Boxing Association of England (ABAE) rules and training programmes. This includes a current disclosure and barring check carried out by the ABAE for all coaches.

### 3.5 **Freedom Powerchairs** – This was deferred from the last round in June.

Freedom Powerchairs customise powerchairs to individual needs to improve the quality of their life by increasing their freedom. Their trading arm generates funds for the charity which can then grant-aid those in need.

Funding of **£5,000** has been requested towards the cost of installing a lift in their current premises to enable the establishment of a disabled-friendly community resource area with Internet access. The current premises have unrestricted parking and level access. It is understood that the lift could be moved to alternative premises if this becomes necessary in the future.

**Decision from June round of funding: Application deferred for further enquiries & a meeting with applicant.** 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.

### 3.6 **Guardian Angels – New Support Group**

Guardian Angels is a new group offering a befriending service to support adults and young people over 16 through the process of reporting historic abuse, and moving on afterwards. After initial conversations with Sussex Police it is acknowledged there is a deep gap, through which people are falling and that there is a need for a support service to which people can be referred. Between October 2012 and March 2013 the NSPCC received 1,654 reports by adults of historic abuse. Sussex Police received in excess of 2,000 calls on this topic between June and August 2013.

Funding of **£4,800** is requested to establish Guardian Angels by the following activities;

- Governance, adoption of constitution, and charitable registration

- Policies and procedures
- Insurance
- Logo, website, IT equipment
- Broadband Service, marketing
- Rental of desk space in Fishersgate
- Telephone service
- Training for volunteers
- Volunteer expenses
- Meeting room hire

*Once Guardian Angels are established, there will be further fund raising from sources such as Sussex Police. However, the initial investment above will ensure the service can be launched, and be operated by volunteers for one year.*

### 3.7 **Lancing Regeneration – Adur Sea of Lights**

Adur Sea of Lights is a pilot Christmas event to be held in Lancing at the same time as the Christmas shopping event but aimed at the whole of the Adur District. It centres on the creation of lanterns and culminates in a procession/ performance that the whole community can participate in. Working with local schools, lantern making and sea themed activities will take place before the event.

Its main aims are:

- To bring an artistic and inspiring event to Lancing and Sompting, reaching out to sections of the community who would not otherwise be part of an artistic endeavour.
- To inspire a sense of community and friendship within Adur.
- To be totally inclusive and highly accessible.
- To bring additional business into Lancing's shopping street and Christmas market.
- To boost the local economy and showcase local talent.
- To become a reasonable sized annual event that would put Lancing on the local arts map.

Funding of **£2039** is requested to provide suitable access for disabled children and adults to Monks Rec by renting outdoor event flooring, which will also help protect the football pitches used by local groups. To provide two disabled port-a-loo's and to purchase materials to complete a lantern and banner which will be installed in Asda's foyer to advertise the event.

Adur District Council regeneration team has also awarded Lancing Regeneration £2,202 from its event budget for this event.

### 3.8 **Lancing United Football Club** – This was deferred from the last round in June.

Funding of **£2442** has been requested to make improvements to their current changing facilities. Repairs to the roof and floor of the shower room needs to be made along with other general maintenance to bring it up to a decent standard.

**Decision from June round of funding: Application deferred to enable a site visit to be made.** 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.

### 3.9 **SASBAH**

Their overall mission is to work with those in Sussex who have Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus to create and develop their potential. Services include:-

- The Advisor Service – information, advice, advocacy, support on all issues of need for service users
- The Social Programme – full and varied programme of social events and a Buddy Scheme
- The Education Advice Service – helping young service users get the best from their education
- Youth Work – fortnightly youth groups, an active Young People's Committee, special youth projects, and condition-specific support for young disabled people to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Residential Breaks – supported respite and activity holidays for different age groups
- The Health Project – a multi-disciplinary clinic offering specific health care advice and treatment to over 100 individuals each year
- Welfare Grants – providing urgent financial assistance where no statutory help is available
- SASPIRE, a social enterprise – enabling service users to train, gain work experience and manage their transition to employment (new centre about to open in Worthing).

Funding of **£3,000** has been requested to continue to provide the Advisor Service, Social Programme and Buddy Scheme for Adur residents. There are currently 32 registered users from the Adur District who benefit from these services.

***Previously awarded £3,000 in 2011/12 for services in Adur.***

### 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 **£35,547** remaining in this grants pot following the allocation of these grants, if all the applications are agreed by the Cabinet Member.
- 5.2 It is recommended that this competitive grants process, using the same criteria, is opened again in the current financial year, 2013/14 in January 2014, providing voluntary and community sector groups with another opportunity for funding.
- 5.3 There is £42,257 which was carried forward from the 2012/13 grant budget which is to be used for issues directly relating to the Welfare Reforms.

## **6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member
- i) Makes decisions concerning the allocation of the 2013/14 Adur Community Grants budget in line with the suggested scoring criteria;
  - ii) Agrees to one further competitive grants process, using the same criteria, being run in the current financial year

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background Papers:**

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 report to Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing June 2013

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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 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