



Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing
9 June 2016
Decision to be taken on or after 17 June 2016

Ward: Various

Key Decision: Yes / No

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2016/17 Round 1

Report by the Director for Communities

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report requests the Executive Member to consider the allocation of the 2016/17 grants budget in the first round of applications. Seven applications were received before the closing date of 27th May 2016. The applications total **£22,662.10** and the amount in the grants budget is **£76,620.00**

2.0 Background

- 2.1 There is no legal obligation on the Council to provide financial or other assistance to voluntary and community groups. 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**.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The eight applications received in the first round of 2016/17 grants will be scored against the criteria set out on the application form – see copy of scoring criteria in **Appendix 2**.

3.0 Proposals

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

3.1 Adur Arts Forum – Autumn Concerts

Adur Arts Forum has a reputation for organising high quality music performances and activities at affordable prices. For over 30 years the Arts Forum has delivered a series of concerts in the autumn.

Composer and guitarist Chris Gander, Music Director of the Forum plans the concert series each year with a mix of experienced and professional musicians, young performers starting their career and local talented musicians who perform at the free lunchtime concerts.

The programme for 2016 includes four lunchtime concerts during October and November, in September there will be a Magicircus in and around St Mary de Haura church which will include music, dance, drama and poetry. The concert series attracts an audience each year with a high quality classical guitar concert and in 2016 the guitarist will be David Keating, an award winning guitarist who will include a specially composed piece by Chris Gander in his programme. Further evening concerts are also planned.

Funding of **£2,000** is requested to go towards the costs of venue hire, piano hire and tuning, materials for Magicircus, publicity, professional fees and administration costs. The remaining funding will come from, ticket sales, collections and donations and contributions in kind.

3.2 The As You Are Centre – Family Focus

The As You Are Centre are seeking funding of **£5,000** to enable them to deliver services that will strengthen and support local families. Using a SWOT analysis approach they have identified areas that can strengthen, weaken, provide opportunities or threaten the wellbeing and integrity of families. The Family Focus project will harness the experience of the team to;

- Reduce damaging use of alcohol,
- Educate parents and young people on the harmful effects of New Psychoactive substance (legal highs),
- Provide parents with the skills and knowledge to talk to young people about dangers of on-line pornography,
- help young people identify and understand the harmful impact of on-line pornography
- Promoting positive mental health
- Provide Anger management
- Provide low cost relationship therapy

To support and strengthen this work in the local community they will provide training to local volunteers and professionals on;

- Understanding New Psychoactive Substances
- Damaging impact of over exposure to on-line pornography
- Two local therapists will be trained to provide relationship Therapy

This project will work with local families to

- Develop Strengths
- Challenge issues that can weaken or disrupt the structure of the family

Through training and psycho-educational groups the centre will provide opportunities for family members and professionals to improve their knowledge and acquire useful and practical skills that; improve communication within families, ensure a better understanding of mental ill health, more people equipped to deal with their own depression and anxiety.

3.3 Fishersgate Boxing Club – Boxing Ring, Equipment and Coach Development

After recently having to relocate from their premises at the Fishersgate Centre the club is keen to continue to develop and funding of **£4956.99** is requested towards the following:

To replace the boxing ring, and improve the training equipment and coaching available to those using the club:

Boxing Ring

They currently have the smallest size of boxing ring 10ft x 10ft and plan to replace with a 14ft x 14ft ring in order to train boxers for competition, and coach recreational boxers (those wishing to keep fit and not box competitively) more effectively they require a larger ring. This enables a greater range of boxing skills in relation to movement and ring craft to be developed. It also enables sparring to be more competitive. Alongside this it will enable them to invite other clubs to the gym for sparring. This both beneficial for the boxers and brings people into the community of Fishersgate. This is a key part of preparation for competitive sparring and really helps to develop and maintain a competitive spirit at the boxing club.

Equipment

The club would like to improve equipment available to boxers and coaches to help with strength and conditioning. The key elements of equipment that are required are Olympic lifting bars, Olympic weights and core stability training equipment.

Coaching

The club wishes to invest further in developing their coaches via the England Boxing Coaching Programme.

3.4 National Coastwatch Institution Shoreham – Replacement Radar System

Coastwatch is a voluntary organisation which has replaced many small coastguard stations which were closed. It is a registered charity managed by a board of trustees nationwide, manned by volunteers 365 days a year. Each station is self-supporting, and raises its own funds to run, and supply equipment etc.

Each Coastwatch lookout is staffed by a team of trained and dedicated volunteers who keep a visual daylight watch around the coastline, harbours and beaches of England and Wales. Despite improving safety standards and training accidents do still happen, and computers can't spot a distress flare, an overturned boat, a yacht having problems, a water sport enthusiast in difficulties or children in distress.

To enable them to continue to cope with increasing demands a new radar system is required. Funding of **£4,000** is being requested. Current equipment is out of date and cannot match the pace of new technology and the volume of marine traffic they now have to cope with. Further funding will be raised from general fundraising activities and charitable donations. The Full cost of the equipment required is **£7,729.86**.

3.5 International Neighbours – Festival

International Neighbours have been staging this event for the last six years. The event is aimed at breaking down barriers through social interaction and encouraging friendship between the many ethnic and traditional groups from the community. To alleviate fear of the 'other' and to introduce the traditional community to the food, music and customs of other cultures.

Funding of **£1,650** is requested to go towards the costs of first aid cover, insurance, publicity, administration, performers expenses, prize awards for the art competition and art and design.

3.6 Original Allstars Music Ltd CIC – Allstars Audio Recording Studio

A recording studio for Allstars members and the Adur community.

Original Allstars would like to use their base at Penhill Arts Centre to incorporate a recording studio for the use of young bands and musicians in the Adur area. The project will involve converting a small room currently named the Green Room at the Centre into a 'live' room for recording, whilst using a separate adjacent room for post-production mixing.

They also intend to ensure they can use the same equipment in their mobile stage vehicle, allowing them to record and mix live performances as well as taking a mobile recording studio to other parts of Adur to allow young people to record their music. This will allow their mobile stage to be used at times when it is not necessarily being used for live performances.

The recording studio will require the acquisition of a studio mixing console plus monitors, sound processors and music editing software.

Funding of **£2555.11** is being requested to purchase the necessary equipment for this to happen.

3.7 Shoreham River Fest Group – Shoreham River Fest 2016

River Fest is a project that encompasses various venues in the town.

The event takes place over August bank holiday weekend and includes sport, art, music and social activities. The event takes place in a variety of venues including shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs. River Fest also uses public areas such as Coronation Green, East Street and Adur Recreation Ground. The main part of the activity takes part on Coronation Green.

There are no disabled toilet facilities available in the centre of town and to make the event accessible for the disabled community, we will need to provide both improved access and toilet facilities on Coronation Green.

We are also going to provide facilities for families with young children and the elderly including extra seating and cover in the event of bad weather.

Funding of **£2,500** is being requested to help towards the cost of the marquee hire, chairs and tables, security, toilet hire, inc. cleaning and advertising. The remaining funding will come for commercial sponsorship and in kind contributions.

4.0 Legal

4.1 "Section 1 Localism Act 2011 provides a Local Authority with the power to do anything that individuals generally may do, providing no other legislation exists to prevent it. This provision confers power upon the Local Authority to do it in any way whatever, including power to do it anywhere in the UK or elsewhere, for a commercial purpose, or without charge, and for the benefit of the Authority, its area or persons resident, or not."

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There will be approximately **£53,957.90** remaining in this grants pot following the allocation of these grants, if all the applications are agreed by the Executive member

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 It is recommended that the Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing makes decisions concerning the allocation of the 2015/16 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.