

Ward: Various

Key Decision: Yes/ No

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2016/17 Round 2

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 second round of applications. Nine applications were received before the closing date of 26th September 2016 and there is one deferred application from the previous round. The applications total **£37,359** and the amount in the grants budget is **£44,852.13** which includes an amount of £6,134.37 already committed but not yet spent.

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 nine applications received in the second 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 nine new applications can be seen below.

3.1 Adur Special Needs Project – Support Services

Adur Special Needs project run weekend play schemes in the Adur area for children between 5 and 15 years of age who present with a wide range of special/additional needs and disabilities. The focus of their work is to provide these youngsters with a diverse range of fun, stimulating and challenging activities twice a month, whilst also affording their families respite whilst their children are with them.

In order to do this effectively, safely and legally there are a number of overheads which need to be met in order to continue to provide this valuable service to their users.

Funding of **£5,000** is being requested to cover the costs of office hire, payroll fees, staff training and cost associated with outings, and activities.

3.2 Battle Heritage

Funding of **£4,000** is being requested to promote the new sport of Modern sword fighting. This sport is developing in other European countries and they believe will become very popular in the UK. The sport includes competitions using medieval weapon replicas (soft weapons) together with soft protective equipment (soft helmets, body protection, arms and legs protection). As the weapons used are light and soft the injury risk is negligible, which allows the promotion of this sport among groups of younger people (target age 10 – 16).

3.3 CHAT – Support Services

To establish CHAT by the following activities:-

- Governance, adoption of constitution and charitable registration
- Policies and procedures
- Insurances (1 yr)
- Logo, website, IT equipment
- Broadband service, marketing (1 yr)
- Rental of desk space in Fishersgate (1 yr)
- Telephone services (1 yr)
- Training of volunteers (1 yr)
- Volunteers' expenses (1 yr)
- Meeting room hire (1 yr)

Once CHAT is established, there will be further fundraising from sources such as the Sussex Police Authority. However, the initial investment above will ensure that the service can be launched, and operate totally voluntarily for one year.

Funding of **£4,800** has been requested to establish the set-up of this organisation.

3.4 CRUSE Bereavement Services – Support Services

Cruse West Sussex Area requests funding of **£3,780** to contribute to the running of its core bereavement support services serving bereaved people living in the Adur District.

These include:

- One to one bereavement support in the client's home
- Access to bereavement support via the telephone and email helplines
- Specially trained bereavement volunteers to support children and young people
- Opportunities to meet socially at friendship groups
- Access to a drop in service for all ages

- Longer term support for those caught in complex situations
- Information and leaflets for adults, children and young people
- Trained bereavement volunteer based at the Lancing Village Action Shop dedicated to providing information to bereaved people on a drop in basis
- The new bereavement support group in Shoreham-by-Sea based at the Old School House
- Bereavement training opportunities for people wishing to support the bereaved in West Sussex and for professionals working in the health and social services sectors

3.5 Fishersgate Residents Association – Christmas Event

FRA are requesting funding of **£5,000** to go towards an extravaganza at Fishersgate Community Centre to bring in Christmas and the New year with a 'New Way of Thinking' and up beat positive volunteering appeal to make Fishersgate a place to be proud of. Funding would go towards the cost of:

- Entertainment
- Lights
- Food
- DJ
- Santa
- Leaflets (volunteering in Fishersgate)
- Brochure / Guide for activities in the newly managed centre
- Food Stalls
- Beer Tent
- Christmas Presents
- Games

3.6 SASBAH – Support Services

SASBAH is requesting funding of **£3,000** for support for many of the services that Sasbah provides for those in Adur district, principally the Adviser Service, the Social Programme and Buddy Scheme, and our West Sussex training and work experience centre (although all our services are available to residents of Adur who may need to take advantage of them). Taken together, these contribute substantially to improving the health, well-being, social inclusion, and community cohesion of those with the substantial disabilities that SASBAH support. Of particular importance is responding to the problems of social isolation for this group, which are prevalent as a direct result of their conditions (those with hydrocephalus suffer from feelings of rejection and isolation). The application covers just the proportion of our services (7%) that are delivered in the Adur district for our service users there.

3.7 Shoreham Football Club – Café equipment

Funding of **£2,000** is being requested by Shoreham FC to open a community café so that the club can provide much needed refreshments and a vital service to the Middle Road Recreation Park. This is situated in a deprived area and there is no place for parents, children and the community as a whole to go while using the park.

The intention is to attract more of the community young and old to use Middle Road park. This would also include access to much needed toilet facilities.

3.8 Wickers Gymnastics Club – Vaulting Table

Funding of **£2,279** is being requested by Wickers Gymnastics Club to upgrade their current vaulting table which is 13 years old and a flatter style which is no longer used a competition.

The new flat style vault table comes under the up to date F.I.G. regulations and is used in major competitions at county and Regional level in which Wickers gymnasts participate in.

3.9 West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service – Bicycle Lights

Funding of **£2,500** is being requested to fund a programme of cycle safety instruction aimed at high school aged children (generally year 9) as they commonly use bikes to get to school and for transport in general.

The focus is on safety and why collisions and injuries occur with help and advice on how to avoid these problems and situations.

The lights are a crucial help as they penetrate motorist peripheral vision as most cycle / car collisions are caused by motorists not seeing the cyclist in the first place. This programme is already running in Worthing and this funding will allow it to take place in Adur with the purchase of bike lights.

3.10 The As You Are Centre

This application was deferred from the last round of grants. Since then a visit took place at the centre where further discussions took place.

Decision: To be funded to the full amount requested of £5,000.

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 **£7,493.13** remaining in this grants pot following the allocation of these grants, if all the applications are agreed by the Executive member. There is also a further £16,488.80 which was carried forward from 2015/16 for identified projects for which applications have not yet been received.

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Executive Member makes decisions concerning the allocation of the 2016/17 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.