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<b>Record of Decision:</b> Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2012/13
<b>Decision taken by:</b> Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing
<b>Declaration of Prejudicial Interests:</b> None
<b>Declaration of Personal Interests:</b> The Cabinet Member reports some contact with Growing Artists in relation to their business planning. This contact, while it may be interpreted as personal, is not considered as prejudicial.
<b>Decisions:</b> <b>CW2011/0011 Growing Artists</b> This organisation has the potential for increased local participation and focusing on disengaged and disenfranchised young people. However, it would be beneficial for the organisation to better connect with other local community organisations and to link more effectively with the Voluntary Sector Support Officer in the provision of appropriate quantitative and qualitative data. It is on this basis that the grant has been awarded. In making this decision and in the light of his personal interest in Growing Artists The Cabinet member took notice of advice from his advisors. <b>Award £3,000</b> <b>CW2011/0016 Shoreham Wordfest</b> Literacy remains a key issue in the district affecting employability and consequently issues around health and wellbeing. Part of the application makes provision for addressing this issue alongside encouragement for more people to visit the Adur district during the time of the Wordfest. This is the first festival of this nature part funded by the district council and it will be helpful to receive information regarding take-up, public involvement and outcomes in relation to learning from the implementation of literacy initiatives. <b>Award £2,100</b> <b>CW2011/0015 Blueprint 22 – Keeping it Green 2012 Allotment Project</b> Blueprint 22 is an umbrella organisation promoting positive activities for young people. The objective of the organisation, to motivate young people to become involved in projects designed for young people by young people, is totally supported. However, it is disappointing that the organisation has not taken advantage of the opportunity to fully identify the value of this project within the application. That being said, it has the potential to provide an important message to young people about healthier living, the opportunities for growing their own food and an interest about dietary considerations. This grant is made subject to a link being established between the organiser, Blueprint 22 as the sponsoring organisation and the appropriate Neighbourhood Worker currently engaged on similar projects in Adur. It is anticipated that Blueprint 22 will subsequently submit information as to the wider take-up of the opportunities by young people and the effectiveness of the project. <b>Award £750</b>

### **Adur Youth Council – Young People’s Voice**

For some time there has been an absence of the voice of young people in the Adur district and it has proved extremely difficult to effectively consult them and show the positivity that has accrued from their involvement in policy decisions. The reformation of a youth council is seen as an important foundation in developing the greater involvement of local young people in the decision-making process affecting the community of Adur. There is a willingness in local schools to support this initiative and the grant is to enable the formation of a youth council and provide the basis for them to contribute effectively to issues affecting the health and wellbeing of local young people. The strength of this project is that it is volunteer-led and not led by an employed member of any statutory body.

**Award £4,214**

### **Citizens Advice Bureau**

The CAB is an essential service provided for the people of Adur, historically supported by the Council. In recent times there have been some difficulties in providing a 100% effective service affected, in some instances, by the difficulties experienced with the Legal Services Commission contract. Following the re-organisation locally to reduce the cost of back office support there is a need for one-off funding to enable the new combined organisation to bed in and to effectively deal with the backlog of calls and service requirements for local people. This is not seen as an ongoing sustainability issue over and above the normal council grant and this additional grant is made on that basis.

**Award £30,000**

### **Adur Voluntary Action**

AVA provides a unique and essential link with other community sector bodies and volunteers across the district. Their involvement, and therefore the involvement of other voluntary bodies, is essential in Big Society initiatives and developing community self help, engagement and partnerships delivering services to the community.

Volunteering is a key part of the community sector and this programme, setting up two further important interfaces with the community in Lancing and Shoreham, will enhance community capacity and provide an essential focus for local involvement. It is important to recognise that ‘voluntary’ does not mean ‘free’, and that a sufficiency of funding is provided as an enabler for this project. This grant is to provide part funding towards a part-time development worker for these new opportunities.

**Award £10,000**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Balance £</b>
<b>Commencing Balance (2012-13)</b>		<b>82,460</b>
Wordfest	2,100	80,360
Growing Artists	3,000	77,360
Blueprint 22	750	76,610
Adur CAB	30,000	46,610
Adur Voluntary Action	10,000	36,610
Adur Youth Council	4,214	32,396
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>50,064</b>	

These grants were agreed as part of the last financial year (2011/12), but due to unavoidable delays, were not paid out in time to be included in the last years budget. Therefore, subject to agreement by the Adur Cabinet, the residue from the financial

year 2011/12 of £50,064, shown as an underspend in the community grants budget, will be rolled over into the current year community grants, and the above grants paid out of the 2012/13 allocation to avoid any further delays for projects awaiting essential funding.

**Key Decision:** No

**Reasons for the Decision:** To provide effective support to vulnerable people in our community and to assist in achieving the core objectives of Adur District Council.

**Alternative Options Considered:** All grants were considered against the published criteria to no alternative options were considered.

**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	x
Health & Safety Issues	x		

**Consultation:** Consultation was undertaken with the Advisors to the Cabinet Member, Cllrs Debbie Kennard, Liza McKinney and Peter Metcalfe prior to the decisions being made.

**Background Papers:** Report by the Executive Head of Planning, Regeneration & Wellbeing dated 23 January 2012. Record of Decisions re above Report dated 20 February 2012

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**Call-in:** The call in deadline for this decision will be Wednesday 16 May 2012.

**Signed:**



**Name:** Councillor David Simmons

**Date:** 8 May 2012

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