

WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM

15 January 2008

COMMUNITY GRANTS – REVENUE AWARDS 2008/09

REPORT OF HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WTF85 - COMMUNITY GRANTS – REVENUE AWARDS 2007/08 – 16 JANUARY 2007

WTF64 - COMMUNITY GRANTS – REVENUE AWARDS - 16 JANUARY 2007

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Town Forum is requested to consider revenue funding for twenty two applications to be met from the Town Charge. This is further to the Town Forum's agreement to undertake this role from 2004/05 onwards.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Town Forum, subject to Council approval of the 2008/09 budget provision makes the following decisions on Revenue Grants:

- 1 That the applicants below be awarded the following amounts in revenue grant
 - (i) Age Concern - £290
 - (ii) Carroll Centre - £500
 - (iii) Deaf Plus - £200
 - (iv) Hat Fair - £3,468

- (v) Home Start Winchester - £500
- (vi) Nightshelter (Winchester Churches) - £400
- (vii) Olive Branch - £100
- (viii) Relate - £500
- (ix) Stanmore Combined - £500
- (x) Streetreach (Winchester Detached Youth Group) - £1,350
- (xi) Trinity Winchester - £3,417
- (xii) Trinity Winchester (Women's Centre) - £306
- (xiii) Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau - £9,690
- (xiv) Winchester Festival - £200
- (xv) Winchester Folk Festival (MAYfest) - £100
- (xvi) Winchester Live at Home Scheme - £550
- (xvii) Winchester Mencap - £500
- (xviii) Winchester Young Carers - £200
- (xix) Winchester Youth Counselling - £250
- (xx) Winnall Community Centre - £500
- (xxi) Winnall Junior Youth Club - £100
- (xxii) Winnall Rock School - £500

2. That an additional amount of £4,000 to be set aside so that the City Council can provide a total of £25,000 to match fund the County Council's funding to provide funding to enhance arts programming in Winchester following the changes to the Tower Arts Centre.
3. That in considering the overall 2008/09 Town Account budget
 - a. The unspent capital grant of £2,600 that was awarded in 2005/06 should be added to 2008/09 for use in supporting new applications.
 - b. The grant budget should be increased by an additional £2,711 to provide a total grant budget of £30,311.

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DETAIL:

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the revenue grant applications made by organisations that are clearly serving residents of the Winchester Town area. The Town Forum is asked to make a recommendation to Cabinet for the grant to be awarded to the organisations from the Winchester Town Account.
- 1.2 The original application forms and supporting documents are held in the Partnership and Communications Division of the Policy Group. Any Member wishing to study the forms prior to the meeting should contact the Partnership and External Funding Officer who will make the necessary arrangements.
- 1.3 All recommendations are in accordance with the Terms of Reference agreed for the Town Forum in 2007/2008.

2 The Budget

- 2.1 The baseline grant budget currently stands at £25,000 for both Revenue and Capital grants.
- 2.2 An organisation previously awarded a capital grant in 2005/06 has now revised their project and will not be taking up the full amount offered leaving an unspent sum of £2,600. It is requested that this sum be carried forward to 2008/09 for use in supporting new applications. This means that a total budget of £27,600 would be available for allocation in 2008/09 for both Revenue and Capital Grants.
- 2.3 The awards recommended for 2008/09 total £30,311 and is made up of:
 - £24,121 in revenue grant,
 - £4,000 towards a programme to replace the Tower Arts Centre provision,
 - £2,190 in capital grant (detailed in WTF106)
- 2.4 In order to meet these recommendations the grant budget will need to be increased by an additional £2,711. This will be decided upon as part of the budget consideration taking place elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.
- 2.5 In relation to 2008/09 if the Town Forum wishes to increase any of the recommended grant levels the further increase in the grant budget will have to be considered in the context of the overall budget proposals.

3 The Assessment Process

3.1 The recommendations in this report represent the outcome of a robust evaluation process outlined below:

- a) Each application, as outlined in Appendix 1, has been considered against the assessment matrix by an assessment panel comprising the Local Strategic Partnership Manager, the Partnership & External Funding Officer, the Housing Enabling Officer, the Arts Development Officer and the Grants Officer of Community Action Hampshire. This process forms the basis of the recommendations outlined in this report and was undertaken in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport (who holds the remit for grants) and the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities
- b) Each application, as outlined in Appendix 1, has been considered by the Chair of the Town Forum along with an informal group of representatives from the Town Forum, the Partnership & External Funding Officer, and the Corporate Director (Operations). This process forms the basis of the recommendations outlined in this report.

4 Revenue Grants

4.1 In accordance with the agreement for 2004/05 onwards it is recommended that the Town Forum approves grant awards to those organisations which clearly serve residents of the town area. All of these organisations have also been recommended to receive funding from the General Fund. For the majority of the applications the total level of grant recommended (which includes both Town Forum grant and General Fund grant) is more than last year. Some groups have been recommended to receive the same level of funding as last year and a few groups have been recommended to receive a lower grant than last year.

4.2 A brief summary of the organisations recommended to receive Town Forum funding is provided below:

- a) Age Concern – grant will subsidise the cost of lunch clubs for the elderly which are held at four different venues around the Town every week.
- b) Carroll Youth Centre – grant will support the school holiday playschemes and junior club activities at the Centre.
- c) Deaf Plus – grant will enable visits to Winchester residents by the Mobile Advisory Services (MAS) which provides a free and confidential service to all those who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- d) Hatfair – grant will enable participation with local schools and support the general running costs of the event.
- e) Homestart Winchester – grant will enable the training and development of volunteers in order to support vulnerable families with young children below the age of 5 years.
- f) Nightshelter (Winchester Churches) – grant will support the provision of overnight accommodation for the homeless.

- g) Olive Branch – grant will support the work of this group which provides a professional counselling service to improve the mental health of adults in the Winchester district.
- h) Relate – grant will support the work of this group which provides relationship counselling and sex therapy to individuals, families and young people.
- i) Stanmore Combined – grant will enable this group to hold quarterly meetings and communicate with the residents of Stanmore in order to further develop the community plan for the area.
- j) Streetreach (Winchester Detached Youth Group) – grant will enable the continued provision of a detached youth service in Weeke / Harestock / Teg Down and Winchester Town Centre which is especially targeted towards those young people who are at risk of social exclusion.
- k) Trinity Winchester – grant will support the costs of running this day centre which provides food, shelter and advice to socially excluded persons who have one or more of the following issues: homelessness, substance misuse, mental and physical ill health and unemployment.
- l) Trinity Winchester (Women's Centre) – grant will support the running costs of this newly established centre which offers a similar service to the mainstream Trinity Centre but specifically addresses the needs of vulnerable women.
- m) Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau – grant will support the running costs of this service which helps people to understand their rights and responsibilities and assists them in accessing relevant services.
- n) Winchester Festival – grant will support the cost of hosting the Schools Art exhibition in the Cathedral, the Children's Concert, and a show from the new Children's Laureate Michael Rosen.
- o) Winchester Folk Festival (MAYfest) – grant will support the 2008 festival which will run from 15th May to 18th May. Workshops will be held to enable young people to participate in the festival.
- p) Winchester Live at Home Scheme – grant will enable the continuation of this scheme for older people (aged 65+) in the Winchester area and which is particularly targeted at those who are socially isolated and housebound. The group provides five main services, a one to one befriending service, and four group-based services including a friendship club, a lunch club, an exercise club and an arts and crafts club.
- q) Winchester Mencap – grant will enable the Blue Apple Theatre to expand both by increasing the membership capacity and the range of provision available.
- r) Winchester Young Carers – grant will support running costs of this group which provides support to young people (under 18 years of age) who have a caring responsibility for a family member who has a disability or long term illness.

- s) Winchester Youth Counselling – grant will help support the running costs of this group which provides a free confidential counselling service to young people aged 11-25 years old.
- t) Winnall Community Association - grant will support the playschemes held during each school holiday.
- u) Winnall Junior Youth Club – grant will support the provision of a weekly youth club and activities for children aged 8-13 years.
- v) Winnall Rock School – grant will support the continued provision of free weekly music workshops which target socially disadvantaged young people in the 10-18 age range.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

5 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 5.1 The priority areas for revenue grant funding are in line with the Winchester City Council Corporate Strategy 2007 - 2012, and the Winchester District Community Strategy (updated March 2007).
- 5.2 In particular the community grants scheme is of direct relevance to the five outcomes identified in the Winchester District Community Strategy.
- 5.3 A number of the above projects are assisted under the well-being power in S2 Local Government Act 2000. This is the power to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of the area – and is relevant to partnership working with other community organisations. The Council has to have regard to any relevant provisions of the community strategy, as well as the above strategies in making grants.
- 5.4 All of the above projects contribute to the delivery of the community strategy, in particular the outcomes of 'Health & Well Being', 'Inclusive Society', 'Freedom from Fear', 'Economic Prosperity', and 'High Quality Environment'. Detail for each application is provided in Appendix 1.
- 5.5 The Statutory Guidance on the well-being power would not prevent grants being made as proposed. Some projects can also be justified under other powers e.g. S19 Local Government Act 1976 – non-profit making recreation projects; S142 Local Government Act 1972 – advice on people's rights; S 145 Local Government Act 1972 – promotion of the arts and S73 Housing Act 1985 – assistance for voluntary organisations concerned with homelessness.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The amounts recommended for both revenue grant and capital grant awards in 2008-2009 can only be met if £2,600 that will not now be spent in 2007/08 is rolled forward, and there is a further increase of £2,711 to the grants budget making the available total £30,311. Consideration of the budget for 2008/09 and the implications for future years is taking place elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

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Town Account Revenue Grants 2008/09

Name	Total Revenue Grant Award 2007/2008	Town Fund Contribution 2007/2008	Revenue Grant Request 2008/09	Total Proposed Revenue Grant 2008/09	Recommended Town Fund Contribution 2008/09	Primary Outcome in line with Community Strategy (2007) and Corporate Priorities (2007-2012)	Supported by Town Forum in 2007/08
Age Concern	No request	No request	£2,920.00	£1,790.00	£290.00	Health and Wellbeing - improving the well being of older people	
Carroll Youth Centre	£5,125	£500	£8,425	£6,000	£500	Health and Wellbeing - supporting the needs of children, young people and families	✓
Deaf Plus	No request	No request	£2,000	£1,200	£200	Health and Wellbeing - improving the well being of older people	
Hatfair	£33,825	£3,400	£40,000	£33,893	£3,468	Economic Prosperity - supports vibrant city, town and village centres.	✓
Homestart Winchester & Districts	£5,000	£500	£5,000	£5,000	£500	Health and Wellbeing - supporting the needs of children, young people and families	✓
Nightshelter (Winchester Churches)	£4,000	£400	£12,000	£4,000	£400	Health and Wellbeing - supporting the housing needs of vulnerable people	✓
Olive Branch (The)	£1,000	£100	£2,000	£1,100	£100	Health and Wellbeing - improving mental health and wellbeing	✓
Relate	£5,125	£500	£5,500	£4,500	£500	Health and Wellbeing - improving mental health and wellbeing	✓
Stanmore Combined	£500	£500	£2,000	£1,000	£500	Inclusive Society - promote good relationships between all sections of the community	

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Streetreach - Winchester Detached Youth Project	£8,500	£850	£12,200	£9,350	£1,350	Inclusive Society - promote good relationships between all sections of the community	✓
Trinity - Women's Centre	3000	300	£10,000	£4,000	£306	Inclusive Society - promote good relationships between all sections of the community	✓
Trinity Centre	£88,253	£3,350	£97,078	£90,019	£3,417	Inclusive Society - promote good relationships between all sections of the community	✓
Winchester CAB	£130,337	£9,500	£133,600	£132,944	£9,690	Inclusive Society - promote good relationships between all sections of the community	✓
Winchester Festival	£2,000	£200	£5,000	£3,000	£200	Economic Prosperity - supports vibrant city, town and village centres.	✓
Winchester Folk Festival (WinMAD)	£1,000	£100	£1,000	£1,000	£100	Economic Prosperity - supports vibrant city, town and village centres.	✓
Winchester Live at Home Scheme	£5,500	£550	£10,000	£6,550	£550	Health and Wellbeing - improving the well being of older people	✓
Winchester Mencap	No request	No request	£5,000	£1,500	£500	Health and Wellbeing - increased opportunities to participate in sporting and cultural activities	
Winchester Young Carers	£2,100	£200	£2,100	£2,100	£200	Health and Wellbeing - supporting the needs of children, young people and families	✓
Winchester Youth Counselling	£2,500	£250	£5,000	£3,000	£250	Health and Wellbeing - improving mental health and wellbeing	✓

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Winnall Community Centre Playscheme	£5,104	£500	£6,800	£5,500	£500	Health and Wellbeing - supporting the needs of children, young people and families	✓
Winnall Rock School	£5,000	£500	£8,000	£5,500	£500	Health and Wellbeing - increased opportunities to participate in sporting and cultural activities	✓
Winnall Youth Club	£1,000	£100	£1,641	£1,500	£100	Health and Wellbeing - supporting the needs of children, young people and families	✓
					£24,121		

Applications received from the following groups were recommended for refusal:

1. King Alfred Youth Activity Centre
2. Leonard Cheshire Disability
3. SCRATCH
4. Vitalise
5. Winchester City Fairtrade Network