Community Revenue Grants - Assessment Matrix

Essential Requirements

Criteria	Low				High
Policy Criteria	Each application MUST meet at least one of the priority areas identified in the criteria				
Evidence of Impact	Application fails to demonstrate how the service impacts on quality of life for users or no demonstrable impact resulting from service provision.	Contributes to quality of life issues for service users however impact difficult to ascertain or poorly demonstrated in application.	Contributes positively on quality of life for service users but some alternative / overlapping provision available.	Contributes positively to the quality of life of service users with little or no alternative service provision available.	Major and demonstrable impact on quality of life for service users. Little or no alternative service provision available.
Evidence of Service Need	Structured and coordinated support across organisations for the target group. Limited additionality resulting from applicant organisation. No service need evident		Service need known however poorly demonstrated in application.		Clearly demonstrates working with 'key' target groups / vulnerable service users. Target groups meet objectives of Corporate Priorities.

Second Stage Matrix Requirements
Score: Low=1, Low/Med=2, Med=3, Med/high=4, High=5

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Partnership Working	No evidence of Partnership links and working or appears to be working in isolation		Some evidence of partnership links and working, possibly on a reactive basis. Prepared to consider wider partnership working		Clear evidence of pro-active, established partnership links and working with other organizations in the sector. Participation in District wide partnerships and forums.
Evidence of Financial Need	Able to function without City Council grant – holds large reserves or has alternative funding mechanisms	City Council funding requested for supplementary 'project' initiatives.	City Council funding requested to support growth in core services	Lack of City Council funding would result in cut backs to core services	Core services unable to survive without City Council funding.
Sustainable Business Planning	No evidence to demonstrate sustainability of service provision beyond current financial year and no evidence of a business planning process.	Heavy reliance on one funding stream and no exit strategy. No medium to long term business planning evident.	Some evidence of self-help and fundraising but requiring some assistance with business planning.	Strong evidence of self-help and fundraising with some business planning.	Focused and flexible towards fundraising and income generation. Long-term business planning in evidence.
Financial Accessibility	Access to provision restricted due to charge levied and limited and fixed concessions. Result is service inaccessible to low income users.		Charges levied with fixed (i.e. not means tested) concessions made widely available across sectors of the community.		Services accessible by all regardless of income (through pricing policy and free if necessary)

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Policy Priorities

Winchester City Council values the work of the voluntary and community sector and their contribution to the health and wellbeing of local communities, in particular relation to early, proactive intervention. The priority areas for Community Revenue Grants, derived from the Community Strategy and the City Council's Corporate Priorities, reflect the Council's appreciation of this valuable work.

*Applicants for revenue grant must demonstrate how the work of their organisation contributes to **at least one** of the following priority areas:*

1. Organisations / work to support vulnerable people within the District and meet their housing needs.

2. Organisations / work to support the needs of children, young people and families focusing on:
   a. Being healthy
   b. Staying safe
   c. Enjoying and achieving
   d. Making a positive contribution
   e. Achieving economic well-being

3. Organisations / work to support informal carers including information, guidance and support.

4. Organisations / work to increase participation in cultural and arts activity in order to improve community & individual expression, skills, health & economic wellbeing and for enjoyment

5. Organisations delivering community based environmental improvement projects.

6. Organisations / work promoting accessible learning in local settings for all sections of the community, in particular in basic literacy, numeracy and in IT skills.

7. Organisations / work to promote and support volunteering and voluntary activity, as well as encouraging local residents to actively participate in their local communities.

8. Organisations / work to increase participation in sport and active recreation to both improve people's individual health and for enjoyment.

9. Organisations / work providing good quality, accessible information and support across all sectors of the community in relation to:
   a. Improving health and well-being,
   b. Improving quality of life
   c. Tackling financial exclusion.