

NOTES – Core Grant Panel Presentation Meeting
Partner Organisations over £12,000
Tuesday 27 November 2012, 9-3, Wykeham Room, Guildhall

Attendees: Councillors: Stallard, Godfrey, Coates (part attendance)
Officers: Eloise Appleby, Melissa Fletcher, Julie Kennedy
Lorraine Ronan

Partner organisations were invited to give a 10 minute presentation on the following key points:-

- Key achievements to date
- Proposed SLA outcomes for 2013/2014
- Finances – unrestricted Reserves position – and an explanation of their adequacy. Amount of grant requested and minimum required and an explanation of any other related grant applications
- Advance copy of your most recent accounts (made up to a date within the last 12 months)
- Forecast position for the current year end (both Income & Expenditure /Receipts and payments Account and Balance Sheet
- Cash flow forecast for 2013/14
- Grant request indication

Recommendations made following the presentations:-

THEATRE ROYAL

Recommendation: Implement previous agreed budget reductions of 25% over 3 years

HATFAIR

Recommendation: £24,500

- Grant request - £24,500 (reduction from £31,500)
- Could consider a reduction if we are going to consider orgs for reduction – Cllr Godfrey
- Integration with Theatre Royal will assist them to fulfil their community activity
- We could consider additional funds to support the Theatre Royal through the transitional period – possibility of an additional £10,000 as a one off payment
- Theatre Royal Transition costs have been approximated at £20,000
- We have discussed paying the Hat fair grant in October in order for them to arrange their activities for May 2013

TRINITY

Recommendation: £99,000 – consider 5% reduction

Action:

- Cash flow forecast does not feed into their balance sheet, there is an accounting inconsistency of £100k – needs to be addressed
- £99,000 – minded to reduce by 5% but subject to the financial investigation
- Pressure is very high on their services due to the economic climate
- 46% of clients are outside of the district

WACA

Recommendation: £89100 pro rata & commissioning approach from January 2014

- Requested £89,100
- The panel discussed potential for commissioning the core service.

- WACA are running a lot of important additional services which are outside of the scope of core service delivery for their SLA although the core and the additional services are interlinked.
- Need to be clear about what our core funding is actually buying in terms of direct, practical support to voluntary organisations within the district – reach, effectiveness etc.
- If the service were to be commissioned, this would affect total core grant allocation for 2013/14. A maximum amount, payable pro-rata, should be proposed as a result.

CAB WINCHESTER DISTRICT

Recommendation: £170,000

- Leave 5% reduction in the budget (Lib Dems imposed a cut of 25% over 3 years however, subsequently then Portfolio Holder proposed a 5% reduction per year over 3 years which Members felt obliged to honour)
- £156k – 5% = £150 + town forum £20k = overall funding of £170,000
- Recommendation = £170,000
- Outreach service in Denmead has been started
- Welfare reform may potentially have a massive impact on supporting client needs
- Potential additional funding for Council tax changes £10,000 for 2 years
- Final costs at the Winchester Centre – an annual figure has yet to be agreed with Estates, although ECA has been liaising on this.

CARROLL CENTRE

Recommendation: £15,000

- EA - New ways of working, most dynamic and been proactive, very far from being an inert community centre
- Opening up to families and becoming a community hub
- Hosting the sessions for the planning framework and library
- Cllr Godfrey – recommended grant stays the same

KAYAK

Recommendation: £12,000

Actions (response received)

- Finances – should we award an increase we need to see the approved 2013/2014 forecast
- If KAYAK came up with a proposal/plans to expand the operation we could consider £3k 2013/2014 – expansion – we need to see what this would look like
- Feedback following resubmitted SLA and the current situation is to keep the grant the same
- KAYAK have not yet approved their 2013/2014 forecast

HOMESTART MEON VALLEY

Recommendation: £10,000

- Cllr Stallard declared her interest in this organisation and abstained from the discussion
- £12,000 (drop from £12-£10k) due to their comfortable financial situation
- Homestart have around 6 months' worth of reserves
- Consider increase Winchester Homestart from £6500 to £8000 – this is what has been requested as they would like a contribution towards new initiatives of: healthy cooking, creative play and improvement in speech and language. LR advised that these activities were already provided by the Children's Centre