

CORE GRANT REVIEW MEETING
Partner Organisations under £12,000 & other applications
5 December 2012, 2-5pm, The Board Room, West Wing

Attendees: Councillors: Stallard, Godfrey,
Coates (part attendance), Tait (part attendance)

Officers: Eloise Appleby, Melissa Fletcher, Julie Kennedy
Lorraine Ronan

Partner organisations

WINNALL ROCK SCHOOL

Recommendation: £8000

Actions (response received)

- Cash flow forecast for 2013/214
- What happens to the equity if they become a charity – is the equity equipment/capital value of instruments - opening equity of £12k & capital in reserves £20,000?

- Charitable status to be a condition in their SLA
- LR service of benefit to the children of Winnall
- Is WRS sustainable in the future? Have discussed other funding sources with them. Condition of grant is that we want to see evidence of a funding bid in the first 6 months
- WRS were up for funding via the CSI panel – likely to be recommended for £3000
- WRS need to investigate partnership working in general
- EA – feedback is excellent from service users
- Expensive activity per head
- Providing all items addressed we would award £8k in total (£3k TF £5K GF)

HOME START WINCHESTER & DISTRICT

Recommendation: £6700

Action (response received)

- £15,000 set aside to scheme expansion – what is this set aside for? (Cllr Tait noted a conservative approach in terms of expansion from AGM observation)
- LR: Good application, good service, good links with children's centres – supportive of the application
- LR: Children's centres provide what they are asking for the additional monies for
- 3.5 months worth of reserves
- Cllr Godfrey after reading the bid he does not feel that they should receive additional funding
- EA supportive of application

AGE UK

Recommendation: £6500

Action (response received)

- No forecast figures for 2013/2014, any finances since March 2011
- Age UK serves just the Winchester Town and a slightly wider area – 15 miles radius
- Should be talking to Age Concern Hampshire who serve Winchester & District
- LR can facilitate supporting Age UK form partnerships through the older peoples partnership
- LR: do not underestimate the level of need by service users
- Cllr Godfrey – what scope to reduce grant, in terms of any duplication of activities by other organisations?

- A condition on the grant: WLAH, Brendoncare, Age UK – doing same things however not similar within the town area, encourage them to talk to each other and streamline what they are doing
- Same client group as WLAH but not comparable as WLAH support people to live in their own homes
- Reserves at 3 months' worth of operating costs

WINCHESTER LIVE AT HOME (WLAH)

Recommendation: £6000

- Large no of vols, wide range of services, memory courses, singing for the brain – LR is very supportive of the service
- Forecasting a £13k loss for 2013/2014
- WLAH & Age UK – grants will be conditional upon providing evidence of working in partnership – can be supported or worked through with the older peoples partnership (LR)

WINCHESTER YOUNG CARERS

Recommendation: £4000

- They have 6 months' running costs in reserves
- Winchester Young Carers are used as a model for Hampshire
- Grant to remain the same

ACTIV8

Recommendation: £4200

Actions (response received)

- 2013/2014 forecast Acti8 or Community Assoc
- 2012/2013 - £1700 (Funding deficit)
- Unrestricted reserves is that after the funding deficit
- Accounts for Winnall Community Assoc – unrestricted reserves of over year – what is that going to be used for?
- Need clarification on the financial situation prior to awarding the grant
- Heavily reliant on WCC grant
- Cllr Godfrey - How many hours for contact time per child?
- Is this running on daily basis in order for adults to attend work?

BLUE APPLE

Recommendation: £6500

Actions (response received)

- New income streams – how secure are they? Pending Lottery Fund and Arts Council – when do they hear back?
- Year end accounts, forecast for 2012/2013
- Forecast is still showing a deficit even with the funds in their forecast
- Finances do not look sound
- It was noted that Blue Apple has achieved a tremendous amount. They have been rewarded in their efforts with the equivalent to an MBE for volunteering, they have a reasonably strong prospects in term of local and national presence
- Grant will not be released until the financial situation is confirmed. Could consider a slight increase dependent on resolving the outstanding finance questions
- Increase to £6500 – however we do want to see their sustainability before awarding them
- Cllr Godfrey - If we are looking to increase the grant for a year only we may need to signify this, minded to increase the grant if possible

MEON VALLEY CARERS

Recommendation: £3000

- Cllr Coates – supportive of this application

WINALL JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Recommendation: £2000

Actions (response received)

- Forecast figures for 2013/2014
- Cost for the leader – not included in the finances
- Check the age range of attendees
- Cllr Godfrey – expensively run for the numbers that attend
- Set targets for 2013/2014?
- Condition on grant - Youth Club must provide evidence of partnership working or joint activities with other organisations/groups
- Times of opening?

NWYCA – * APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN SINCE THE MEETING *

Recommendation: Withdraw partnership status and Defer to Active Community Project Grant

Actions:

- 2011/2011 – £8k fundraising costs but no fundraising income
- £8k on fundraising costs – what were the costs incurred?
- Showing a deficit of £16,000
- Forecast for 12/13 & 13/14
- Comments received from Steve Lincoln and Mark Maitland
- Because of the change of circumstances over the last year we would withdraw partnership status as they do not fit the criteria
- NWYCA does demonstrate partnership working locally
- We need to understand what service would be provided for this grant
- What is the application for? Running some more youth activities?
- We do not fund the running cost of a community association but we would be happy to discuss project funding

Non partner organisations

SOUTH WONSTON TABLE TENNIS CLUB

WINCHESTER LOCAL AREA DOFE COMMITTEE

12TH WINCHESTER GREEN JACKETS SCOUT GROUP

Recommendation: Refer to Small Grants

MAYFEST 2013

Recommendation: £500

BEAT WINCHESTER

Recommendation: Refer to Active Community Project Grant?

DENMEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Recommendation: Refuse as CAs not eligible for core grants

BISHOPS WALTHAM FESTIVAL

Recommendation: £2000

Action (response received)

- 2013/2014 forecast
- Condition of SLA - encourage funding applications from elsewhere

BUMPS TO BUNDLES (NCT)

Recommendation: refer to Active Community Project Grant to apply for one off project funding grant

- LRonan – traditionally NCT did not operate in this area. What research/consultation is proposed service based on?
- It was noted that small numbers of attendance for the grant awarded

WINCHESTER FESTIVAL

Recommendation: £2000

- New era – change of Artistic Director, new ideas, more partnerships
- Worked with Blue Apple, St Swithuns and Osbourne School amongst others
- Open to ideas and new thinking
- Ticket sales down this year, hoping to turn a corner and pick up next year
- Collaborate with the Theatre royal as a venue
- The festival made a loss the last couple of years

RELATE

Recommendation: £1500

Actions (response received):

- Cash flow forecast 13/14 – looks like Relate have just increased 12/13 figures by 10% including pay increases for salaries
- Noted that once again the application was poorly presented application and evidence included was weak, the panel were unconvinced by the application put forward
- LRonan – changes to the legal aid system will not be available for relationship type issues

OLIVE BRANCH

Recommendation: £1000

Actions (response received):

- Loss in 2012
- Loss in 2013
- By end of 2013 no reserves
- Other income unknown
- Showing a deficit of £14k with unknown income
- Grant award subject to responses on financial information

WINCHESTER YOUTH COUNSELLING

Recommendation: £3000

- Much needed tier 2 support – waiting list down from 2 months to 4 weeks – supported by L Ronan
- Strong Council NEETs agenda currently, which is supported by WYC
- Forecast of salaries increased for 2013/2014
- Cllr Godfrey – agreed with £1500 to Relate and £3000 Winchester Youth Counselling

BRENDONCARE CLUB HAMPSHIRE

Recommendation: Refer to Active Community Project Grant to apply for one off project funding grant

- In the documentation why are they called Club Hampshire Southampton?
- The foundation made a grant of £68k to Brendoncare to run the clubs
- Funding request for 44 people – the amount requested makes it quite a costly service provision
- How much of the money is staying local? It looks like 20% is going back out of the operation
- Are they seeking to buy sustainability with this grant?
- Brendoncare Club Hampshire are part of a large organisation who are core funded by HCC they received £108k in 2012/2013 and have applied for £120k for 2013/2014
- We need to understand why do they need this money?
- What difference will £2000 – finances look healthy, the clubs are already running, and what will we be getting for our money – a service that is already provided?

RURAL THEATRE & DANCE

Recommendation: £7500

- Supporting the rural parishes
- Youth participation strand of the Theatre Royal
- Money ring fenced within the Theatre Royal grant, but part of overall SLA
- Education plan presented
- PStallard – impressed with the activities – access to services in the rural areas
- The accounts have been presented and are fundamental to the future plans of the Theatre Royal

WINCHESTER DETACHED YOUTH PROJECT (AKA STREET REACH)

Recommendation: £5000

- Financially healthy
- 6 months' reserves
- Made a surplus in 2012, predicted in 2013
- 13/14 shortfall of income in current projections
- LR has made unannounced checks and visits and has been impressed with the operation, professional and qualified staff, CSI funding recommended, quality provision and the only detached provision locally
- Currently involved with diversionary activities like surfing with Youth Counselling and KAYAK
- Youth work expanded into Littleton, Weeke, Harestock
- They have been commissioned by the County to run services in Alresford and Micheldever
- The majority of their work is in the town area

WINNALL STREET DANCE ACADEMY

Recommendation: £2000

- Noted Active Communities project grant funding 2012/2013 - £2350
- Need to confirm which activity/service we want to core fund – core funding to consolidate the dance projects started – not sure that you are ready to expand as a relatively new organisation
- We feel they still need to prove their organisation and will offer a small core funding grant (£2k max) to do so we would like to see the group grow our money with other funding sources – condition of the grant?
- Could refer to micro business development grant

WinACC

Recommendation: £14,000

Actioned

Cash flow forecast for 2013/14 needs to be resent, errors in it

- Rob Heathcock presented information on this grant
- 2007 cabinet paper – recommendation for a growth bid and agreed, £18k which showed in the base budget for 5 years
- RH could not find where the £18k was taken out of the base budget
- Key partner in delivering the programme board and climate change programme
- We previously had a sustainability officer who was paid £40k, and some of the saving on the post was then used to commission WinAcc to run the climate change work for WCC
- A consideration is to move this money across to cover WinACCs core grant
- What do we get for this = additional advice/expertise and tracking our progress in terms of the overall emissions policy
- Is this service value for money?
- RH stated that if we do not have WinACC we do not have staff capacity/skills in house to deliver the Council's carbon reduction programme
- The core grant is for WinACCs baseline activities - anything outside of this core grant will be commissioned: additional work for Climate change prog board etc needs to be considered additionally.
- Cost for climate change programme commission will be renegotiated at the end of 2012
- WinACC have requested Partner Organisation status
- Cllr Tait – expertise and resource that we can benefit from in a cost effective way – supportive of the application
- Cllr Godfrey – cannot reconcile their objectives with the other community based orgs in grants programme
- Cllr Stallard – would prefer to see lower bid for a first core funding application
- Cllr Godfrey – delivering to a stated amount of services to local residents, we do not have an idea of how many people who would they would be dealing with
- Could consider a condition on the grant in terms of understanding the numbers of people that their project reaches
- Application to be considered with the Leader

General notes:-

Possible questions for next year

Unrestricted reserves

Designated reserves

4 key priorities/achievements

Quality of service provision