

WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM

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COMMUNITY GRANTS – REVENUE AWARDS 2009/10

REPORT OF HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WTF 105 Community Grants – Revenue Awards, 15 January 2008

CAB 1611 Community Grants – Revenue Awards, 13 February 2008

CAB 1685 Future Funding – Tower Arts Centre Programme, 9 July 2008

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Town Forum is requested to consider revenue funding for 19 applications to be met from the Town Account. This is further to the Town Forum's agreement to undertake this role from 2004/05 onwards.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Forum recommend to Cabinet the following :

- 1 That the annual grant budget be increased by an additional £16,758 to provide a total annual grant budget of £41,758. This will require a 2.2% (+£1.21 band D equivalent) increase in tax in 2009/10.

2 That subject to Cabinet and Council approval of the overall grants budget, the amount to be awarded to each of the applicants for a revenue grant from the Winchester Town Account totalling £25,098 should be as follows:

- (i) Carroll Youth Centre - £500
- (ii) Deaf Plus - £250
- (iii) Hat Fair - £3,468
- (iv) Homestart Winchester and Districts - £500
- (v) Nightshelter – Winchester Churches - £400
- (vi) Relate Winchester - £550
- (vii) Stanmore Combined - £550
- (viii) The Olive Branch - £125
- (ix) The Trinity Centre - £3,850
- (x) Winchester & District Mencap - £1,000
- (xi) Winchester & District Young Carers Project - £200
- (xii) Winchester CAB - £9,980
- (xiii) Winchester Detached Youth Work Project - £1,500
- (xiv) Winchester Festival - £200
- (xv) Winchester Live at Home Scheme - £650
- (xvi) Winchester Mayfest - £100
- (xvii) Winchester Youth Counselling - £275
- (xviii) Winnall Community Association - £500
- (xix) Winnall Rock School - £500

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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 An informal group from the Town Forum has met and considered the applications detailed below along with the Partnership and External Funding Officer.
- 1.3 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.

##### 2 The Budget

- 2.1 The baseline Town Account grant budget currently stands at £25,000 for both Revenue and Capital grants.
- 2.2 The awards recommended for 2009/10 total £41,758 and is made up of:
  - £25,098 in revenue grant,
  - £4,000 towards the replacement Tower Arts programme.
  - £12,660 in capital grant (detailed in WTF 125)
- 2.3 In order to meet these recommendations the grant budget will need to be increased by an additional £16,758, and funded by increases in tax. This will be considered as part of the budget proposals taking place elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting (WTF126).
- 2.4 In relation to 2009/10 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 Town Account budget proposals, and funded by the Town Account.

### 3 The Assessment Process

- 3.1 The recommendations in this report represent the outcome of a robust evaluation process. Each application, as outlined in Appendix 1, has been considered against the assessment matrix by an assessment panel comprising the Health and Wellbeing Manager, Community Planning Manager, Local Strategic Partnership Manager, Partnership & External Funding Officer, Housing Enabling Officer, Arts Development Officer and the Senior Rural 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 Communities and Safety (who holds the remit for grants).

### 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.
- 4.2 Applications were received from a total of 26 organisations. Of these applications five were received from new clients. All organisations which have been approved a grant have also been recommended to receive funding from the General Fund.
- 4.3 For the majority of the applications the total level of grant recommended from the Town Forum is the same as last year. 33% of applicants have had a small reduction in their grant award and 19% have had a small increase compared to last year.
- 4.4 No grant awards have been recommended for new applicants.
- 4.5 A brief summary of the organisations recommended to receive Town Forum funding is provided below:
- a) Carroll Youth Centre – grant will support the school holiday playschemes and junior club activities at the Centre.
  - b) 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.
  - c) Hatfair – Hat Fair will be in its 35th year and grant will be used towards the staff costs, office overheads, small-scale artistic programme and educational and community projects. This year the festival will run from 2nd-5th July. It is intended to develop a rural programme as well as to make a piece of outdoor theatre with participants from the homeless shelter explaining some of the reasons behind homelessness.

- d) Homestart Winchester – grant will enable the training and development of additional volunteers (as well as current volunteers) in order to support more vulnerable families with young children below the age of 5 years. Demand for services was high last year and on several occasions the waiting list was closed due to lack of suitable volunteers.
- e) Nightshelter (Winchester Churches) – grant will support the provision of overnight accommodation for the homeless.
- f) 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.
- g) Relate – grant will support the work of this group which provides relationship counselling, family counselling, young persons counselling, as well as a sexual problems service. Grant also subsidises financially disadvantaged clients in Winchester & District.
- h) Stanmore Combined – grant will cover the costs of holding quarterly meetings including the cost of clerking and administration and hire of hall. These meetings along with the community news sheet enable the residents of Stanmore to communicate their concerns and develop the community plan.
- i) Streetreach delivers a year round detached youth work service to vulnerable young people aged 12 -24 years who do not have or are unable to access any other youth provision within the Winchester District. Grant will be used towards the salary costs of the four detached youth workers as well as administration and project management.
- j) 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. Grant will also support the running costs of the Trinity Women’s Centre which offers a similar service to the mainstream Trinity Centre but specifically addresses the needs of vulnerable women.
- k) 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.
- l) Winchester Festival – grant will help to support the cost of hosting the Schools Art exhibition in the Cathedral, as well as the Children’s Concert at St. Swithuns School. It will also support the Doctor Who day at Winchester Discover Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- m) Winchester Folk Festival (MAYfest) – grant will support the 2009 festival and helps towards the cost of putting on the festival, including

musician fees, workshop leaders/tutors for work in schools with children and young people; hiring of venues; traffic management and costs of road closures, publicity - programmes, flyers, etc.

- n) Winchester Live at Home Scheme – grant will enable the continuation of this scheme for older people (aged 65+) in the Winchester area and is particularly targeted at those who are socially isolated and housebound. Grant will support the five main services (Befriending Service, Friendship Club, Lunch Club, Exercise Club, and Arts and Craft Club); four ancillary services (Shopping, Keep-in-Touch, Walking Club and Exercise Mentoring scheme, Bi-monthly Newsletter); and a Holiday Service.
  - o) Winchester Mencap – grant will enable the Blue Apple Theatre to expand both by increasing the membership capacity and the range of provision available.
  - p) 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.
  - q) 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.
  - r) Winnall Community Association - grant will support the playschemes held during each school holiday.
  - s) 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.
- 4.6 A sum of £4,000 has also been set aside as part of the three year agreement to provide a replacement programme for the Tower Arts Centre (CAB 1685). This commitment started in 2008/09 and will end in 2010/11, to be reviewed annually by Town Forum.
- 4.7 The request for grant from Age Concern was refused by the Town Forum grants panel as it was considered that this organisation did not involve the Council sufficiently in its work and that the national charity should be more supportive.

#### 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 of Health and Wellbeing, Freedom from Fear, Economic Prosperity, High Quality Environment, and Inclusive Society, identified in the Winchester District Community Strategy. Detail for each application is provided in Appendix I.
- 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 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 2009/10 can only be met if there is an increase of £16,758 to the grants budget making the available total £41,758. To fund this would require a 2.2% (+£1.21 band D equivalent) increase in tax in 2009/10.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

## APPENDICES:

Appendix I

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Organisation	08/09 Town Award	Total Grant Award 08/09	Requested 09/10	Total Proposed Revenue Grant	Town Award 09/10
Age Concern	£290.00	£1,790.00	£3,280.00	£1,350.00	£0.00
Carroll Youth Centre	£500.00	£6,000.00	£8,000.00	£5,100.00	£500.00
Deaf Plus	£200.00	£1,200.00	£2,000.00	£600.00	£250.00
Hat Fair	£3,468.00	£33,893.00	£39,653.00	£29,532.00	£3,468.00
Homestart Winchester and Districts	£500.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£4,100.00	£500.00
Nightshelter -Winchester Churches	£400.00	£4,000.00	£10,000.00	£3,100.00	£400.00
Relate Winchester	£500.00	£4,500.00	£6,000.00	£3,450.00	£550.00
Stanmore Combined	£500.00	£1,000.00	£1,290.00	£350.00	£550.00
The Olive Branch	£100.00	£1,100.00	£2,000.00	£775.00	£125.00
The Trinity Centre, Winchester	£3,723.00	£94,019.00	£126,481.00	£88,850.00	£3,850.00
Winchester & District Mencap	£500.00	£1,500.00	£4,800.00	£700.00	£1,000.00
Winchester & District Young Carers Project	£200.00	£2,100.00	£2,100.00	£1,600.00	£200.00
Winchester CAB	£9,690.00	£132,944.00	£141,600.00	£121,220.00	£9,980.70
Winchester Detached Youth Work Project	£1,350.00	£9,350.00	£13,600.00	£6,500.00	£1,500.00
Winchester Festival	£200.00	£3,000.00	£5,000.00	£800.00	£200.00
Winchester Live at Home Scheme	£550.00	£6,550.00	£10,000.00	£5,150.00	£650.00
Winchester Mayfest	£100.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£900.00	£100.00
Winchester Youth Counselling	£250.00	£3,000.00	£5,000.00	£2,000.00	£275.00
Winnall Community Association	£500.00	£5,500.00	£7,654.00	£3,500.00	£500.00
Winnall Rock School	£500.00	£5,500.00	£8,500.00	£4,500.00	£500.00
	<b>£24,021.00</b>	<b>£322,946.00</b>	<b>£402,958.00</b>	<b>£284,077.00</b>	<b>£25,098.70</b>



**The following organisations were recommended for refusal**

Age Concern

Emmaus Hampshire

National Childbirth Trust - Winchester

SCRATCH

Vitalise

Winchester Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling

<b>Committed Grant</b>	<b>Total Revenue Grant</b>	<b>Award from General Budget</b>	<b>Town Award 09/10</b>
Tower Arts Programme	£25,000.00	£21,000.00	£4,000.00

<b>Total Proposed Revenue Grant from Town Account</b>	<b>£29,098.70</b>
<b>Total Proposed Capital Grant from Town Account</b>	<b>£12,600.00</b>
<b>Total Proposed Town Grant</b>	<b>£41,698.70</b>