

Agenda Item No: 7

Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 1 July 2013

Report Title: Foreshore Trust - Events Grants 2013/14 (Round 1)

Report By: Sandra Garner
Chair, Foreshore Trust Grants Advisory Panel

Purpose of Report

1. To make recommendations as to which organisations should be funded and the allocations that will be made to each.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To approve the Events Grant allocations to the organisations that have successfully completed the selection process as shown in Appendix A.**
- 2. That the Charity Committee consider reallocating the surplus of £11,460 that remains in the Events Grants budget allocated for 2013/14, and assuming that all recommendations for approval are accepted, to enhance either the next round of Events Grants or the Small Grants fund**

Reasons for Recommendations

To comply with and follow through the recommendations made by the Charity Committee at its meeting on 25 March 2013.

Background

1. At its meeting on 6 March 2013, the Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) was asked, at short notice, to consider how it might process rounds of grant funding for events as identified in the Trust's Business Plan 2013-14.
2. As a general principle, the GAP agreed that it would treat the Events Grants in exactly the same way as it does the Small Grants, using the same forms, processes, and assessment methodologies. The criteria that would determine the types of eligible recipients and the purposes of the Events Grants, these having already been submitted to the GAP by the Council's Head of Amenities, Resorts and Leisure for the GAP's reference at the meeting on 6 March 2013.
3. Also as a general principle, the GAP agreed that it could process applications for approval by the Charity Committee in tandem with its assessment of annual Small Grants applications.
4. The GAP noted that there was an urgency about the 2013-14 programme in order to try to accommodate the 2013 summer season. The Gap considered this and agreed a fast-track timetable for 2013-14 only.
5. The GAP also asked the Charity Committee to consider the following criteria for considering applications from the Events Grants: -
 - a) That the Fund be used as a means to try to extend events activity on the Foreshore beyond the core summer season into the autumn and the winter.
 - b) That a maximum of £2,000 per award be set.
 - c) That applications for funding from the Events Grants be excluded from consideration under the Small Grants if the application is for the same event.
 - d) That the Charity Committee notes that it is proposed that religious events be excluded from being funded under the Events Grants, but that projects that promote religious or racial harmony, or equality and diversity are permissible in the criteria set by the Charity under the Small Grants programme.All of the above criteria were agreed by the Charity Committee at its meeting held on 25 March 2013.

Round 1 - Progress to date

8. The Council, as Administrator for the Small Grants Programme, advertised the programme and the first Round of funding in the April 2013 issue of the Hastings Voluntary Action Newsletter (published on 30 April 2013), and in the Hastings Observer on 2 May 2013.
9. The deadline for receipt of applications was set for 30 May 2013.
10. A total of 6 applications were received. The requested amount was £10,540 in grant funding. The GAP recommends approval of 5 of these applications, totalling £8,540

11. Each of the five members of the GAP appraised and scored all of the applications, having previously declared conflicts of interest which would preclude them from appraising applications from particular organisations. On the basis of these allocated scores, the Panel members then put forward recommendations for approval in whole or in part, or rejection.
12. The GAP met on 18 June 2013 to jointly review the scored applications, and agreed joint recommendations for funding as shown in Appendices A and B.
15. Owing to the extreme shortage of time in this current Round only, the GAP has not had time to revert back to the applicant organisations to clarify certain issues. The GAP therefore draws the Charity Committee to the conditions placed against each of the successful applications, which will require further clarification before any final Offer Letter is issued.
16. The GAP noted that the total amount available for funding under the Events Grant programme is £20,000 and therefore £11,460 remains unallocated. The GAP feels it is important that these funds remain available to the voluntary sector in the town. Therefore GAP recommend that the Charity Committee consider reallocating the surpluses to enhance either the next round of Events Grants or to the Small Grants fund

Policy Implications

17. The requirements to monitor the take up and potential impact of services in terms of equality of opportunity is fully in line with the Foreshore Trust's equalities policy.
18. The Foreshore Trust's Events Grants Programme is a new funding regime that will impact positively on the economic and financial environment in the Borough, and will assist organisations in delivering a range of activities for local people.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No

Organisational Consequences
Local People's Views

No
Yes

Background Information

Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme - Round 1 - May 2013 -
Successful applications recommended for funding

Appendix B - Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme - Round 1 - May 2013 -
Unsuccessful applications

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme - Round 1 - May 2013

Successful applications recommended for funding

Applicant	Project Name	Funding recommended
Claremont Studios Conditions	Ici et La - Here and There An alternative location (currently planned for Galley Hill, which is not on Foreshore Trust land) for the sculptural intervention can be found and on Foreshore Trust land.	1,987
Radiator Arts Conditions	Wish You Were Here The event is staged on at least four different occasions in 2013.	1,945
Photo Hub Group & Stade Partnership Conditions	Stade Annual Open Photography Competition. That the accountable body status be explained, and that accounting arrangements be further clarified. That evidence of Public Liability Insurance in the name of the accountable body be produced. That the costs of framing the photographs be explained and justified. That guarantees that workshops will be organised on a fully open and inclusive basis.	1,800
HBBS Ltd T/A Hastings Borough Bonfire Society Conditions	HBBS Hastings Bonfire Celebration That clarification be sought from Hastings Borough Council as to whether it will be providing an additional £2,000, as stated in the application form.	2,000
Gizmo the DIY Theatre Company Conditions	Beach Live That confirmation is received from the organisation that there will be no entrance charge levied on audiences. That clarification be sought as to how many would be targeted to form audiences and what percentage of these would be	808

Total

children

8,540



Appendix B - Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme - Round 1 - July 2013

Unsuccessful applications

Applicant	Project Name
Hastings Annual Free Beach Concert	Hastings Annual Free Beach Concert
Reasons for recommendation of rejection of application	<p>The application did not provide sufficient financial and budgeting information to award the grant. For example no detail on how or what the grant would be spent on was provided.</p> <p>The Panel also raised concerns regarding the management structure of the organisation and the inclusivity of the event, particularly the selection process for the acts that would perform at the concert.</p> <p>Other reasons for recommending rejection of the application were the absence of: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a constitution or similar;an Equal Opportunities policy;safeguarding policies;and compliance with UK legislation on health & safety matters.