

Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 26th September 2016

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small Grants Programme 2016/17

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Purpose of Report

To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for Small Grants 2016 – 17.

Recommendation(s)

That the Charity Committee:

1. Accept the Small Grants recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1
2. Agree to review the Small Grant guidelines to address issues as set out in the report.

Reasons for Recommendations

The Grant Advisory Panel has appraised the merits of the applications received for Small Grant support and has made a number of recommendations for grant awards that can be funded from the 2016 – 17 budgets. These were assessed with detailed discussion on each application at two GAP meetings held during July 2016.

Background

1. The Foreshore Trust Small Grants Programme is a small grants scheme to address the Foreshore Trust's stated charitable priorities and obligations.
2. Around £50,000 is available for the 2016/17 financial year for small grants of up to £5,000 each.

Small Grants Awards 2016 - 17

3. The process used to invite and evaluate grant applications was in accordance with the protocols agreed by the Charity Committee in December 2014.
4. The Panel met during July 2016 to discuss the respective merits of each application. Its recommendations are set out in the report from the GAP Chair (Appendix A).
5. All of the applications for funding are assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely they match the priorities of the Charity Committee, value for money and a fair distribution of funds amongst all the priorities and members of the community.
6. In total fifteen projects are recommended for approval with some subject to conditions. All the approved projects are to be delivered starting from October 2016 to September 2017. The amount recommended totals £50,000.
7. The GAP has also suggested a review of the grant guidelines to consider how to address the following issues:
 - Repeat funding request for similar projects from the same organisation
 - Core funding from organisations for staff costs without additionality
 - Applications for funding to raise further funds for the organisation rather than provide a direct service or benefit
 - Substitute funding for cuts to statutory funding to the organisation
8. Officers welcome the review and suggest that the GAP makes recommendations to the Charity Committee as soon as possible, taking into account any further suggestions proposed by the Charity Committee.

Policy Implications

9. The Foreshore Trust's Small Grants Programme is a funding regime that will impact positively on the social and economic wellbeing of residents 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

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	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

Appendix 1 – Report by the Chair of the Grants Advisory Panel with the Panel's recommendations.

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