

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 19th March 2018

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Events Grant 2018 - 2019

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Purpose of Report

To make recommendations as to which organisations should be funded under the Foreshore Trust Events Grant Programme and the allocations that will be made to each.

Recommendation(s)

To consider the Grant Advisory Panel's (GAP) recommendation to award events grants to the organisations shown in Appendix B.

Reasons for Recommendations

The recommended organisations for grant funding have been selected following an open application process, and awarded to those considered by the GAP to best meet the Foreshore Trust's aims and objectives.

Introduction

1. The Foreshore Trust Events Grants Fund is a small grants scheme to increase public enjoyment of the Foreshore Trust's land by encouraging a year-round programme of events. Around £30,000 is available for the 2018/19 financial year for small grants of up to £2,000 each.

2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme, advertised the programme in early December 2017 in the Hastings Voluntary Action newsletter, the Hastings Observer and in East Sussex County Council's external funding newsletter. An e-mail was also circulated to all previous Foreshore Trust grant applicants. The deadline for receipt of applications was 11th January 2018.

Assessment of applications

3. A total of 45 enquiries were received for the events grant and by the closing date, 17 applications were actually received. The total amount requested was £33,354.

4. The GAP met on 13th February 2018 to review and score the applications. In pairs, each of the eight members appraised and scored a selected number of applications and this was then jointly reviewed at the meeting.

5. All GAP members had previously declared conflicts of interest which precluded them from appraising applications from particular organisations.

6. In assessing the applications, the GAP attempted to ensure the events were spread out throughout the year and at as many different areas of the Foreshore Trust land locations as possible.

7. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations shown in Appendix B.

8. Of the 17 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that twelve of these be approved for funding at various levels, with some subject to conditions. All the events are to be delivered within a year of approval of the grant.

9. The total grant to be allocated from the 17 recommended applications is £23,362 out of an available pot of £30,000. GAP recommends that the remaining balance (£6,638) be carried over to the event grant call for 2019/20 and consideration to be given to the eligible area for this grant and the applicant maximum threshold (currently £2,000). It is anticipated a separate paper regarding the area and threshold proposal will be submitted to the Charity Committee later this year.

Policy Implications

10. The Foreshore Trust's Grants Programme is a 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

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	Yes
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 B – Recommended Applications 2018 / 19

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