

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Events Grant 2019-2020 & Pilot Grant Recommendations

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Purpose of Report

To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for Events Grants 2019 – 2020 and Combined Grant Pilot

Recommendation(s)

That the Charity Committee accepts the Events Grants recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1 and A-C, including the proposed combined small and event grant programme pilot 2019-20.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. The GAP has appraised the merits of the applications received for Events Grant support and has made a number of recommendations for grant awards for the period 2019/20. These were assessed with detailed discussion on each application at a GAP meeting held 22 January 2019.
2. Additionally, after the GAP AGM and subsequent consideration by the panel at the January 2019 meeting, there was approval to develop a pilot for a year from April 2019 to March 2020 of a combined events and small grants programme. The £30,000 allocated to the current events grant programme and the £60,000 of the small grants programme to be combined into one pot for the pilot. This was suggested because of the low uptake of the events grant programme and the high uptake of the small grants, so that the funding could be allocated fully throughout the year.

Background

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 £36,638 is available for the 2019-20 financial year for small grants of up to £2,000 each.

Events Grants Awards 2019 - 20

2. The process used to invite and evaluate grant applications was in accordance with the protocols agreed by the Charity Committee in December 2014.
3. The Panel met during January 2019 to discuss the respective merits of each application. Its recommendations are set out in the report from the GAP Chair (Appendix 1 and A).
4. 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.
5. In total 8 projects are recommended for approval with some subject to conditions. All the approved projects are to be delivered starting from April 2019 to March 2020. The amount recommended totals £15,812.
6. All the approved events are to be delivered within a year of approval of the grant.

Proposal for the combined events and small grant programme pilot

7. At the GAP AGM there was approval to develop a pilot grant programme for a year from April 2019 to March 2020, combining the events and small grants programmes. The £30,000 allocated to the current events grant programme and the £60,000 of the small grants programme to be combined into one pot for the pilot. This was suggested because of the low uptake of the events grant programme and the high uptake of the small grants, so that the funding could be allocated fully throughout the year.
8. There would be two calls of the pilot programme, one opening in April 2019 with grants awarded in October 2019, and the second opening in October 2019 with grants awarded in March 2020, with the £90,000 allocation split into two £45,000 pots. This will now enable applicants to apply for events and/or small grants twice throughout the year rather than just once.
9. The draft application and guidance was circulated to the panel members, and the differences between the current forms and the pilot versions explained.
10. It is planned that the pilot programme will be fully evaluated after the first year to see how successful it has been before agreeing to any further rounds. The panel

members have been asked to put forward ideas for what they want to see in the evaluation for all aspects of the programme.

Policy Implications

11. 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 and events 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 1 – Foreshore Trust Events Grant 2019-2020 & Pilot Grant GAP report
Appendix A – Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme Round 7 2019-20 recommendations
Appendix B – Pilot combined grant application form
Appendix C – Pilot combined grant guidance

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