

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 29 March 2021

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 4 2021-22 recommendations

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Purpose of Report

1. To make recommendations as to which organisations should be funded under the Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 4 2021-22 and the allocations that will be made to each.

Recommendation(s)

1. To consider the Grant Advisory Panel's (GAP) recommendation to award small and events grants to the organisations shown in Appendix A.
2. To request grant funding for this round at £52,499 from the forecasted £52,499, including £7,499 unspent from previous rounds

Reasons for Recommendations

1. 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 Small and Events Grants Programme is a small and events grants scheme for voluntary and community groups offering a service or running an event within Hastings & St. Leonards. £52,499 is available for Round 4 in the 2021-22 financial year for grants of up to £6,000 each. £52,499 includes £7,499 unspent from previous rounds, in addition to the £45,000 normal allocation.
2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme, advertised the programme in October 2020 via a social media campaign and 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 3rd December 2020.

Assessment of applications

3. A total of 55 enquiries were received and by the closing date, 41 applications were submitted. 6 applications were ineligible meaning that 36 applications with a total amount requested of £158,553 were assessed.
4. The GAP met via Microsoft Teams on 20th and 27th January 2021 to review and score the applications. As in previous years the GAP members were paired up for the initial assessments and these were then jointly reviewed at the meetings.
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 they were assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely the proposed activities matched the priorities of the Charity Committee, value for money and a fair distribution of funds amongst all the priorities and members of the community.
7. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations shown in Appendix A.
8. Of the 36 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 15 of these be approved for funding at various levels, with some subject to conditions. All the projects plan to deliver within 12 months of approval of the grant.
9. The projects recommended for approval total £52,499.

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 A – Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 4 2020-21 recommendations

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 4 2021 Recommendations

Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Round 4 2021 - Recommended applications

Applicant	Project Name/ Aim	Funding recommended
HARC	Charity Shop IT upgrade Investing in IT equipment that will enable our charity shops to generate income from online sales. Our 2 local charity shops raise vital funds to support our advice services. In light of a first and now second national lockdown we need to adapt and evolve to the Coronavirus pandemic and the future of retail sales.	£1,632
St Mathews residents association	Garden - planting We want to plan and plant for the future. We want to clear areas within St Matthews gardens and plant new trees and hedging. We are able within the gardens to enjoy things planted by the generation before us, therefore we need to ensure that future generations enjoy the same legacy	£2,820
Hastings and district Canoe Club	Defibrillator The idea is to put a defibrillator on the wall of our clubhouse for public use.	£1,628
Sussex Association for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus	Social and digital inclusion services for local people affected by spina bifida & hydrocephalus (SB&H) The aim is to combat social isolation and provide opportunities for local children and adults affected by spina bifida, hydrocephalus (SB&H) and related disabilities to engage socially, access reliable information and sustain positive mental health for themselves and their families / carers. We will also train people to use digital technology to be able to access services safely.	£1,637
ETC	COED Foodbank To provide Food and support for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and migrants during the expected continued economic downturn and to assist them to move on from circumstances where they find themselves in food poverty. The funding is required to continue a Food Bank for this client group we established with Covid 19 grants in April 2020. These grants expire and of March 2021.	£3,809

St Helen's Church	<p>outdoor community project for those with mobility issues</p> <p>To provide a COVID-19 safe, large community and ecology area for vulnerable people with mobility issues. Includes parents/guardians with pushchairs, wheelchair users and those who are unsure on their feet such as the elderly and injured people/veterans. This will enable them to engagement with COVID-19 safe exercise and games; promote community 'social distance' development and encourage inclusion, tolerance and community cohesion. Involving youngsters, ethnicity and abilities with differing eco-social backgrounds and levels of neurodiversity.</p>	£1,848
St Leonards Festival	<p>A Greener Carnival 2021</p> <p>A new opportunity has arisen for St Leonards Festival to partner with national carnival members to develop and share good practice in sustainable carnival practice. We will research environmental impacts such as travel miles, waste management, power use, and water.</p> <p>We will contribute findings to national research by developing bench-line information for the St Leonards Carnival that can be shared as good practice with other groups in Hastings.</p> <p>Foreshore Trust support will lever wider funding.</p>	£5,300
18 Hours	<p>Diversity Book Club</p> <p>In response to Black Lives Matter (BLM) and teachers' requests we will run a free, regular after-school Book Club for teachers in Hastings. Together we will explore and provide copies to keep, of a selection of contemporary, high quality, diverse picture books to use in the classroom. These will challenge stereotypes and ensure children have access to diverse representations of people.</p> <p>Training and support will be provided through this online, after-school book club format.</p>	£2,838
YMCA	<p>Youth Club</p> <p>Our main aim of this project is help our young people develop into the adults that will thrive in a complex world both during their growth time and when entering higher levels of study or work. To achieve this we need a few starting up pieces of equipment.</p>	£2,310
Cruse Bereavement Care	<p>Providing specialist support to bereaved people in Hastings & St Leonards who have been affected by Covid-19. This project will provide one-to-one and group support to bereaved people in Hastings & St. Leonards. Our services will be delivered remotely via telephone/video and we will resume some face-to-face when safe to do so. This funding will increase our capacity to support more bereaved people in the local area and provide specialist support to those who have experienced complex grief and additional trauma caused by the pandemic.</p>	£5,618
Southwater Community Centre	<p>The project aim is to support local people, especially elderly and vulnerable people, returning and using their community centre to improve their lives and opportunities. The community centre is an ideal location for activities to help people recover and restore their vitality from the negative effects of the covid crisis.</p>	£5,530

Tempo Arts	Artist Billboard' – outdoor exhibition of work by diverse artists A public-facing artwork board, effectively a billboard for artwork, will enable diverse artists working in various media to focus their practices on creating one-off image works that could engage directly with Hastings audiences in the Covid-19 safe environment of the outdoors.	£3,479
His Place	His Place Community Hub Extension and continuation of providing community café, activities, skills workshops free to the public, empowering access to skills for work, reduction of isolation, community cohesion. Increase accessibility to disabled, disadvantaged people and BAME and Eastern European community.	£6,000
Hastings Thrives	Annual Songwriting Competition We run an annual school songwriting competition at the White Rock Theatre involving 400 primary and secondary children. As this didn't go ahead this year we ran an online competition open to all. We will continue with both next year as they provide for different needs in the community.	£2,000
Home Live Art	Painting the Prom (PtP) A community-led project decorating the "suntrap" booths on the lower promenade of St Leonards seafront with murals designed by local people and executed by local artists. Designs will be gathered by 2 pathways: 1) Public Call-out: Public submit designs. A panel of St Leonards residents will choose five winning entries. 2) Charity Partnerships: Seaview, Project Artworks, Friendship of St Nicholas, Eggtooth and Refugee Buddy Project will support their constituents to create one mural design each.	£6,000
Total		£52,499