

Report To: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 29th March 2021

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

Report By: Victoria Conheady, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Culture

Key Decision: Yes

Classification: Open

Purpose of Report

To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for the Small and Events Grants Round 4 2021-22.

Recommendation(s)

1. Consider for approval the Small and Events Grants Round 4 2021-22 recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1 (with projects listed in Appendix A)
2. Agree budget provision as detailed in Appendix A.

Reasons for Recommendations

The Grant Advisory Panel has appraised the merits of the applications received for Small and Event Grant support and has made a number of recommendations for grant awards that can be funded from the available 2021-22 budget.

Background

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. This consists of £45,000 as budgeted and a carried over amount of £7,499 unspent from previous rounds.
2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Grants Programmes, 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.

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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 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 they were assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely the proposed activities match the priorities of the Charity Committee, their 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 of the GAP chair report (appendix 1).
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 are to be proposed to be delivered by no later than end of March 2022.
9. The projects recommended for approval total £52,499.

Timetable of Next Steps

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Approval of organisations to fund	Charity committee meeting	29/03/21	Charity Committee members
Notification of approval/rejection and contracting approved projects	After budget and project approval at Charity meeting	After 29/03/21	HBC secretariat officer

Wards Affected

All

Policy Implications

Reading Ease Score:

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Y
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	N
Risk Management	N
Environmental Issues & Climate Change	N
Economic/Financial Implications	Y
Human Rights Act	N
Organisational Consequences	N
Local People's Views	N
Anti-Poverty	N
Legal	N

Additional Information

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

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