

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 14th March 2022

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small and Events Round 5 and Large Grants Golden Thread recommendations

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Key Decision: Yes

Classification:

Purpose of Report

1. To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for the Small and Events Grants Round 5 2022-23 (Appendix 1).
2. To introduce the Golden Thread update report from HVA (Appendix 2)

Recommendation(s)

That the meeting:

1. Consider for approval the Small and Events Grants Round 5 2022-23 recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1 (with projects listed in Appendix A)
2. Consider for approval the proposal for the Golden Thread initiative and delegate to the assistant director, regeneration and culture, or her nominee, in consultation with the chair of the charity committee, to develop, and enter into, a contractual and monitoring framework with Hastings Voluntary Action to enable the activity to commence April 2022

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 2022-23 budget.

It has also provided feedback on the design of the golden thread proposal which has been worked up by the large grant recipients.

Background

Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Programme

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. £45,000 is available for round 5 in the 2022-23 financial year for grants of up to £6,000 each.

2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Grants Programmes, advertised the programme in October 2021 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 10th December 2021.

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3. A total of 64 enquiries were received and by the closing date, 39 applications were submitted. 1 application was ineligible meaning that 38 applications with a total amount requested of £197,737 were assessed.
4. The GAP met via Microsoft Teams on 19th and 26th January 2022 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 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 38 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 11 of these be approved for funding at various levels. All the projects are to be proposed to be delivered by no later than end of March 2023.
9. The projects recommended for approval total £45,000.

The Golden Thread

This initiative was considered by the Grants Advisory Panel at their meeting of 26th January 2022 who received a report and a presentation from Hastings Voluntary Action (Appendix 2) and had an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the proposed intervention. The Grants Advisory Panel were impressed with this report and happy to recommend HVA's proposal to the charity committee. The "Golden Thread" activity was envisaged to run for a 2 year period so as to achieve maximum impact. The report recommended that a review take place after Year 1 in order to review participant and programme evaluation and capture and use the learning to inform future activity.

Timetable of Next Steps

10. Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these:

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Consideration of GAP recommendations	Assessment at Planning meeting prior to formal Charity meeting	28/02/22	Charity Committee members, GAP chair
Approval of organisations to fund	Charity committee meeting	14/03/22	Charity Committee members
Approval of Golden Thread proposal	Charity committee meeting	14/03/22	Charity Committee members
Notification of approval/rejection and contracting approved projects	After budget and project approval at Charity meeting	After 15/03/21	HBC secretariat officer

Wards Affected

All

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)	
Risk Management	
Environmental Issues	
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	
Organisational Consequences	
Local People's Views	
Anti-Poverty	
Legal	

Additional Information

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

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recommendations (Appendix A).
Appendix 2 – Golden Thread Report by HVA

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