

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 12th September 2022

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 6 recommendations

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Key Decision: Yes

Classification: Open

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 6 2022-23.

Recommendation(s)

That the meeting:

1. Consider for approval the Small and Events Grants Round 6 2022-23 recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1 (with projects listed 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 2022-23 budget.

Background

1. The Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Programme is a small and events grants scheme for voluntary and community groups offering an activity, service or running an event within Hastings & St. Leonards. £45,000 is available for round 6 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 June 2022 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 15th July 2022

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3. A total of 48 applications were submitted and assessed with a total amount requested of £246,611.
4. The GAP met at HVA, Jackson Hall on 16th and 18th August 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 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 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 48 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 9 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 September 2023.
9. The projects recommended for approval total £45,001.

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 |
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| Consideration of GAP recommendations | Assessment at Planning meeting prior to formal Charity meeting | 30/08/22 | Charity Committee members, GAP chair |
| Approval of organisations to fund | Charity committee meeting | 12/09/22 | Charity Committee members |
| Notification of approval/rejection and contracting approved projects | After budget and project approval at Charity meeting | After 12/09/22 | HBC secretariat officer |

Wards Affected

All

Policy Implications

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

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| 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 recommendations (Appendix A).

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