

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 12th September 2022

Report Title: Appendix 1: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 6
GAP 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 6 2022- 2023 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 £45,001

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. £45,000 is available for Round 6 in the 2022-2023 financial year for grants of up to £6,000 each.
2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Events Grants Programme, 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.

Assessment of applications

A total of 48 applications were submitted and assessed, with a total amount requested of £246,611

3. 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.
4. All GAP members had previously declared conflicts of interest, which precluded them from appraising applications from particular organisations.
5. 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.
6. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations as shown in Appendix A.
7. 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 plan to deliver within 12 months of approval of the grant.
8. The projects recommended for approval total £45,001

Policy Implications

9. 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 6 2022-23 recommendations

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 6 2022 - 2023 Recommendations

Applicant	Project (in their own words)	Funding recommended
FT-SE604 – Education training consortium Sussex (ETC)	PANTRY By feeding people in need. In addition by providing help to get further support and access to volunteering and training opportunities which may eventually lead them out of poverty	£6,000
FT-SE607 Hastings Community Trust	Fresh Food Boxes The fresh food boxes will be given to desperate households alongside their regular Foodbank nutritionally balanced parcels	£6,000
FT-SE609 Hastings & Rother YMCA	Y Centre Youth Club Our Youth Club membership has grown to 45 and we have a waiting list. We need a fund to support the activities, learning and provide age-appropriate enrichment opportunities which includes subsidising food, transport costs and learning materials including paying for visiting educators	£5883
FT-SE612 Karmabank	Karmabank Community Kitchen & Food Support Every Thursday from 1 - 3 pm we prepare a hearty Vegetarian lunch and after enjoying food together, everyone takes home a bag of fresh fruit and vegetables plus some ambient goods - all supplied by Fareshare. Tackling food poverty with food waste	£5,800
FT-SE617 Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC)	HARC Combatting the cost-of-living crisis This project will enable us to continue providing successful community-based outreach advice surgeries within Hastings and St Leonards and launch new or increased advice surgery venues. Those experiencing food insecurity are more likely to struggle financially. HARC aims to maximise their income, stabilise expenditure and give clients the tools to help manage their own finances in these troubling times	£6000
FT-SE625 Seaview	Seaview's got Talent We propose putting on an event, showcasing the hidden talents of our service users. Working to bring people together who experience significant challenges in their lives, working on their music and performance abilities to showcase in a community performance	£6,000

FT-SE627 XTRAX	Reaching Out Funding from the Foreshore Trust would enable Xtrax to deliver 25 additional outreach sessions. Guided by communities, young people and agencies such as Sussex Police, skilled Xtrax workers will go to areas such as Hollington, Wishing Tree, Ore (Valley and Village) and Central St Leonards. Outreach into disadvantaged areas, where drugs and anti-social behaviour undermine communities, will help repair and rebuild those neighbourhoods. We work closely with local community organisations and Police while retaining the trust of young people	£1,600
FT-SE645 Emmaus	The Garden Escape Our project is to improve the overgrown area beside our accommodation block and create a garden area where residents can relax and enjoy their time off, reconnecting with nature. The garden will be divided into distinct areas including a lawned area, a space for growing vegetables, a wild garden and a decked area with outdoor seating	£4,850
FT-SE650 Umbrella Sussex	Celebrating Sharing Our celebrations of sharing will include Clothes Swops- These are excellent ways of redistributing quality used things to people who need them. Dare to repair making and mending sessions. Informal signposting to places where people can get more formal support, to include HARC, Hastings and Rother Credit Union and the Energy Advice Service	£2,868
Total		£45,001