

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 13th March 2023

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 7 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 7 2023- 2024 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 £42,922 and agree to hold the balance for Round 8

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 7 in the 2023-2024 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 on 14th November 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 16th December 2022.

Assessment of applications

A total of 35 applications were assessed, with a total amount requested of £158,405.60

3. The GAP met at Muriel Matters House on 24th January 2023 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 shown in Appendix A.
7. Of the 35 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 12 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 £42,922. The panel recommend that the remaining balance of £2,078 be carried over and added to the total budget available for the next round (Round 8) of the small and events grant programme.

Policy Implications

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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 7 2023-24 recommendations

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 7 2023 - 2024

Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Round 7 2023 – 2024 – Recommended for Approval

Applicant	Project (in their own words)	Funding recommended
The Rude Mechanical Theatre Co	The project is a brand new play created by ourselves. It is set in April 1940 in the village community of Little Inking. It's a comedy of manners, but a detective story too with poignancy - & gently directs the audience to potential insularity in small communities and fear of outsiders.	£1,000
Warming up the Homeless	New outreach and drop in centre in Hastings will aim to relieve poverty and improve the quality of life for the homeless and vulnerable community within the town. The centre will provide the opportunity for us to work in partnership with multiple local statutory agencies to provide a one stop place where vulnerable adults and young people experiencing homelessness can access and engage with wrap around care services	£5,832
Cruse Bereavement Support East Sussex	local team of bereavement volunteers highly trained in a person-centred approach to help bereaved people navigate complex feelings associated with loss, build resilience and identify additional support networks. we help people to develop coping strategies, aiming to help them feel able to return to work and daily life. Identify support for specific challenges, including mental health services, signpost to help with legal or financial issues.	£3,041
in2play CIC	Young volunteers host play on the beach. Project located in areas of high deprivation and designed to enable and support children, young people and their families and the local community to be able to have free and easy access to learn, play and grow together. Recruiting volunteers from our local community and targeting families we know are in need to support them to attend our beach play events and volunteer program.	£5,900

<p>Stop Look Listen CIC</p>	<p>Picnic Photography Festival Picnic is a permanent community space for photography, a place where children, families and young people can come and be creative. This event will be a week long sea-themed photography-based experience that will end in a live exhibition that will be created by the young people of Hastings and St. Leonards. - 6 locally based but globally recognised photographers will facilitate a photography experience to culminate at the end of the week with a live exhibition.</p>	<p>£5,991</p>
<p>Project Rewild CIC</p>	<p>Project Seawild Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people in our local communities by spending more time on our wonderful beaches. We aim to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in our town using one of our biggest assets – our coastline. Working with Adults to support mental health and wellbeing. We will be working with local organisations to engage adults who would benefit most from this work.</p>	<p>£3,720</p>
<p>Hastings City of Sanctuary (public name Hastings Community of Sanctuary)</p>	<p>Sanctuary Festival a one-day event with music, talks, workshops and activities for children. The 2023 event will take place at Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, on 25 June during Refugee Week. We work in partnership with the Museum, who provide the venue and staff support. This will be the seventh year of the festival and an effective and efficient model has been developed that has led to the event becoming a much anticipated part of the town’s cultural calendar.</p>	<p>£3,000</p>
<p>Tempo Arts Ltd</p>	<p>Artist Billboard 2 / AB2 TA aims to further develop six more consecutive commissions in this public space project, supported by artist-led workshops and community events. AB2 will take place on the billboard created for the first project in TA’s public art space (The SPACE) in St John’s Road, St Leonards. We propose to invite & commission six new artists to create impressive billboard images.</p>	<p>£2,688</p>
<p>Sweetshop Revoloution CIC</p>	<p>RE: CONNECT a dance project for older people in care homes in Hastings and St Leonards, using memories of growing up and of the local area to stimulate conversations and movement. The workshops will promote physical mobility, celebration each participant’s life and identity, and promote social connection for people who’ve been particularly isolated over the last year. Please see below for a more detailed outline of workshop content.</p>	<p>£3,950</p>

The Posh Club CIC	TPC will run 10 x 4 hour weekly events for 130 older people and 20 volunteers over 2023 at St John's Church Hall, Brittany Road, TN38 0RD (dates TBC). Assertive Outreach Programme (AOP) which will identify/engage isolated local people who will benefit from joining TPC events. The AOP will take place in multiple locations across Hastings and St Leonards through visits and presentations across the community.	£5,000
Paediatric Diabetes Community team	Children's Diabetes Days out We are looking at organising several activities for children and young people with Type 1 diabetes such picnic in the park and hiring the Source park for BMX session which would appeal to both primary and secondary age children or even our older patients 16-17 years as well as organising a group trip to the Pantomime at The White Rock Theatre.	£1,000
Hastings & St.Leonards Voluntary Lifeguard Club	AED Life Skill Training AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) We have been training those taking vocational qualifications the use of AEDs using 'training machines' the RLSS UK (Royal Life Saving Society UK), have now included it in Lifesaving Awards, as an essential skill, open to all ages as the equipment is suitable to be used by young people. Therefore we need to purchase new AED training machines to facilitate this and expand to our complete membership as well as community groups.	£1,800
	Total	£42,922