

Appendix 1

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 18th March 2024

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 8 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 8 2024- 2025 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 £43,000
3. To agree to add the underspend from Round 7 into Round 9

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. £43,000 is available for Round 8 in the 2024-2025 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 November 2023 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 December 2023.

Assessment of applications

A total of 54 applications were assessed, with a total amount requested of £258,783

3. The GAP met at Muriel Matters House on 24th & 25th January 2024 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 54 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 £43,000. The panel recommend that the underspend balance from Round 7 of £11,832 should not be spent in this round and should be carried over and added to the total budget available for the next round (Round 9) 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 8 2024-25 recommendations

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 8 2024 - 2025 Recommendations

Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Round 8 2024 – 2025 Recommended applications

Applicant	Project name	Funding recommended
Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SASBAH)	Hastings Advice and Advocacy for Disabilities (SB&H)	£1200
Counselling Plus Community (CPC)	Positive Mental Health – Access for All	£2,000
Hastings Advice and Representation Centre	Hastings homeless community targeted benefit support	£6000
St Mary Star of The Sea Community Club	Extend & Improve	£1,870

Hastings Rec FC	Hastings Rec FC	£3860
Care for the Carers	Young Adult Carer Activities in Hastings	£2000
City Gate Community Projects - FareShare Sussex and Surrey	FareShare Sussex and Surrey	£1597
Radiator Arts	Walking The Fish 2024	£5973
Karmabank Kitchen	Karmabank Kitchen Hastings 2024	£5148
Lifesize CIC	Saxon Mount Superstars	£2,340
Ore Community Library	Ore Community Library	£5652
Hastings Emergency Action Response Team CIO	The Digital Community Information Hub	£5,360
	Total	£43,000