

Appendix 1

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 18th March 2024

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant recommendations

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Purpose of Report

1. To make recommendations as to which organisations should be funded under the Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant and the allocations that will be made to each.

Recommendation(s)

1. To consider the Grant Advisory Panel's (GAP) recommendation to not award Existing Events financial sustainability grants to the organisations listed below

Reasons for Recommendations

The Grant Advisory Panel has appraised the applications received for Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant support and has made recommendations for grant awards to those considered by the GAP to best meet the Foreshore Trust's aims and objectives that can be funded from the ringfenced budget.

Introduction

1. The Charity Committee agreed in December 2023 to temporarily expand the budget for the small and events grants for established events to apply for funding to support the move towards a reduction in grant aid.
2. It agreed to ring fence part of this expanded funding for 3 established events deemed to be able to meet the criteria – subject to appropriate robust consideration of application forms by the Grant Advisory Panel.

The events being:

- Jack in the Green,
 - Old town carnival week
 - Hastings week.
3. The available budget for this early call is a total of £8,000 and the three established events were invited to apply on 9th February 2024 with a deadline for receipt of applications 19th February 2024.

Assessment of applications

A total of 3 applications were assessed, with a total amount available of £8,000

4. The GAP met on Teams on 26th February 2024 to review and score the applications.
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 with particular regard to the organisations' business plan and their ability to become financially sustainable beyond the 2 year FST funding.
7. Following the assessment process, GAP members unanimously agreed to the recommendation in pt 8 below.
8. Of the 3 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that **none** of these be approved for funding at various levels.

Policy Implications

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

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