

AGENDA ITEM No. 11

Cabinet
4 April 2017

Head of Community and Environmental Services
Report No. COMM1709

Key Decision – No

Grants to Voluntary Organisations

Summary and Recommendations:

This paper provides an update on the Community and Ward Community grants awarded by the Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support and recommends approval for two awards totalling £3,500 to Pinewood Family Group Preschool and The Vine Centre.

1. Introduction

- This paper provides an update on grants of £1,000 or less, awarded by the Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support and seeks approval to award £2,000 to Pinewood Family Group Preschool and £1,500 The Vine Centre.

2. Grants to Voluntary Organisations

- The Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support has made four awards for £1,000 or less:
 - **Creating Futures** **£1,000**
Towards the cost of Gateway youth provision resources
 - **7th Farnborough Scout Group** **£350**
Towards the cost of a daytrip during summer camp
 - **Parkside** **£500**
To cover survey and legal costs for a store room
 - **2nd Aldershot Scout Group** **£1,000**
Towards the cost of tarmacking and drainage improvements
- Total - Community Grants** **£2,850**

- Awards have also been made under the Ward Community Grant scheme to organisations in the following wards:

○ Aldershot Park Ward	Parkside Towards the cost of facility updates for the Garden Group	£500
○ Cherrywood Ward	Mayfield Community Partnership Towards the cost of a portable cooker for Hawley Community Garden	£150
	3rd Farnborough Scout Group Towards scout hut kitchen improvements	£200
○ Empress Ward	Farnborough Street Resident Association Towards the cost of a planter	£300
	3rd Farnborough Scout Group Towards scout hut kitchen improvements	£200
○ Fernhill Ward	Fernhill Primary School Towards the cost of playground markings	£250
	Fernhill School Towards the cost of Book Buzz	£250
○ Manor Park Ward	2nd Aldershot Scout Group Towards the cost of tarmacking and drainage improvements	£500
○ Wellington Ward	The Vine Centre Towards the cost of the Night Shelter	£500
○ West Heath Ward	Cove Brook Greenway Group To cover the cost of a new website	£500
Total - Ward Community Grants		£3,350

- The applications from Pinewood Family Group Pre-school and The Vine Centre shown in Appendix A are recommended to receive £2,000 and £1,500 respectively.

3. Financial Implications

- The remaining budget for voluntary organisations for 2016/17 is £11,630. Taking into account the four Community grants that have been awarded by the Cabinet Member for £1,000 or less, the ten Ward Community grants and the awards recommended for Pinewood Family Group Pre-school and The Vine Centre, will leave £1,930 available for allocation in the remainder of this financial year.

4. Recommendation

- Cabinet is recommended to:
 - note the Community grants above for £1,000 or less totalling £2,850
 - note the Ward Community grants above totalling £3,350
 - approve the grants to Pinewood Family Group Pre-school and The Vine Centre totalling £3,500.

Background Documents

Completed application forms

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS	
SUMMARY SHEET	
Name of Applicant	Pinewood Family Group Pre-school
Grant Requested (Total cost of project)	£2,000 (£10,377)
Purpose of Grant	Pinewood Pre-school play area
Previous Grants in last 3 years	None
Rent Relief	No
Rate Relief	No
Membership / Rushmoor Residents Assisted	48 children (all Rushmoor residents) and 10 staff
Other sources of funding	£8,377 – own funds
Accounts	Income: £92,035 Expenditure: £79,068 Balances: £67,763
Aims of Organisation/General Comments	<p>The Pre-school strives to create a warm and stimulating environment where learning is fun. Activities promote and extend children's curiosity and awareness of their world – the primary focus is learning through play and exploration.</p> <p>Children are encouraged to grow in confidence, self-esteem and independence in an atmosphere that celebrates diversity and equality. Children's social and emotional skills are nurtured.</p> <p>The Pre-school have leased an extra outside area from Pinewood Infant School, which is currently unused. This area will be astro-turfed and fenced and the tarmac playground marked out.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to continue to utilise the space as best as possible to meet the needs of the children, so they can try new activities and encourage time outside.</p>
Application recommendation	£2,000

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

SUMMARY SHEET

Name of Applicant	The Vine Centre
Grant Requested (Total cost of project)	£2,000 (£17,500)
Purpose of Grant	Night Shelter
Previous Grants in last 3 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 - £1,000 towards cost of equipment & resources to provide IT support (Community) • 2017 - £500 towards cost of Night Shelter (Ward grant)
Rent Relief	No
Rate Relief	Yes
Membership / Rushmoor Residents Assisted	75 of which 80% are Rushmoor residents
Other sources of funding	£4k – Surrey Heath Borough Council £4.9k – Single Homelessness fund for NE Hampshire £4k – Hart District Council £1k – Rushmoor Voluntary Services £1k – Cllr F Rust £500 – Wellington Ward Community grant
Accounts	Income: £227,959 Expenditure: £188,840 Balances: £122,394 (£74.8k is restricted/designated)
Aims of Organisation/General Comments	<p>Mission is “To support and improve the quality of life empowering vulnerable and homeless adults (primarily over the age of 21) to transform their lives and fulfil their potential within NE Hampshire and the Blackwater Valley and to provide appropriate open access Community Services.”</p> <p>The project will support rough sleepers during the cold winter nights using the Severe weather emergency protocol model of opening once temperatures dip below 0 degrees from December 2016 until March 2017. Guests accessing this project engage with staff and volunteers many for the first time and are encouraged to attend and take part in The Vine Centre Journey Programme comprising 27 services to support them into safe accommodation and ultimately independent living.</p> <p>The project has been run successfully since 2013 and was awarded “Excellent Practice” Accreditation from Housing Justice in March 2015</p> <p>This funding is for 4 nights Emergency Winter Night Shelter. Each night costs £592 for up to 10 people.</p>
Application recommendation	£1,500