

EXECUTIVE

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COMMUNITY & YOUTH PROJECTS - GRANT APPLICATIONS 2006/07

SUMMARY

This report sets out details of the applications received for grant aid towards Community and Youth Projects in 2006/07. Members are requested to consider the suggested allocation of grants, as detailed in **Appendix 1**, and approve accordingly.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Members are requested to consider the applications for grant aid in 2006/07 through the Community and Youth Project grant scheme, as scheduled in the table attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 1.2 This scheme was established in April 1992 "to assist projects of a non-routine nature for the provision and improvement of general community and youth projects throughout the Borough" (see Minute No. 906 (IV) - 1991/92). As such, it is intended to help organisations meet the cost of projects of a capital, one-off nature, rather than ongoing revenue costs.

2. ASSESSMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 2.1 The approved formula for the assessment of grants through this scheme, subject to the availability of resources, is as follows: grant is to be calculated at the rate of 50% of expenditure up to £5,000, with any expenditure above this attracting assistance of 20%. When approving this basis, the Council agreed that the relative value and quality of each project, together with other relevant factors should also be considered.
- 2.2 The summary of applications in **Appendix 1** shows:
 - (a) the grant requested by each applicant;
 - (b) the grant aid payable if the formula stated in para.2.1 above were to be applied; and
 - (c) the Officers' suggested allocation of grant aid, taking account of the relevant factors relating to each submission (para.3.4 below provides further details).
- 2.3 Grant aid approved towards any project is the maximum sum made available to the applicant. The grant is only paid upon receipt of evidence of payment for work undertaken. When the actual cost exceeds the estimate submitted, no additional grant is made available. In instances where the actual cost is below the estimate, the approved grant is reduced pro rata.
- 2.4 Grants should be claimed within two years of approval, and applicants are advised that failure to meet this deadline will result in the loss of grant unless special circumstances apply. Successful applicants for assistance in 2006/07 will be advised that they need to complete their projects and claim the relevant grant by 31 March 2008.

3. 2006/07 APPLICATIONS / FINANCIAL PROVISION

- 3.1 The base budgetary provision for the scheme in 2006/07 is £33,140. The applications for 2005/06 took the majority of the money available, leaving only £273 to carry forward, thus the total available for 2006/07 is £33,413.

- 3.2 The applications under consideration for the next financial year are showing a reduced demand for financial assistance compared to most years and therefore can be accommodated using the approved formula basis (with large projects the maximum grant is usually pegged at a maximum of £5,000).
- 3.3 Members will note that if the Officers' suggested grant aid is applied to this year's submissions, the grant aid requirement would be £20,162. As the sum of £13,251 is left unallocated from the overall budget of £33,413 and enquiries are still being received from potential applicants regarding grant aid, it is recommended that this be kept available for any additional schemes that may be submitted subsequently during the 2006/07 financial year.
- 3.4 Factors taken into account when assessing each application and its relative merits include:
- (a) demonstration of the need for the activity for the people in the Borough.
 - (b) demonstration of the quality of the activity for which the grant is sought.
 - (c) facilitating and promoting better health and/or sense of wellbeing.
 - (d) financial position/stability of the organisation.
 - (e) future sustainability of the project/service.
 - (f) number of members of the organisation or those using the service, resident in the Borough.
 - (g) number of young people (under 18) both in the organisation and as users of the service likely to benefit.
 - (h) percentage of the cost of the activity being requested from the Council and evidence of fund raising initiatives.
 - (i) social inclusion: wide range of users, including those with disabilities or low incomes.
 - (j) support from other relevant organisations/funding bodies.
- 3.5 The applications were submitted to the Guildford Youth Council at its meeting on 22 February 2006 and all the proposals were supported.

4. **DECISION**

- 4.1 To approve the appropriate level of financial assistance to be awarded towards the cost of each project, as set out in **Appendix 1**, and to keep the unallocated sum of £13,251 available for any other initiatives during the 2006/07 financial year.

Reason for Decision:

To enable the Council to provide financial assistance to local community and youth organisations through its grant scheme in 2006/07.

Background Papers

Applications / relevant correspondence on file: Grant Aid 2006/07

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Ref	Applicant	Project	Project Cost £ (1)	Grant Aid Requested £ (2)	Grant Aid per formula £ (3)	Suggested Grant Aid £ (4)
1	Development Radio Ltd. Kane FM	Purchase of transmission and studio equipment	£6,417	£5,000	£2,782	£2,782
2	Effingham Cricket Club	Refurbish toilet and replace water supply	£4,500	£2,000	£2,250	£2,000
3	Fairlands, Liddington Hall & Gravetts Lane Community Association	Car park resurfacing and purchase of mower and storage box	£5,400	£2,580	£2,580	£2,580
4	Jellyworks	Construction of a community, mobile solar powered generator	£3,952	£1,600	£1,976	£1,600
5	Merrow Cricket Club	Provision of artificial cricket wicket	£5,000	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500
6	Normandy Cricket Club	Three cricket practice nets	£25,000	£2,000	£6,500	£2,000
7	Ripley Village Hall Committee	Replacement of an elevation of glazed framework on the hall	£3,765	£1,500	£1,883	£1,500
8	Worplesdon Memorial Hall Trust	1. Flooring work in the hall toilet	£800	£200	£400	£200
		2. Towards provision of new sports pavilion	£320,000	£30,000	£65,500	£5,000 suggested max grant

Total: £20,162

Please note: where the amount requested by the applicant (column 2) is lower than the formula sum (column 3), the requested sum is shown in the suggested grant aid column (column 4). Where the requested amount is higher than the formula allocation, the formula figure is proposed. This ensures the proposed grant aid covers the applicant's requirements where possible, but is always within the agreed formula.