

Subject:	Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13: Decision on Full Bid Applications		
Date of Meeting:	12 November 2009		
Report of:	Director Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision:	Yes	Forward Plan No: CAB11774	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed allocation of the council's Three Year Strategic Grants programme in 2010-13 for Third Sector organisations. The recommendations for funding outlined in the report are produced by the council's cross party Members Advisory Group for Grants (MAG).
- 1.2 This decision was originally due to be considered at Cabinet in December 2009. As the grants assessment process was completed ahead of schedule it was agreed to bring the report date forward giving more time to applicant organisations to plan around the outcome of the decision.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet agrees the recommendations from the cross party Members Advisory Group on Grants for the allocation of the Three Year Strategic Grants programme in 2010-13.

For a summary of recommendations please see Appendix 1: "Full Bid Recommendations".

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Following a process of consultation with service heads and MAG, Cabinet (20 November 2008) agreed recommendations to consolidate & build upon the council's corporate discretionary grants programme for 2010-13.
- 3.2 Cabinet agreed that the size of programme budget 'be determined by the 2010-11 budget strategy subject to council financial position, the indicative amount being equivalent to the 2008-09 budget level plus appropriate inflationary uplift' (£1,244,000 pa. for Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13 please see 5.1).
- 3.3 Local Third Sector* organisations with an annual income of over £35,000 were invited to apply for Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13 in December 2008 and 98 applications were received by deadline in February 2009.

- 3.4 Following a process of technical appraisal, consultation with service heads and MAG, Cabinet (21 May 2009) agreed to invite 74 of 98 Outline Bid applicants to Full Bid stage (with the remainder offered an alternative support package).

This report makes recommendations for allocation of Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13 covering these 74 Full Bids.

** Third Sector in this context is an umbrella term used for not-for-profit organisations including community groups, voluntary organisations & social enterprises*

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All 74 applicants invited to Full Bid stage submitted an application by deadline in July 2009 requesting in total £2,018,246 pa. for the period 2010-13. Please see Appendix 1.

- 4.2 A process of appraisal was undertaken on each bid including:

- Assessment of application by specialist officers
- Consultation with service heads to address wider strategic impact
- Input from the Cabinet Member for Community Affairs, Inclusion, Internal Relations & Community Safety

- 4.3 MAG met again on 12 October 2009 and discussed a range of potential grant allocations.

MAG agreed recommendations covering all 74 applicants to a total of £1,244,000 pa. 2010-13. Please see Appendix 1 (*applicants not currently in receipt of Three Year Strategic Grant are italicised*).

- 68 applicants are recommended for support including 13 not currently in receipt of strategic grant.
- 6 applicants are not recommended of which 2 are currently in receipt of strategic grant. Alternative support options will be identified where appropriate

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The budget allocation for grants is £1.554m in the current financial year, of which the existing three-year grants programme accounts for £1.211m.
- 5.2 Subject to resources being available, the proposed Three Year Strategic Grants programme of £1.244m pa. can be met from the grants budget pa. (inflated to £1.585m for 2010/11) over the next three years.

Finance Officer Consulted: Peter Francis

Date: 23/10/09

Legal Implications:

- 5.3 The appraisal process referred to in section 4 is a reasonable one and there are no immediate legal implications arising.

Lawyer Consulted:

Bob Bruce

Date: 23/10/09

Equalities Implications:

- 5.4 A number of Three Year Strategic Grant recommendations directly address & support equalities issues.
- 5.5 An Equalities Impact Assessment is part of the ongoing assessment and decision making process and is due for completion later in 2009.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.6 A number of Three Year Strategic Grant recommendations directly address sustainability issues

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.7 A number of Three Year Strategic Grant recommendations directly address crime & disorder issues.

Risk & Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.8 Promotion of opportunity is prioritised in the vision & criteria for grant aid agreed by Cabinet 20 November 2008 & 21 May 2009.
- 5.9 Mechanisms for the appropriate management of associated risk underpin outlined process and are acknowledged / addressed in the recommendations made.
- 5.10 In addition all grant recipients must accept standard (and where appropriate specific) terms & conditions for grant including submission of annual evaluation returns.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.11 Recommendations made support a number of council priorities for example:
- Our Corporate Plan 2008-11
 - Local Area Agreement
 - Community Strategy for Brighton and Hove

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 Alternative options have been considered and where appropriate identified as part of the consultation exercise outlined in this report.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Reasons for recommendations are outlined in this report & supported by the attached appendix.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Full Bid Recommendations

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

1. 'Our Corporate Plan 2008-11'
2. Cabinet Report 20 November 2008: "Discretionary Grants Programme 2010-13: Three Year Process"
3. Cabinet Report 21 May 2009: "Three Year Strategic Grants 2010-13: Decision on Outline Bid Applications"
4. Local Area Agreement
5. Community Strategy for Brighton and Hove