



## Grant Working Party 7 December 2010

### Grants to Voluntary Organisations: 2011/2012

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are a number of voluntary grant applications for core funding for the financial year 2010/2011. The purpose of this report is to bring these forward to this Working Party for consideration.
- 1.2 In the light of the recent Comprehensive Spending Review and the implications of cuts within local councils, the overall approach within this Report broadly equates to a reduction of 10% in grants being assessed to achieve the level of savings in grants to external organisations, as outlined in Report B313 to the Policy Development Committee on 24 November 2010.

#### 2. Community Centres and 'In Bloom' Grants: 2011/2012

- 2.1 Within the current financial year, 2010/2011, core revenue funding grants for Council-owned Community Centres is £39,900. With the anticipated transfer of Southgate Community Centre to the Southgate Community Partnership on 1 April 2011, this figure would reduce to £26,950 to cover the three remaining Borough Council-owned community centres. The rent payable to the Borough Council will total £16,650, the remainder accounts for cleaning, maintenance and renewables amounting to £10,300.
- 2.2 The current funding for 'In Bloom' support for rural communities entering the Anglia in Bloom competition for 2010/2011 is £4,000.

#### 2.3 Recommendations

It is **RECOMMENDED** that, subject to the budget setting process, the following be approved for 2011/2012:-

- (1) funding of £25,920 for the Borough Council-owned Community Centres. The amount equates to the rents totalling £16,650 and a reduction of 10% in the cleaning, renewables and maintenance element to £9,270; and
- (2) funding of £2,925 for the 'In Bloom' competition, as only one application has been received for the 2011 competition.

### **3. Grant Applications**

3.1 The Borough Council has approved a number of Core Funding grants over two and three year terms commencing with the financial year 2010/2011, and these are listed in Appendix A attached to the report.

#### **3.2 Recommendation**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that in 2011/2012, all the previously approved commitments detailed in Appendix A to Report B363, be honoured in full.

### **4. Grant Applications**

4.1 The applications also listed in the second half of Appendix A attached to this report have been received and request assistance with core funding for 2011/2012.

4.2 The details of the application from West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care and Haverhill Association of Voluntary Organisations are attached as Appendix B and C respectively, whilst the remaining applications are contained in separate reports on this Grant Working Party agenda. Each report details the type of work that the organisation will carry out during the coming year, the funding requested for 2011/2012 and the level of funding approved in previous years.

4.3 A Grant Scoring Matrix is provided for each organisation.

#### **4.4 Recommendations**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the budget setting process, core funding grants of:-

- (1) £900 be awarded in 2011/2012 to West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care, as detailed in Appendix B to Report B363; and
- (2) £5,000 be awarded in 2011/2012 to Haverhill Association of Voluntary Organisations, as detailed in Appendix C to Report B363.

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## CORE FUNDING GRANTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	
Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre	£7,000	£7,000	£7,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Gatehouse Caring in West Suffolk	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Haverhill Foodbank	£3,750	£3,750	£3,750	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Haverhill Local History Group	£3,500	£3,500		2 years 2010/11 & 2011/12
Haverhill Volunteer Centre	£14,000	£14,000	£14,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Optua Advice & Advocacy	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Relate Norfolk & Suffolk	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
St Edmund & Waveney YMCA	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Three Counties Transport - 3CTs	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Victim Support	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Brecks Partnership	£11,654	£11,654		2 years 2010/11 & 2011/12
Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery	£36,300	£36,300		2 years 2010/11 & 2011/12
Dedham Vale AOB & Stour Valley Project	£15,256	£15,256	£15,256	3 years 2010/11, 2011/12 & 2012/13
Haverhill Town Council	£219,745	£208,758		5 year SLA only 2011/12 remains
Theatre Royal	£75,000	£75,000		2 years 2010/11 & 2011/12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£393,718</b>		

## CORE FUNDING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING

	Agreed for 2010/2011	Applied for 2011/2012	Recommended
Bury St Edmunds CAB	£95,500	£95,500	
Haverhill CAB	£106,500	£110,800	
Bury St Edmunds & Haverhill CABx			*** £181,800
West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement	£1,000	£1,000	£900
Haverhill Assoc.of Voluntary Organisations	£5,000	£7,000	£5,000
Clare In Bloom	£3,250	£3,250	£2,925
Victory Sports Ground (BSE) Ltd	£45,000	£45,000	£45,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£235,625</b>

\*\*\* Should the planned merger not take place on 1 April 2011 grants to the individual CAB be approved. BSE CAB - £85,950 and HH CAB - £95,850

## Core Grant Funding 2011/2012

### **West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care**

- The West Suffolk branch of Cruse Bereavement Care was formed locally in 1986 and aims to promote the well-being of bereaved people and to enable anyone bereaved by death to understand their grief and cope with the loss. The work is designed to raise the awareness of the needs of bereaved people and promote their needs. The organisation provides counselling and support together with information, advice, education and training services.
- The West Suffolk Cruse branch has no paid staff; all helpers work voluntarily and claim the minimum in travelling and expenses. It presently has 37 active Bereavement Support volunteers and four committee/administration volunteers.
- Cruse Bereavement Care does not receive any Central Government funding, having to rely on grants, donations and local fund raising.
- All income is used towards the cost of renting and maintaining their office in The Risbygate Centre which is used for Bereavement support sessions, committee meetings, administration and storage of confidential files.
- Its services are open to any bereaved person in West Suffolk, which also include providing information and literature to Health Care professionals and schools. A library of resource material is maintained for use by professionals and teachers.
- Each year the branch takes over 250 telephone calls from potential clients and professionals. Approximately 150 clients are offered one to one support with about 4,000 hours of volunteer time given.
- In the year to June 2010 the centre welcomed 12 new Bereavement Volunteers who are expected to attend 15 hours of training annually.
- The Council has received an application requesting a grant of £1,000 for 2011/2012. A Core Funding grant of £1,000 was approved for the first time in the 2010/2011 financial year.

### **Recommendation:**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that a core funding grant of £900 be awarded to West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care subject to the completion of the Council's budget setting process.

## Core Grants Scoring Matrix

**Name**                    **West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care**

**Date**                     **December 2010**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>This application</b>	<b>Score</b>
Grant Scheme	Core Funding 2011 - 2012	N/A
Summary of Organisation Services	Bereavement support service in West Suffolk	N/A
Amount requested	£1,000	N/A
Projected Annual Costs	£5,000	N/A
External Funding Sources	1 pt. = Up to 50% external funding 3 pts. = 50 to 75% external funding 5 pts = Over 75% external funding	5
Council's core Objectives	Section numbers that apply from Corporate Plan. 1 pt = Up to 5 and 3 pts = 6 to 11.	1
Risk to the Council	Low (1 pt.), Medium (3 pts.) or High (5pts.) Example of low priority is something that does not cause a loss of service by the Council.	3
Risk to the Bidder	Low (1 pt.), Medium (2 pts.) or High (3 pts.) An example of a high priority is the loss of a service which is important/vital to the community.	2
Community Impact	Low (1 pt.), Medium (3 pts.) or High (5 pts.) High priority will generate increased usage, increased social inclusion and benefit others.	3
Number of Beneficiaries	The number of people benefiting from the service whilst taking into account the importance of the organisation to the community.	2
Additional Information		N/A

**Total Score ..... 16** (Maximum score 24)

## Core Grant Funding 2010/2011

### **Haverhill Association of Voluntary Organisations – HAVO**

- HAVO is a generic infrastructure organisation established to support the Voluntary and Community Sector in Haverhill and surrounding villages. It provides a range of services including guidance and advice, a representative role for the VCS, office facilities, electrical item checking, criminal record checking and brokerage and information sharing. Membership is free to local organisations. HAVO has an office base at the Council's offices in Haverhill and is grant aided for this facility.
- The Council has grant aided HAVO for a number of years with various annual amounts. Since they have occupied a room in the Council Offices the Council has primarily covered the rent and rates with an annual sum of £5,000 plus in recent years a further £4,000 to help with revenue costs although the additional sum was not approved in the 2010/2011 financial year.
- HAVO have in recent years struggled to raise sufficient funding to ensure their healthy existence, this came to a head in the autumn of 2009 when an EGM was called. HAVO were only able to continue with the financial support of a Suffolk County Councillors Locality Fund but had to release their paid part time administration assistant.
- In the last year they have used this funding to invest in the future by purchasing a new computer so that they can keep up with new software and other technology; invested in a new Portable Appliance Testing kit (PAT) to test electrical items for businesses and voluntary organisations. They have also marketed their Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) service through the business sector; all bring in much needed additional income. It is intended to start a recycling project involving mobile phones, CDs etc. to bring in additional funds.
- HAVO has previously organised the Haverhill Family Health Day which has proved very popular. Although it was unable to organise this event in 2010, it is trying to raise approximately £5,000 to stage it in 2011.
- The Council has received a Core Funding Grant application for £7,000 primarily to cover the rent and rates and about £2,000 towards the Family Health Day.

### **Recommendation:**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that a maximum core funding grant of £5,000 be awarded to Haverhill Association of Voluntary Organisations to cover the rent payable to the Council and sufficient to cover the Business Rates subject to the completion of the Council's Budget setting process.

## Core Grants Scoring Matrix

**Name** Haverhill Association of Voluntary Organisations

**Date** December 2010

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>This application</b>	<b>Score</b>
Grant Scheme	Core Funding 2011 - 2012	N/A
Summary of Organisation Services	Generic infrastructure organisation offering support to VCS groups in Haverhill and surrounding villages.	N/A
Amount requested	£7,000	N/A
Projected Annual Costs	£12,027	N/A
External Funding Sources	1 pt. = Up to 50% external funding 3 pts. = 50 to 75% external funding 5 pts = Over 75% external funding	1
Council's core Objectives	Section numbers that apply from Corporate Plan. 1 pt = Up to 5 and 3 pts = 6 to 11.	3
Risk to the Council	Low (1 pt.), Medium (3 pts.) or High (5pts.) Example of low priority is something that does not cause a loss of service by the Council.	1
Risk to the Bidder	Low (1 pt.), Medium (2 pts.) or High (3 pts.) An example of a high priority is the loss of a service which is important/vital to the community.	2
Community Impact	Low (1 pt.), Medium (3 pts.) or High (5 pts.) High priority will generate increased usage, increased social inclusion and benefit others.	3
Number of Beneficiaries	The number of people benefiting from the service whilst taking into account the importance of the organisation to the community.	2
Additional Information		N/A

**Total Score ..... 12** (Maximum score 24)