



Grant Working Party 6 December 2011

2012/2013 Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In line with the Grants Policy, each year the Council awards core funding grants to a variety of voluntary and community organisations (VCS). Whilst the bulk have gone to applicants which apply year on year, it is open to any organisation which considers it meets the criteria to make an application. This report brings the Working Party all the applications received for funding for 2012/2013. This report does not cover membership subscriptions to organisations that the Council supports, or the specific commissioning of services, which are not covered by the Grants Policy.
- 1.2 As recommended at the December 2010 Grant Working Party meeting, the Council gave long advance notice to all those organisations which had a grant agreement which covered 2012/2013 that the agreements would need to be reviewed during 2011 in the light of the financial pressures.
- 1.3 As a number of new applications for core funding have been received, and a number of existing organisations have submitted applications for increased funding, the Working Party will need to make recommendations to Cabinet about the distribution of the available funding. To assist in this process, applications have been grouped under some broad headings to help identify the contribution to the objectives of the Council.
- 1.4 As part of the budget consultation carried out in the summer, residents were asked questions about funding for voluntary and arts organisations. 54% of respondents disagreed with the scenario which would see 20% cuts to grants over the next four years (i.e. 5% a year), with 9% having no opinion. As a result, the report received by the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee on 28 November 2011 did not suggest across the board reductions in the grant funding but, instead, set out a proposal to freeze the "grant pot", with any reductions in individual grants being available for other organisations.
- 1.5 For organisations which now manage former Borough Council leisure services on behalf of the community, there is a separate strategy as such arrangements were based on the achievement of an ongoing reduction in funding. This is covered in a separate paper on this agenda (Report C253). Grants to the Dedham Vale & Stour Valley and the Brecks Partnership, which are funded by planning and leisure budgets, are also not included and similarly dealt with under agenda item 8.

2. Funding available

- 2.1 Excluding the grants/management fees provided to organisations running former Borough Council leisure services on behalf of the community (but including some unallocated funding in 2011/2012), the core funding "grant pot" available for distribution for 2012/2013 is £353,750.
- 2.2 Applications for 2012/2013 have increased to £404,450, including 4 new organisations coming forward requesting financial support totalling £19,000. Although all organisations funded in 2011/2012 were advised of the financial pressures faced by the Council, and the potential for reductions in funding, an additional £37,200 has been requested by organisations currently funded.

3. Issues to Consider

- 3.1 The current system of allocating grants is largely historic and has not provided room to consider new applicants, other than by making reductions to existing organisations, or seeking a growth bid in budget setting. The Cabinet has given a clear steer to the Working Party that, while it will seek to protect the current level of grants, it does not propose increasing the 'pot' available, given the need to save over £2m from budgets in 2012/2013.
- 3.2 Given both the economic downturn and the current national emphasis on local voluntary and community groups increasingly taking over the provision of services which were once seen as the preserve of councils, it therefore seems sensible to find an objective way to allow new applications to be considered in future years without jeopardising the funding of other bodies which make a direct contribution to Council services. The suggested eligibility criteria for four-year funding agreements (outlined at 3.3 below) goes some way to achieving this. In addition, the categorisation of bodies proposed in section 4 makes a distinction between those organisations which contribute to service delivery and those which do not.
- 3.3 The Grant Policy currently provides for funding agreements of up to three years. In the last year the Council's Grants Officer retired and has not been replaced. The work has been 'picked up' by the remaining staff but there is less capacity available, and over time, capacity may need to reduce further. This brings with it a need to keep the costs of administering the funding to a minimum and to streamline processes, and also to give some of our key VCS partners some certainty in their own financial planning.
- 3.4 To achieve this, it is suggested that the Grant Policy is amended to allow for the provision of funding agreements up to four years, i.e. giving organisations some certainty over the life of the current political administration (and providing for a major review in the first year after Borough Council elections). These agreements would be subject to there being no unexpected cuts in central government funding to the Council (i.e. above those already announced), in which case a review would immediately kick in. The criteria for an organisation to be eligible for four year funding would be that they make a significant contribution to the Council's service delivery, or that they are a partner or contractor of the Council. Other organisations will remain on one-year agreements.

- 3.5 This change in approach, and the recommendations in this report, are included in an Equality Impact Assessment of the Council's grants policy being prepared as part of work on the overall Dynamic Review – Innovation, Value and Enterprise (DR-IVE) savings programme. Initial drafts suggest that the consultation and mitigation measures in this report to assist those organisations which are not eligible for four year agreements and will receive funding reductions are appropriate. However, any additional findings will be reported to the Working Party at its meeting.
- 3.6 All grant agreements recommended in this paper start on 1 April 2012 unless otherwise stated.

Recommendation (1):

That section 3.1 (1) of the Grant Policy be amended to extend the period for which organisations can apply for funding from three to up to four years, where that organisation makes a direct contribution to the service delivery of the Council.

4. Categories of grant applicants

- 4.1 To assist the Working Party in considering applications and the contribution they make to achieving the Council's responsibilities, applicants have been divided into the following categories:-
- (a) those that make a direct contribution to Council service delivery;
 - (b) voluntary sector infrastructure organisations;
 - (c) arts and heritage;
 - (d) In Bloom organisations; and
 - (e) other organisations with general charitable objectives.
- 4.2 In addition, there are a number of organisations which manage former Borough Council leisure services on behalf of the community. The funding arrangements for these groups are dealt with separately elsewhere on this agenda (Report C253).
- 4.3 Attached as Appendix 1 is a table which shows each of the applications by category, the amount previously awarded (where applicable), the amount applied for, the officer recommendation and the allocation of the available grant funding. At the meeting, officers will have a live version of the spreadsheet available on a laptop so that, should the Working Party wish to adjust the recommended amounts, the impact of those changes can be modelled.
- 4.4 Attached at Appendix 2 is a summary of the Council's normal grant scoring matrices for those organisations currently funded and reapplying, plus full matrices for the four new applications.

5. Organisations which make a direct contribution to service delivery

- 5.1 The following applicants are considered to make a direct contribution to the *Borough Council's* own service delivery. The external funding sources a number of these organisations have accessed previously are now being squeezed and, as a result, several have applied for significantly more funding from the Council. Whilst recognising the contribution of these organisations, the Council is not in a position to make significant increases in the funding to these organisations. Nor do officers

think it is healthy for such organisations to rely extensively on one source of funds, particularly Council funding, which is itself under pressure. The Council encourages all organisations seeking funding from it to continue to pursue a broad range of funding options for their own financial health and because, over time, the priorities of councils do change and this needs to be reflected in the distribution of funding.

5.2 **Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)**

- (a) The CAB provides a range of support and advice services which are accessed by a growing number of clients with financial, housing and debt problems. Its service has a direct impact on council tax collection and the money assessments made by the CAB are used by Revenue and Benefits staff and save them from making a similar assessment. The Council's housing team have the ability to refer clients directly for support and value this service.
- (b) Members will be aware that over a number of years the Council had encouraged the two separate bureaux in its area to merge. This merger took place in September 2011 in a three way merger which also involved the Brandon and Mildenhall CAB. In order to complete the due diligence process each of the Bureau had to illustrate that they traded solvently. This presented some challenges as in recent years the separate Bureau had tended to start each year with some funding gap and then work to access project funding to fill the gap. As one-off project funding could not be factored in to the due diligence process, a significant restructuring of paid staff has taken place with some job losses. In particular, the new Bureau is very light on management, having one 25-hour a week manager overseeing the work of four sites. At the same time the Bureau has seen a steady increase in number of cases, and also in the complexity of those cases. It is likely that, in coming years, this workload will continue to increase given the economic climate and the advice that those affected by the Government's planned welfare reforms may need.
- (c) £181,800 of funding was provided across the two separate Bureaux in 2011/2012. This represented a 10% cut on the funding provided in 2010/2011 to reflect the costs savings from merging. The merged Bureau has requested a total of £186,000, an increase of £4,200. Given the pressures on funding in the current year, officers cannot support an increase but recommend a four-year agreement at the current level to give the CAB financial stability whilst the new working arrangements become embedded. This includes a contribution for rent at both offices.

Recommendation (2):

That Suffolk West CAB is given a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £181,800 per annum for the provision of services within St Edmundsbury.

5.3 **Three Counties Transport (3CT)**

- (a) 3CT delivers the ShopMobility scheme for Haverhill (along with other partners). This scheme is growing steadily and now has 50 members. They also run a Community Transport service, which has wider community benefit. The organisation has applied for £2,500 of funding. This is the same figure as in 2010 and is a contribution towards the rent the organisation pays for its accommodation in the Centre for Voluntary Agencies at the Borough Council's Lower Downs Slade offices in Haverhill.

Recommendation (3):

That Three Counties Transport is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,500 per annum.

5.4 Gatehouse Furniture Recycling

- (a) Gatehouse recycles unwanted furniture and offers a complete home furnishing service to disadvantaged families and individuals who are living on benefits or on a low income. In the year 2010/2011 the organisation re-used over 5,700 items, saving approximately 89 tonnes from landfill. Gatehouse received £4,000 of funding for 2011/2012 but have applied for £10,000 for 2012/2013. Given the pressure to accommodate other organisations which make a contribution to service delivery it is recommended that the current level of funding is held.

Recommendation (4):

That Gatehouse Furniture Recycling is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £4,000 per annum.

5.5 REACH

- (a) This small but growing organisation, based in Haverhill, offers debt and money management advice, food parcels and furniture recycling for disadvantaged families and individuals, therefore diverting unwanted furniture from landfill and supporting vulnerable people. The funding previously awarded, £3,750, covers the cost of rent at the Council-owned premises. Although the organisation is now providing a broader range of services its application remains for the £3,750 rent only.

Recommendation (5):

That REACH is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £3,750 per annum.

5.6 St Edmund and Waveney YMCA

- (a) The YMCA, through their premises in Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds provide housing and support to vulnerable young people and adults. The Council's Housing Services refers clients to the organisation. The YMCA has maintained its application for 2012/2013 at £5,000.

Recommendation (6):

That the St Edmund and Waveney YMCA is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £5,000 per annum.

5.7 Relate Norfolk and Suffolk

- (a) The relationship counselling service offered by this charity helps to prevent family breakdown. This has an impact on the housing issues associated with it and therefore on the service provided by the Council. Relate have held their grant application at £5,000 which covers the cost of the rent paid to St Edmundsbury at their Bury St Edmunds office.

Recommendation (7):

That Relate Norfolk and Suffolk is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £5,000 per annum.

5.8 **Optua**

- (a) Optua provides a range of advocacy, support and leisure services to disabled people. The advice and advocacy service provides a resource for people with disabilities or health problems, carers, families and health professionals in St Edmundsbury. As such it contributes to the services the Council provides to disabled residents. The organisation is in the last year of a three year funding agreement which awarded it £1,000 annually.

Recommendation (8):

That Optua is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £1,000 per annum.

5.9 **West Suffolk SOS Bus: *New application***

- (a) The SOS Bus, which has been operating successfully in Newmarket for almost two years, started service on a Friday night in Bury St Edmunds at the end of May 2011. The project is hosted by the Newmarket Community Partnership. It provides a safe refuge, friendly volunteers ready to listen to people in distress and access to first aid. The project has helped to reduce the numbers of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the town and contributes to a safer night-time economy, as well as diverting some people from the A&E department of West Suffolk Hospital. The project has applied for £10,000 of funding. However, given that the bus contributes to the service delivery of a number of organisations, in addition to St Edmundsbury, it is considered that a proportionate contribution would be £2,500. As this is a new service, the impact of the service should be assessed after two years.

Recommendation (9):

That the Newmarket Community Partnership is awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,500 per annum to support the operation of the West Suffolk SOS on the basis that the bus will have a weekly presence in Bury St Edmunds, and subject to an evaluation of the community safety benefits of the scheme after two years of the agreement.

5.10 **Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE): *New application***

- (a) ISCRE provides a valuable service to members of our black and minority ethnic (BME) communities. As well as directly tackling issues of discrimination and access to services, they promote equality of opportunity and good relations between different racial groups, which is also a statutory duty of the Borough Council.
- (b) ISCRE work in partnership with public, private and voluntary organisations to influence national, regional and local policies on the needs of BME people. They provide valuable advice to organisations, such as the Borough Council, assisting us to work with BME communities. Their own direct services include legal advice, race and diversity training and translating and interpreting services. They also run projects aimed at schools, young people and parents, young offenders and the prison population (including Highpoint). As this is a new application, members of the Working Party may be interested to read ISCRE's annual impact report which can be found on the ISCRE homepage (www.iscre.org.uk).
- (c) ISCRE has worked as a partner of the Borough Council over a number of years, but core funding has never been provided, in contrast to equivalent organisations with similar objectives (such as Optua). Like all VCS organisations, its finances are under pressure at a time when its workload, including in the west of Suffolk, is increasing.

It is suggested that a grant of £2,000 is offered towards core funding, which is in keeping with grants provided by other rural districts in the County. Given the number of BME people in the district this is a cost-efficient way of providing some support.

- (d) As this is a new application the Council would also wish to review after two years the benefits residents of St Edmundsbury have gained from the service.

Recommendation (10)

That ISCRE is awarded a four year core funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,000 per annum, subject to a review of the benefits residents of St Edmundsbury have gained from the service after two years of the agreement.

6. Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Organisations

- 6.1 These types of organisation are fundamental to the delivery of localism as they provide support and volunteers for community projects. These organisations are parties to a county-level bid for national funding to help local infrastructure organisations make themselves fit for purpose in the current climate. This may take the form of mergers between similar organisations to share costs, or restructuring of existing organisations. Because of this bid, officers suggest that a four-year ring-fenced pot of funding for this area is established but that specific allocations to the three groups in our area are only made for one year. In this way, the Council would be maintaining provision but using the funding to encourage streamlining and closer partnership working.

6.2 *Volunteer Centre Bury St Edmunds*

- (a) The Volunteer Centre was due to be entering the final year of a three-year funding agreement for £7,000. In line with the review of grants to all organisations, the Centre has submitted a fresh application and has taken the opportunity to request an additional £10,000. However, it is suggested the current level of funding is maintained for the remaining year of this agreement for the reasons stated above.

6.3 *Haverhill & District Volunteer Centre*

- (a) As with the Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre, the Haverhill and District Volunteer Centre is approaching the final year of a three year agreement. It has traditionally received a higher rate of support, £14,000 a year, and that is what has been sought. Of that amount £3,125 is currently repaid to the Council as rent. It is suggested the current level of funding is maintained for the final year of the agreement.

6.4 *HAVO*

- (a) Currently the Council's only contribution to HAVO is to cover the rent and rates on the office accommodation at Lower Downs Slade, totalling just under £5,000. No revenue funding is provided. In their application for 2012/2013 HAVO, have substantially increased the amount applied for and are now seeking £21,400, the bulk of the increase being attributable to their desire to have a paid member of staff. Given current funding pressures and the bid to the National Infrastructure Fund, it is not thought appropriate to provide this additional funding.

Recommendations: 11/12/13

(11) That a four year ring-fenced funding allocation from 2012/2013 of up to £26,000 per annum is established for volunteering and infrastructure support within St Edmundsbury (including support for rent and rates at Council owned premises if applicable).

(12) That for 2012/2013 the final year of the current three year grant agreements for the Bury St Edmunds and the Haverhill and District Volunteer Centres is honoured at £7,000 and £14,000 per annum respectively.

(13) That the current agreement to meet the rent and rates costs associated with HAVO's accommodation in the Lower Downs Slade Offices be extended for a further year to 31 March 2013.

7. Arts & Heritage

7.1 Smiths Row Art Gallery

- (a) The Borough Council has supported the Smiths Row Art Gallery with a fixed grant of £36,300 for many years. Part of this grant covers the rent for the Market Cross building, which the Council owns. The Gallery, which is a charity, has around 80,000 visitors a year (excluding online visits), and nearly 3,000 people participate in its exhibitions and various community art projects. It also forms an important part of the visitor offer to Bury St Edmunds.
- (b) The Gallery lost its Arts Council core funding earlier this year and is now having to review its business plan accordingly. It is hoping to attract project funding from the Arts Council, and the Borough and County Councils are supporting its bids. Part of that support will be a demonstration that local funders also remain committed to funding the Gallery. The County Council has indicated that it hopes to offer a new two year funding agreement from 2012, and it is proposed that the Borough Council does the same, fixing its grant at the current level. Such a two year review also ties in with a wider piece of work the Borough Council wishes to initiate to look at closer partnerships between the various arts organisations in Bury St Edmunds. This is also consistent with the results of the budget consultation with the public.

Recommendation (14)

That Smiths Row Art Gallery is awarded a two-year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £36,300 per annum.

7.2 Theatre Royal

- (a) The Borough Council has given a grant of £75,000 to the Theatre Royal for several years, which is up for review this year. The Theatre pays the Borough Council a rent for the use of the Guildhall.
- (b) Over 77,000 people attended over 429 events at the Theatre in 2010/2011, an increase of 5% on the previous year, with an average audience of 63% (which is very similar to The Apex). The Theatre's rural touring work in 2010/2011 went to 23 Suffolk venues (villages halls, community centres, etc) and was enjoyed by a total audience of well over 2,000 people in their own communities. There were also over 700 individual creative learning sessions in the year, working predominantly with children and young people aged 4 to 19. Just under 6,000 children, and 47 schools,

participated in the creative learning programme, with specific schools performances attracting audiences of over 4,000 people. The Theatre is also a major training organisation, training over 40 apprentices and interns for careers in the arts since 2010.

- (c) The Theatre was successful in retaining Arts Council core funding, albeit reduced from previous levels, but is facing the same pressures as all theatres nationally. It has, therefore, undertaken significant restructuring in the last year to reflect the current financial climate, and will continue to rely upon public subsidy to provide a high quality programme with high levels of public participation, creative learning and outreach. It is proposed that, as with Smiths Row, a two year agreement be offered to match that offered by the County Council and to facilitate a review into closer partnerships between the arts organisations in Bury St Edmunds.

Recommendation (15)

That the Theatre Royal is awarded a two-year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £75,000 per annum.

7.3 Haverhill & District Local History Group

- (a) The Haverhill & District Local History Group is a voluntary group based at the Town Hall Arts Centre and, with the support of the Council's heritage service, provides an invaluable resource to the local community. Its aim is to study and preserve knowledge of the past of Haverhill and its surrounding area, through archives, objects, publications and events including lectures, exhibitions, community and online resources. As well as several thousand visitors each year to its room at the Arts Centre, and outreach activities such as school visits, lectures and events, it carries out local projects, including recently the compilation of the Haverhill Roll of Honour, to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Haverhill's war memorial.
- (b) This small local organisation has very limited funds but has willingly supported a number of local initiatives run by the Borough Council. Furthermore, the vitality of local history groups will be essential to deliver DR-IVE savings in the Borough Council's heritage outreach programme from 2012/2013 which have already been presented to the Performance & Audit Scrutiny Committee.
- (c) The officers strongly recommend therefore that the current grant of £3,500 is maintained for 2012/2013 as part of the overall package of DR-IVE savings. However, from 2013/2014 onwards, it is proposed that the Group be advised that they would be likely to be expected to apply to the ONE Haverhill Board for their core funding, since this would be an activity envisaged as being covered by the proposed £50,000 fund for Haverhill (see separate item on this agenda Report C253).

Recommendation (16)

That the Haverhill and District Local History Group be awarded a grant of £3,500 for 2012/2013.

8. In Bloom Organisations

8.1 Clare in Bloom

- (a) Clare is now the only village in St Edmundsbury applying for funding to take part in the 'Anglia In Bloom' competition. In 2011/2012 their funding was reduced by £1,250 with £2,000 being awarded. In addition, the Working Party gave a clear steer that

the amount of support allocated in subsequent years would continue to reduce. Clare in Bloom have put in an application for £3,000 in 2012/2013. Given the clear steer already given, it is suggested that £1,500 is awarded for 2012/2013 and the message about tapering funding continue to be reiterated.

Recommendation (17)

That Clare in Bloom is awarded £1,500 for 2012/2013 and given notice that the funding will continue to reduce over time.

9. Other organisations with general charitable objectives

9.1 The following organisations have either been funded in the past or are new applicants. There is no question that all of these organisations perform a useful and greatly valued service to the community. However, they do not directly contribute to the Council's own service delivery or statutory duties, which needs to be a main focus of objective and consistent decision-making at a time when grant funding unfortunately has to be rationed. The recommendations in this category below have therefore been based on either reducing funding to existing groups (whilst they develop exit strategies) or not recommending funding for new applicants.

9.2 Victim Support

(a) The organisation assists victims of crime with the trauma caused and also supports witnesses through the court process. 40% of funding comes from the Ministry of Justice, with the rest being met through local fundraising, grants and donations. The Council has provided a grant of £1,000 for at least the past 6 years and the organisation is in the final year of a three year award. Had the group's grant been up for reassessment in 2011/2012 it would have been subject to the 10% reduction applied to other groups whose agreements had expired (e.g. Cruse). Rather than reduce the grant to nothing in one year, it is proposed that a 10% cut also be applied to Victim Support for 2012/2013 to allow it the time to seek replacement funding.

Recommendation (18)

That the Council provide Victim Support with £900 of funding in 2012/2013, the final year of the current three year funding agreement and gives notice that it will not provide on-going funding in subsequent years.

9.3 West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement

(a) Cruse provides much valued support for bereaved people by providing counselling and support. It also offers information, advice and training services. It first received funding from the Council in 2010/2011 when it received £1,000. In 2011/2012 the organisation applied to renew that grant but, in line with the approach taken for grants on one year funding agreements at that time, a 10% cut was applied, taking the grant to £900 for 2011/2012. An application for £1,000 has been received for 2012/2013 and it is proposed an equivalent approach to Victim Support is taken.

Recommendation (19)

That the Council award Cruse Bereavement £900 of core funding for 2012/2013 and gives notice that it will not provide on-going funding in subsequent years.

9.4 **Catch 22 Community Mediation Service: *new application***

- (a) A nationally-based charity, Catch 22, provide a variety of services linked to anti-social behaviour and offending. Originally known as SEAMS, the mediation services merged locally and have become known as Catch-22 Suffolk Community Mediation Service and operate as an independent local service. Currently, the costs of these services, when used by the Borough Council, are met through the Community Safety Partnership where cases are connected to anti-social behaviour. As the organisation already receives payment for those services it directly provides to the Council it is not considered appropriate to also make the requested allocation of £2,000 to core funding costs. However, the organisation will be able to re-apply in future years if Community Safety funding changes.

Recommendation (20)

That no award of core funding is made to Catch 22 – Community Mediation Service for 2012/2013.

9.5 **St Nicholas Hospice**

- (a) The Hospice provides specialist care and comfort to people with life shortening illness and their families, friends and carers. This application is specifically to support their work to educate and support local partners and to seek referrals from new groups. Most patients and families live in St Edmundsbury. The Hospice has applied for £5,000 of funding. Although providing a very valuable service the Hospice does not contribute directly to the Borough Council's own service delivery responsibilities. However, members of the Working Party will be aware that Council Services and Councillors have supported various fund-raising initiatives for the Hospice over the years, such as the recent Fashion Show at The Apex in May 2011.

Recommendation (21)

That no award of core funding is made to St Nicholas Hospice for 2012/2013.

10. Grants to community associations and residents groups

- 10.1 The December 2010 meeting of the Grant Working Party recommended that grants to community associations for cleaning, renewables and maintenance be subject to a 10% reduction year on year. Officers will continue to implement this policy for such time as centres remain in Council ownership. As centres transfer to community ownership this grant aid, along with rent payments made by the Community Directorate to Property Services, will cease. Appendix 3 provides details of the figures as these are year-on-year rolling grants and have not been included at Appendix 1.
- 10.2 No changes are proposed to the modest payments to local residents' associations. These are an initial £250 when a group is set up and an ongoing £120 for groups already running. A budget allocation of £800 exists for these payments and officers are not proposing any reduction.

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APPENDIX ONE

APPENDIX 1	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13	SEBC	4 year?	Recommended	"Pot" Left
			Applied	Recommended	rent	Y/N		
								£353,750
Bury St Edmunds CAB	£95,500	£85,950						
Haverhill CAB	£106,500	£95,850						
Suffolk West CAB			£186,000	£181,200	£49,715	Y	£181,200	£172,550
Three Counties Transport	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	Y	£2,500	£170,050
Gatehouse Caring in West Suffolk	£4,000	£4,000	£10,000	£4,000		Y	£4,000	£166,050
REACH Haverhill Foodbank	£3,750	£3,750	£3,750	£3,750	£3,750	Y	£3,750	£162,300
St Edmund & Waveney YMCA	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000		Y	£5,000	£157,300
Relate Norfolk & Suffolk	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Y	£5,000	£152,300
Optua Advice & Advocacy	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000		Y	£1,000	£151,300
West Suffolk SOS Bus			£10,000	£2,500		Y	£2,500	£148,800
ISCRE			£2,000	£2,000		Y	£2,000	£146,800
Infrastructure organisations								
Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre	£7,000	£7,000	£17,000	£7,000		N	£7,000	£139,800
Haverhill Volunteer Centre	£14,000	£14,000	£14,000	£14,000	£3,125	N	£14,000	£125,800
Haverhill Assoc.of Voluntary Organisations	£5,000	£5,000	£21,400	£5,000	£5,000	N	£5,000	£120,800
In Bloom								
Clare in Bloom	£3,250	£2,000	£3,000	£1,500		N	£1,500	£119,300
Arts and Heritage								
Haverhill Local History Group	£3,500	£3,500	£3,500	£3,500		N	£3,500	£115,800
Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery	£36,300	£36,300	£36,300	£36,300		N (2yrs)	£36,300	£79,500
Theatre Royal	£75,000	£75,000	£75,000	£75,000		N (2yrs)	£75,000	£4,500

APPENDIX 1	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13	SEBC	4 year?	Recommended	"Pot" Left
			Applied	Recommended	rent	Y/N		
Organisations with general charitable objectives								
Victim Support	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	£900		N	£900	£3,600
West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement	£1,000	£900	£1,000	£900		N	£900	£2,700
Catch 22 Community Mediation			£2,000			N		£2,700
St Nicholas Hospice			£5,000			N		£2,700
	£369,300	£347,750	£404,450	£351,050			£351,050	

NB The figures shown for rent are simply for information and are built into the overall grant recommended.

APPENDIX 2

Core Funding applications	Amount applied for 2012/13	Corporate priorities met (self identified)	Comments	Overall score
HAVO	£21,400.00	1	Infrastructure organisation offering support to VCS groups in Haverhill and surrounding villages	13
Volunteer Centre Bury St Edmunds Haverhill & District Volunteer Centre	£17,000.00	1, 2, 3, 4	Recruit, place and support volunteers in volunteering opportunities in the statutory and voluntary sectors.	20
	£14,000.00	1, 2, 3	Recruit, train and support volunteer working in the community	19
Clare in Bloom	£3,000.00	1, 2, 3	Assist with entry into the 2011 Anglia in Bloom competition	16
Gatehouse Furniture Re-use	£10,000.00	1, 2, 3,4	Furniture re-use and re-cycling centre in Dettingen Way, Bury St Edmunds	20
Relate	£5,000.00	1, 3	Aims to enhance the quality of couple, parental and family relationships.	17
Victim Support	£1,000.00	1, 3, 4	Victim support provides support to victims of crime and witnesses giving evidence in Court hearing.	16
Haverhill Local History Group	£4,100.00	1, 2, 3, 4	Archives of the history of Haverhill and surrounding area	15
3CT	£2,500.00	1, 3	Community Transport Scheme, including Shopmobility	16
Reach	£3,750.00	1, 3	Provision of food and recycled furniture to vulnerable people	14
West Suffolk CAB	£186,000.00	1, 2, 3, 4	Provision of free advice across a range of subjects , icluding housing, debt and employment	20
Cruse Bereavement	£1,000.00	1, 3	Bereavement support service	15
YMCA	£5,000.00	1, 2, 3, 4	Christian organisation seeking to provide housing support to young people with a range of needs.	18
Optua	£1,000.00	1, 2, 3, 4	Provides free, impartial and confidential advice to people with disabilities and long term health problems.	16
Total of applications £s	£274,750.00			

Corporate Priorities

1. Improve the safety & wellbeing of the community
2. Secure a sustainable and attractive environment
3. Create a prosperous local economy
4. Raise standards of corporate efficiency

Core Funding Grants Scoring Matrices – New Applications

Name SOS Bus Date December 2011

Criteria	This application	Score
Grant Scheme	Core Funding 2012 - 2013	N/A
Summary of Organisation's Services	The primary purpose of the West Suffolk SOS Bus is to offer immediate non judgemental assistance to those at risk through alcohol within the Night Time Economy. A range of issues are dealt with by the volunteers and the medical team including: drug and alcohol concerns, injury and medical intervention, youth outreach, emotional distress, social isolation and threat of suicide, relationship breakdowns and vulnerability.	N/A
Amount requested	£ 10,000	N/A
Projected Annual Costs	£ 51,817	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 Priorities	1 point for each priority met	2
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.	3

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	Monthly monitoring of data identified Bury St Edmunds town centre as an emerging area of concern and it was felt that the successes achieved in Newmarket could be replicated within Bury St Edmunds. Evidence indicated Friday night as the main night of concern and therefore the WS SOS Bus has been operational since May 2011.	N/A

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

Name St Nicholas Hospice Care

Date December 2011

Criteria	This application	Score
Grant Scheme	Core Funding 2012 -13	N/A
Summary of Organisation Services	Provision of specialist care and support to people with life-shortening illness and their families, carers & friends.	N/A
Amount requested	£5,000	N/A
Projected Annual Costs	£3.5m	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 Priorities	1 point for each priority met	2
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.	1
Community Impact	Low (1 pt.), Medium (3 pts.) or High (5 pts.) High priority will generate increased usage, increased social inclusion and benefit others.	1
Number of Beneficiaries	The number of people benefiting from the service whilst taking into account the importance of the organisation to the community.	3
Additional Information		N/A

Total Score 13..... (Maximum score 24)

Name **ISCRE** **Date** **December 2011**

Criteria	This application	Score
Grant Scheme	Core Funding 2012 - 2013	N/A
Summary of Organisation Services	ISCRE delivers race equality services that bring significant benefits to Suffolk communities on issues around housing, social welfare, employment, education and criminal justice. Their aim is to work toward eliminating racial discrimination whilst promoting equality of opportunity and facilitating good relations between Suffolk's diverse ethnic/racial population	N/A
Amount requested	£2000	N/A
Projected Annual Costs	£496,556	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 Priorities	1 point for each priority met	2
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.	1
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 14..... (Maximum score 24)

Name **Catch-22 Community Mediation** **Date** **December 2011**

Criteria	This application	Score
Grant Scheme	Core Funding 2012-13	N/A
Summary of Organisation Services	Provision of mediation, through trained mediators, for local communities to assist with resolving local disputes and conflict.	N/A
Amount requested	£2,000	N/A
Projected Annual Costs	£8,290	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 Priorities	1 point for each priority met	2
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.	1
Community Impact	Low (1 pt.), Medium (3 pts.) or High (5 pts.) High priority will generate increased usage, increased social inclusion and benefit others.	1
Number of Beneficiaries	The number of people benefiting from the service whilst taking into account the importance of the organisation to the community.	1
Additional Information		N/A

Total Score ...11.. (Maximum score 24)

Community Centres rent, cleaning, maintenance and renewables

2011/2012			
Community Centres	Rent	Cleaning etc	Total
Leiston Community Centre	£5,750.00	£2,700.00	£8,450.00
Newbury Community Centre	£7,450.00	£3,555.00	£11,005.00
Westbury Community Centre	£3,450.00	£3,015.00	£6,465.00
Southgate Community Centre	NIL	NIL	NIL
Total:	£16,650.00	£9,270.00	£25,920.00
2004/2005-2010/2011			
Community Centres	Rent	Cleaning etc	Total
Leiston Community Centre	£5,750.00	£3,000.00	£8,750.00
Newbury Community Centre	£7,450.00	£3,950.00	£11,400.00
Southgate Community Centre	£8,500.00	£4,450.00	£12,950.00
Westbury Community Centre	£3,450.00	£3,350.00	£6,800.00
Total:	£25,150.00	£14,750.00	£39,900.00

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