

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Thursday 6 December 2007

Present:-

Councillor Lesley Robson (Chair)
Councillors Bond, S Brock, Mrs Evans, Lyons, Martin and Pettinger

Also Present

Director Community and Environment, Head of Economy and Tourism, Head of Leisure and Museums, Community Outreach Manager, Principal Accountant (SH), Senior Valuer (TJ) and Member Services Officer (SJS)

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2007 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

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RENT GRANTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that:-

- (1) the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated; and
- (2) the Director Community and Environment and the Head of Treasury Services, subject to prior consultation with the Chair, be authorised to agree a grant increase to those organisations indicated by an asterisk to match any increase in rental following forthcoming rent reviews and also, where applicable, a pro rata reduction in grant where a rent reduction occurs following a reduction in the amount of accommodation occupied.

DECISIONS

Community/Social Need

	RECOMMENDED
Citizens Advice Bureau*	£33,190
Exeter Age Concern	£9,000
Exeter CVS*	£63,425
Exeter Relate*	£11,600
Turntable	£6,000

Museums

Topsham Museum	£2,100 plus insurance of 830 (cash grant)
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Arts

Phoenix	£43,500
Barnfield Theatre*	£4,180
Magic Carpet – Scrapstore (The rental stated is a fully serviced rent i.e. includes rates, heating, lighting, building insurance, maintenance etc.)	£3,000

Sport/Recreation

Exeter Cycle Speedway Club	£9,750
Exeter Water Sports Association*	£6,350
Merry Go Round Toy and Leisure Library - Scrapstore (The rental stated is a fully serviced rent i.e. includes rates, heating, lighting, building insurance, maintenance etc.)	£1,750

Community Associations

Alphington Community Association	£5,500
Exwick Community Association	£6,500
Newtown Community Association*	£1,700
Stoke Hill Community Association	£8,300
Sylvania Play and Community Facilities Association	£1,250
Topsham Community Association	£6,800
Wonford Community and Learning Centre Ltd	£3,750
Stoke Hill Pre-School Group	£800

(Schedule circulated)

CORE GRANTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated;

DECISIONS

CORE GRANTS

RECOMMENDED

BODY

Community/Social Need

Citizens Advice Bureau	£70,489 3 year rolling funding agreement	3 year rolling funding agreement
Devon Council for Racial Equality	£1,500	support for BME community
Exeter CVS	£13,367 3 year rolling funding agreement	3 year rolling funding agreement
Living Options	£5,000	supports people with disabilities within the City

Arts

Arts organisations subject to Service Level Agreements (3 year rolling funding agreements - a to f)

(a) Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	£11,865
(b) Exeter Northcott Theatre	£85,231
(c) Spacex	£11,365
(d) Theatre Alibi	£19,196
(e) Wren Trust	£16,205
(f) Phoenix	£131,198

Magic Carpet	£1,500	Support for regular arts activities for people with disabilities and special needs in the City
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Sport and Leisure

Merry Go Round Toy and Leisure Library - Scrapstore	£1,000	to enable the toy library in the
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Scrapstore to
continue to open

Grant-Aiding Bodies

Exeter Arts Council	£7,000	Members reduced the amount recommended as they were of the opinion that the organisation had adequate unspent funds from the previous year
Exeter Council for Sport and Recreation	£5,000	an efficient and effective body which administers valuable small grants for sport
Play Grants	£5,000	an efficient and effective body which administers valuable small grants for play

(Report circulated)

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NEW CORE GRANTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated;

DECISIONS

NEW CORE GRANTS	RECOMMENDED	COMMENT
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BODY

Community/Social Need

Turntable	£6,000	supports the Council's housing and recycling activities
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(Report circulated)

PROJECT GRANTS

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated:-

DECISIONS

BODY	RECOMMENDED	COMMENT
Community/Social Need		
19 th Sea Scouts	£900	valuable young peoples community group
Community Action	£2,000	promotes volunteering among young people and helps children at risk of exclusion
Exeter Phoenix	£2,500	this was a worthwhile use of a potentially difficult site and furthered the Council's objectives for the arts in the City
Exeter Young Strings	£1,600(subject to securing other funding applied for)	project actively seeking to attract young children who would not normally participate in learning an instrument
Home Start	REFUSE	it is not clear that Home Start have fully explored links with other organisations before making their application
Meadow Tennis Club	REFUSE	does not meet the eligibility criteria, the organisation has funds available
Path for the Disabled	REFUSE	this type of work is not in the City Council's remit
SOAR	REFUSE	SOAR is run outside the city wide strategy for addressing the issues around rough sleeping

Environment

BTCV	£1,500	supports valuable work engaging volunteers in working in the Valley Parks
Low Carbon Exeter	£1,600	the project will increase awareness of climate change across the city

(Report circulated)

21 **DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH STRATEGIC ARTS ORGANISATIONS**

The report of the Head of Economy and Tourism was submitted.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the final 20% of funding be made to the Exeter Northcott Theatre, Theatre Alibi, Spacex Gallery, Wren Trust, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the final payments be made to Exeter Phoenix; and
- (2) the following be recommended to Executive:-
 - (a) the Service Agreement progress reports be noted; and
 - (b) an in principle allocation of funds, as set out in the report, be discussed with Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Northcott Theatre, Theatre Alibi, Spacex Gallery, Wren Trust and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, as the basis for the development of the 2008/09 Service Agreements, with a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Grants Committee for consideration:-

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(i) Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	11,865
(ii) Exeter Northcott Theatre	85,231
(iii) Spacex	11,365
(iv) Theatre Alibi	19,196
(v) Wren Trust	16,205
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(Report circulated)

22 **EXETER CITY COUNCIL GRANTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – INDIVIDUAL TALENT SCHEME**

The Community Outreach Manager outlined the criteria used in assessing applications for support from the individual talent scheme.

(i) **Matt Parsley - Age:17 - Sport: Athletics**

Matt was currently SW Schools 400m Hurdles Champion. He also competed in Steeplechase and Cross Country. He had competed in the English Schools Championships for the past 2 years. He would be attending a coaching programme at Bath University as part of the SW Regional Talent Squad. He also hoped to take his Level 2 coaching qualification. He had an extensive training programme that he hopes would enable him to achieve a top 40 finish in the English School Cross Country Finals and to achieve national standard at 400m Hurdles.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that a grant of £600 be made.

(ii) **Matthew Cole - Age:13 - Activity: French Horn**

He was currently a member of the Devon County Concert Orchestra and won a 1st medal in the Devon Performing Arts Festival, it was his intention to continue playing as soloist and in ensembles in Exeter Schools, Exeter, East Devon and County orchestras and ensembles, and progress with music exams. He would continue regular lessons and work towards raising his standard of playing to get into appropriate ensembles regionally and nationally.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that a grant of £300 be made.

(Report circulated)

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 5.15 pm)

Chair