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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Grants Sub- Board
DATE: 26 September 2007
TIME: 6.00pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Gosport
Democratic Services contact: Chris Wrein

LINDA EDWARDS
BOROUGH SOLICITOR

MEMBERS OF THE SUB-BOARD

The Mayor (Councillor Gill)(ex-officio)
Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Cully) (ex-officio)

Councillor Chegwyn (Chairman)
Councillor Wright (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Allen	Councillor Mrs Salter
Councillor Dickson	Councillor Taylor

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AGENDA

RECOMMENDED
MINUTE FORMAT

PART A ITEMS

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB - BOARD HELD ON 30 May 2007

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub-Board held on 30 May 2007 (copy herewith).

4. DEPUTATIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.5

(NOTE: The Sub-Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Sub-Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Monday, 24 September 2007. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.6

(NOTE: The Sub-Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Sub-Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Monday, 24 September 2007).

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER AND LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER: REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS (Copy herewith)

To consider applications from the following organisations:

- *Wessex Pensioners Convention*
- *HMS Sultan Bonfire & Fireworks Night*
- *Gosport Railway Society*
- *Gosport Stroke Club*
- *Home-Start Gosport & Fareham*
- *Gosport Borough Youth F C*
- *Heathfield School*

Part II
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- *Partnership for Active Leisure Scheme (PALs)*
- *Gosport Fairtrade Action*
- *Trinity College of Music (Individual Member)*
- *Gosport Gators Netball Club*
- *Gosport Amateur Boxing Club*

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER AND
LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER: CAPITAL
GRANT AID APPLICATIONS (Copy herewith)

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To consider applications from the following organisations:

- *St Matthews Church and Community Hall*
- *Rowner North District Girls Guiding*
- *Gosport Amateur Boxing Club*

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS
- *which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman
considers should be considered as a matter of urgency*

A MEETING OF THE GRANTS SUB-BOARD

WAS HELD ON 30 MAY 2007

The Mayor Councillor Gill (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Cully) (P), Councillors Allen, Chegwyn (P), Dickson (P), Mrs Salter (P), Taylor and Wright (P)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of The Mayor and Councillor Allen.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08

RESOLVED: That Councillor Chegwyn be elected Chairman of the Grants Sub-Board for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2007/08

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wright be elected Vice-Chairman of the Grants Sub-Board for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Salter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 with regard to an application for grant aid from Gosport Opportunity Group.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Board held on 21 February 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

PART II

6. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER AND LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER: REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Financial Services Manager and the Leisure and Cultural Services Manager concerning a number of applications for Revenue Grant Aid.

(i) Wessex Pensioners Convention

The Convention was represented by Mr Patrick Berrell who advised Members that the organisation campaigned and lobbied on behalf of pensioners. It was self funding, receiving most of its finance from affiliated groups. However, the donations received did not cover costs and grant aid of £247 was sought to help with the production and distribution of an annual newsletter.

Members were concerned that the newsletter may contain articles which could be regarded as being of a political nature and it may not be appropriate for grant aid to be given by the Council. Concerns were also expressed regarding the number of Gosport residents involved as the Sub-Board had no information relating to this.

Members requested the circulation of a previous issue of the newsletter and further information regarding the number of Gosport residents involved in the Convention.

The Sub-Board therefore decided to defer this application until the above had been provided.

(ii) Association of Search and Rescue Hovercraft, Gosport Branch

The organisation was represented by Mr Brian Russell, who advised members that the Association had been formed nine years ago and had until recently been successful in fundraising.

Crew and pilot training had commenced following the refurbishment of the Gosport Rescue Hovercraft and grant aid of £700 was sought to assist with the provision of equipment for the crew once the craft had become fully operational.

The Sub-Board agreed to the Association's request for grant aid of £700.

(iii) The Friends of Leesland Park

The Friends of Leesland Park were represented by Ms Hilary Percival who advised Members that they would be organising a free Late Summer Festival which, in the past, had attracted in the region of 500 people and were seeking grant aid of £520 to assist with the cost of the event.

The Sub-Board agreed to the request for grant aid of £520.

(iv) Gosport and Solent Ice Hockey Club

The Club was represented by Ms Jennie Fitzpatrick who advised the Sub-Board of some of the achievements of the Club and explained that grant aid of £3,950 was being sought to assist with the cost of purchasing training equipment and providing coaching qualifications.

Members were not prepared to make a contribution towards ice time costs but decided that grant aid of £1,200 be awarded to assist with the cost of providing training equipment.

(v) Gosport Borough Cricket Club

The Cricket Club was represented by Mr Pete Robson who advised Members that grant aid of £2,517 was sought towards the cost of a wall mounted chiller in the bar cellar, a single bay cricket net system and net kit.

The Sub-Board was not prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of a chiller but decided to award grant aid of £1,060 towards the cost of providing a single bay cricket net system and net kit.

(vi) Youth Music Theatre: Individual Member

A representative of the Youth Music Theatre advised the Sub-Board of the achievements, including fundraising, of the individual member concerned and that grant aid of £387.50 was sought as a contribution towards the cost of the member attending a course in Belfast in preparation for taking part in a Youth Music Theatre UK production of Dance!

The Sub-Board agreed to the request for grant aid of £387.50.

(vii) Gosport BMX Club

The Club was represented by Ms Kathy Azopardi and Mr Darren Fells who advised Members that this was a new organisation which, in order to stimulate local interest and broaden its horizons, would need to invest in a range of equipment. Grant aid was sought to assist with the cost of purchasing the equipment.

The Sub-Board held the view that the full amount requested (£2,955) could not be met from the budget available and decided to award grant aid of £1,000 towards the cost of equipment for the Club.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) the application from Wessex Pensioners Convention be deferred pending

the receipt by the Council of a previous copy of its newsletter and information regarding the number of Gosport residents involved in the Convention;

- (ii) a grant of £700 be paid to the Association of Search and Rescue Hovercraft, Gosport Branch;
- (iii) a grant of £520 be paid to The Friends of Leesland Park;
- (iv) a grant of £1,200 be paid to Gosport and Solent Ice Hockey Club;
- (v) a grant of £1,060 be paid to Gosport Borough Cricket Club;
- (vi) a grant of £387.50 be paid to Youth Music Theatre: Individual Member; and
- (vii) a grant of £1,000 be paid to Gosport BMX Club.

7. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER AND LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER: CAPITAL GRANT AID APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Financial Services Manager and Leisure and Cultural Services Manager concerning a number of applications for Capital Grant Aid.

(i) Residents of Mill Pond Estate

The Residents of Mill Pond Estate were represented by Mr Simon Barrett and Mr Stuart Mills. The group had originally planned to use a portakabin as a community hall and had secured funding for this facility. However, the opportunity had arisen to create a community hall by converting a cleaners store on the estate. The original funding for the portakabin had been withdrawn. Grant aid of £4,000 was sought towards the cost of this project.

Members decided, in view of the work carried out in the community by the group, to award a grant of £5,000.

(ii) Gosport Opportunity Group

Note: Councillor Mrs Salter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application, left the meeting room for its entire discussion and did not take part in the voting thereon.

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The Group was represented by Mrs Jenny Hardman who advised that grant aid of £1,500 was being sought towards the cost of replacing a door damaged by burglars together with the replacement of a 15 year old worn and damaged chain link fence with galvanised ultra steel palisade fencing.

The Sub-Board agreed to the request for grant aid of £1,500.

RESOLVED: That:

- (i) A grant of £5,000 be paid to the Residents of Mill Pond Estate; and
- (ii) A grant of £1,500 be paid to Gosport Opportunity Group.

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm.

CHAIRMAN

Agenda item no. 6

Board/Committee:	GRANTS-SUB BOARD
Date of meeting:	26 SEPTEMBER 2007
Title:	REVENUE GRANT AID APPLICATIONS
Author:	FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER & LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

The amount currently available for allocation is **£5,692.50**. Members are asked to consider the following applications that have been received:

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Wessex Pensioners Convention	247
HMS Sultan Bonfire & Fireworks Night	2,000
Gosport Railway Society	250
Gosport Stroke Club	
Home-Start Gosport & Fareham	613
Gosport Borough Youth F C	920
Heathfield School	375
Partnership for Active Leisure Scheme (PALs)	2,000
Gosport Fairtrade Action	400
Trinity College of Music (Individual Member)	1,490
Gosport Gators Netball Club	244
Gosport Amateur Boxing Club	500

Recommendation

That the Members consider the applications outlined in the Report.

1 Background

- 1.1 Voluntary and Community Groups are able to apply for grants from the annual revenue budget available to the Grants Sub Board.

2 Wessex Pensioners Convention

- 2.1 Deferred from the May meeting of the Grants Sub Board to request:
- a copy of the most recent publication – which has now been received.
 - provision of the number of members that receive a copy of the publication within the Borough – Gosport has two affiliated groups Gosport North and Gosport Central with a total of over 200 members.
- 2.2 Set up in 2003, the Group holds quarterly meetings at the West End Parish Centre in Southampton and is a branch of the National Pensioners Convention.
- 2.3 The Group provides a quarterly newsletter to members to supply information of its campaign to promote security, dignity and welfare in retirement.

- 2.4 The Group aims to ensure quality of care for pensioners in hospital and care homes, and to fight for a non-means tested pension based on average earnings.
- 2.5 Wessex Pensioners Convention requests a grant of **£247** towards the annual cost of printing and distributing copies of the newsletter.
- 2.6 No grants have been previously awarded by this Sub Board to the Group.
- 2.7 Grants have also been requested from Fareham Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council.
- 2.8 Accounts for the period 1 January - 31 December 2006

Income	£1,715
Expenditure	£1,010
Balance held at year end	£1,103

3 HMS Sultan – Bonfire and Fireworks Night

- 3.1 HMS Sultan, the Royal Navy's Marine Engineering Training Establishment, holds an annual bonfire and fireworks night for the benefit of the local community.
- 3.2 No public money is used to fund the event; the organisers rely on funding from local business sponsorship, concessions and an entry fee. The trainees from the base provide the necessary staffing resources required to stage the event.
- 3.3 This year the event is scheduled to take place on Thursday 25 October to coincide with the autumn half term break. Public entry fees are proposed to be:

Family ticket	£5
Adult	£2

Ticket prices are kept low to reflect the community support philosophy of the event. Any profits generated are used in support of local and naval charities.

The estimated cost of the Event;	
Bonfire & Fireworks	£5,500
Entertainment	£3,000
Toilets	£1,500
Medical Support	£400
Advertising & Programmes	£1,600
Total	£12,000

- 3.4 HMS Sultan requests a grant of **£2,000** to assist with the funding of this local community event.
- 3.5 No grants have been previously requested from this Sub Board for this annual event.
- 3.6 Local businesses will be approached to request assistance with funding.

Income and Expenditure information for the 2006 Event:	
Income	£10,924
Expenditure	£13,933
Balance (Deficit)	(£3,009)

A copy of the 2006 Event budget sheet will be available to Members at the meeting.

4 Gosport Railway Society

4.1 Gosport Railway Society, set up in 1976, meets at the Methodist Church in Stoke Road once a month. The Group currently has a total of 45 members. It is hoped that this project will increase membership and raise the profile of the Society.

4.2 In 1972, Mr Geoff Alcock, a Southampton University lecturer, measured and surveyed the station buildings in Spring Garden Lane, Gosport and constructed a working scale model of the station and its environs. After Mr Alcock's death, his widow donated the model to Gosport Railway Society.

4.3 During the past four years, the Society has searched for a local modelling society that has the expertise to restore the model to working order. Fareham Model Railway Society has agreed to undertake the work and share the cost involved.

4.4 When the model has been restored, the Society plans to exhibit the model nationally, at railway and similar exhibitions.

4.5 The Society requests a grant of **£250** towards a project cost of £1,522.64. Copies of the costing will be available to Members at the meeting.

4.6	Grants previously awarded by this Board;	
	October 1994	£200
	February 1999	£200

4.7	Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007	
	Income	£772
	Expenditure	£788
	Balance held at year end	£1,867

4.8 An amount of £1,000 has been reserved for the purchase of a replacement photocopier. The Society uses it's copier to produce five monographs on local railway history and a quarterly magazine. The monographs are available from local bookshops, libraries and museums.

5 Gosport Stroke Club

5.1 Gosport Stroke Club, set up in 1989, has a total of 20 members that meet at the Privett Suite, Bury House on Friday afternoons.

5.2 The Club provides a friendly social group for any Gosport stroke survivors and their carers. Weekly meetings feature games, quizzes, guest speakers and, occasionally, an entertainer. Tea parties are held several times a year and, occasionally, the Club organises lunches out.

5.3 The Club would like to offer a more varied programme of short outings. The Club relies on commercial transport e.g. taxis, when outings are arranged. Costs for these are subsidised by the Club.

5.4 Gosport Stroke Club requests a grant towards the cost of transporting members to meetings where necessary and on outings.

5.5	Grants previously awarded by this Board;	
	November 1993	£100
	April 1997	£250
	October 1999	£250

5.6	Accounts for the year ended 30 December 2006	
	Income	£2,430
	Expenditure	£3,166
	Balance held at year end	£2,358

6 Home-Start Gosport & Fareham

6.1 Home-Start Gosport & Fareham, based at Salterns Lane, Fareham, was set up in September 1995 to provide a service to families with children under the age of five that are experiencing times of difficulty.

6.2 The Service has a total of 50 volunteers that visit families in their own homes to offer friendship, practical help and confidential support. By supporting parents through the difficult early years, the children will be given the best possible start in life.

6.3 The proportion of families supported in Fareham and Gosport is approximately 50/50.

6.4 Home-Start is planning a Christmas evening recruitment event. The event is being organised to promote Home-Start locally.

6.5 Existing volunteers will be invited to attend as a 'thank you' for their commitment and support to local families. They will be invited to bring with them a guest that is considering volunteering with the organisation. Potential volunteers will be presented with information packs and given the opportunity to approach existing volunteers and staff to find out about working with Home-Start.

Approximate costs for the event are:

Volunteer Meal	£1,000.00
Recruitment Packs	£100.00
Volunteer Diary	£126.50
Total Event Cost	£1,226.50

6.6 Home-Start requests a grant of **£613** towards the staging of this event.

6.7	Grants previously awarded by this Board;	
	April 1996	£800
	July 1998	£420
	February 2005	£470
	September 2006	£750

6.8 Grants have also been requested from Fareham Borough Council and Awards for All.

6.9 Accounts to follow.

7 Gosport Borough Youth F C

7.1 Gosport Borough Youth FC, set up in 1990, train at various locations in the Gosport area.

7.2 The Club has a total of 220 members aged between 6 and 17 years of age. The members of the 17 teams are all Gosport residents.

7.3 During the last year the Club spent over £1,700 on kit and equipment, including balls and cones. This year, the mini soccer goals need to be replaced, they are now over 6 years old and have become unsafe to use. The Club also intends to purchase new 'sharp shooter' nets, training bibs and balls in the current year.

7.4 Approximate cost of the equipment;	
Metal Goals x 4	£800
Plastic Goals x 4	£480
Sharp shooter nets x 4	£110
Large Bibs x 20	£65
Small Bibs x 20	£65
Size 4 Training Balls x50	£325
Total cost	£1,845

Gosport Borough Youth FC requests a grant of **£920**.

7.5 Grants previously awarded by this Sub Board;	
September 1997	£250
July 1999	£500

7.6 Accounting information for the year ended May 2007

Income	£19,907
Expenditure	£19,405
Declared balances held	£3,665

8 Heathfield School

8.1 Heathfield School, Oldbury Way, Fareham was opened in 1974 to cater for disabled children aged between 7 and 11 years.

8.2 The school established an After School Club in February 2007 as part of 'extended schools' in the same way as other schools throughout the country. The clubs provide a wide range of activities for the enjoyment of pupils.

8.3 As a special school, pupils attend Heathfield from a wider area and some families are unable to collect their children. With additional funding, staff could be employed to transport pupils on the school's minibuses and provide the extra staffing needed for the activities. This would mean that children would have the same opportunities as those attending mainstream schools.

8.4 The school is planning a sports event on 18th October and wants to offer fun sports activities, including circus skills. The Sports Co-ordinator and Circus Skills Group have worked with the school before and tailor their activities to suit the children.

8.5 Approximate cost of the project;	
Circus skills workshop	£264

Circus skills equipment	£88
Extra staffing hours 22 @ £12	£264
Total cost	£616

8.6 Heathfield School requests a grant of **£375**; no grants have previously been awarded by this Sub Board.

8.7 Funding was received via Gosport Borough Council's Childcare Development Budget of £397.60. This funding was provided to help launch the scheme and to help the School to assess its viability; this was found to be a success.

8.8 Details of previous events will be available at the meeting.

9 Partnership for Active Leisure Scheme (PALs)

9.1 PALs was set up in May 2000 to enable young people with a physical disability to take part in leisure and sport activities with the help of a trained young volunteer.

9.2 The group has a total of 45 disabled children aged between 6 and 18 years of age with 30 more children waiting to join. There are currently 5 Gosport children attending with 8 waiting to join.

9.3 The young trained volunteers will help and support young people as necessary, until they can take a full and active part in the activities.

9.4 After running a successful pilot project in Fareham, Gosport and surrounding areas PALs want to be able to offer the service on a more permanent basis. Young people with disabilities often cannot join After School Clubs because of access issues and their care needs. PALs gives them a social life like their peers that they otherwise would not have.

9.5 The Group will set up a monthly programme of activities in leisure and sport for young people with disabilities. The activities will be varied, and are planned to take place on weekday evenings, weekends and during school holidays. Activities include: 10 pin bowling, swimming, the cinema, ice skating, wheelchair basketball and trips out.

The cost of the project is;	
Staffing	£5,310
Activity costs	£1,000
Stationery/Printing/Rent	£618
Volunteer travel & training	£1,500
Total cost	£8,438

9.6 PALs requests a grant of **£2,000**; no grants have previously been awarded by this Sub Board.

9.7	Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007	
	Income	£24,425
	Expenditure	£53,965
	Balances Held	£22,168

10 Gosport Fairtrade Action

- 10.1 This organisation was formed in May 2006 and has a total of 18 members, 16 of whom live in Gosport.
- 10.2 They meet on a monthly basis in the Town Hall and they are currently working towards obtaining Fairtrade Borough Status for Gosport.
- 10.3 The Group wishes to publish an 'eye catching' colourful leaflet to promote Gosport businesses which sell Fairtrade products, and the achievement of Fairtrade status for Gosport.
- 10.4 The design and publication of 3,000 Fairtrade leaflets is approximately £800.
- 10.5 The Group is requesting a grant of **£400** and has already raised £350 of the remaining £400 required.
- 10.6 The Group has not previously received a grant from this Sub Board.
- 10.7 The Group has not applied to any other sources for financial assistance with this project.
- 10.8 Accounts for 2006/07 showed

Income	£1,082.88
Expenditure	£563.03
Balance	£519.85

11 Trinity College of Music (Individual)

- 11.1 Trinity College of Music is a registered charity that is one of the UK's leading centres for the training of professional musicians. It is a creative and cosmopolitan community of performers, composers, teachers and researchers and a major producer of performance projects at home and abroad.
- 11.2 Trinity College of Music are applying on behalf of an individual from Gosport. He is a former Brune Park student who took his A Levels at Southdown College before studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music.
- 11.3 He has successfully passed an audition to enrol on the new 2 year Master of Music course (MMus) at Trinity College of Music.
- 11.4 A grant of **£1,490** is requested towards an overall total cost of £5,990 for him to attend his first year. Trinity College Scholarship Committee has awarded him with £2,000 towards his first year's fees and he and his father have raised a further £2,500. This request does not include additional cost for accommodation and living expenses of approximately £8,650.
- 11.5 He has applied to Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Fame Academy Bursary and the Lawrence Atwells Charity to help or cover his course fees. He was still awaiting the outcome of his applications at the time of drafting this report.
- 11.6 Trinity College of Music has not previously applied to this Sub Board.
- 11.7 No accounts from Trinity College of Music were provided.

12 Gosport Gators Netball Club

- 12.1 Gosport Gators Netball Club was formed in 2004 as part of the successful Active Sports programme and has competed with success at the Hampshire Mini and Youth Games for the past 3 years.
- 12.2 The Club currently has 58 members, more than 90% of whom live in the Borough.
- 12.3 The Club has 3 teams competing in the under 12's, under 14's and under 16's Gosport and Fareham Junior Leagues, plus 2 teams in the Adult League.
- 12.4 A grant of **£244** is requested towards an overall cost of £504.00. The grant is requested to assist with coaching and umpiring qualification course fees and training equipment.
- 12.5 The Club has only applied to the Sub Board on one occasion in June 2004 and received £180 for kit.
- 12.6 Accounting information for the period May 2007 - August 2007 shows a balance of £694.84.

Starting Balance	£477.04
Income	£687.50
Expenditure	£469.70
Balance	<u>£694.84</u>

13 Gosport Amateur Boxing Club

- 13.1 This Club was formed in 1975 and it currently has over 60 members, more than 90% of whom live in the Borough.
- 13.2 The Club is based at St Vincent Leisure Centre, where it meets twice a week between 6.30 - 8.30pm. Juniors pay £2.00 per session with adults paying £2.50.
- 13.3 In order to be able to have a permanent boxing facility (including a ring), the Club is planning to lease a hall at the Sanderson Centre at a cost of £412 per month.
- 13.4 The Club requests a grant of **£500** towards an estimated cost of £1,000 to purchase a punch bags and associated fittings
- 13.5 The Club has raised a total of £500 towards the £1,000 cost of the punch bags and has not previously applied to the Grant Sub Board for funding.
- 13.6 Financial information is presently limited to two statements from Barclays Bank, one of which indicates a balance of £10,170.07 as of 27 July 2007.
- 13.7 The new Treasurer is endeavouring to draw up more detailed financial information including all income and expenditure.

Financial implications:	The total amount of all the grants submitted will exceed the budget available for the remainder of the year
Legal implications:	The Council has the statutory power to make grants to promote the social, environmental or economic wellbeing of the Borough. The Council has adopted policies to assist them in assessing applications for grants in a fair and consistent manner.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	Nil
Corporate Plan	The applications address the Strategic Priorities of: People - better leisure facilities and usage; Prosperity - improved social inclusion
Risk Assessment	Nil
Background papers:	Application forms and accounts
Appendices/Enclosures:	Nil
Report author/Lead Officer:	Glen Wilkinson / Stella Byrne

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Board/Committee:	GRANTS SUB BOARD
Date of Meeting:	26 SEPTEMBER 2007
Title:	CAPITAL GRANT AID APPLICATIONS
Author:	FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER & LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

The amount currently available for allocation is **£23,694**. Members are asked to consider the following applications that have been received.

Recommendation

That the Members consider the applications outlined in the report.

1. Background

- 1.1 Voluntary and Community Groups are able to apply for grants from the annual capital budget available to the Grants Sub Board.

St Matthews Church & Community Hall	£3,200
Rowner North District Girl Guiding	£2,500
Gosport Amateur Boxing Club	£2,500

2. St Matthew's Church & Community Hall

- 2.1 St Matthews Church & Community Hall built in 1955 is situated on Wych Lane, Bridgemary.
- 2.2 The Church Hall is used on a daily basis by many groups throughout the community for a variety of activities including; Brownies, Girl guides, Duke of Edinburgh Award Group, Hampshire Youth Service Group, Children's parties, coffee mornings etc.
- 2.3 The Youth Group is the most recent group to start using the facilities and would like to start a lunch club for children that are unable to go home at lunch-time. The Church would also like to expand usage of the Hall to include things like mother and toddler groups, meetings and small conferences.
- 2.4 The Church currently has two separate toilets that they plan to convert to one disabled toilet facility. The kitchen is also in need of replacement.
- 2.5 The cost of these alterations is;
Remodel toilet facilities £3,013.40

Replacement kitchen facilities	£3,414.70
Total cost	£6,428.10

2.6 St Matthew's Church & Community Hall requests a grant of **£3,200**

2.7 A grant of £3,000 was awarded to the Group in May 2001 by this Sub Board. Grants are also being requested from Hampshire County Council and Awards for All.

2.8 Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006	
Income	£23,353
Expenditure	£21,931
Balance held as at 28 August 2007	£3,994

4. Rowner North District Girl Guiding

4.1 The Group has approximately 100 members, all from the Gosport area.

4.2 Rowner North District Girl Guiding, set up in 1976, is based at Phoenix Way, Gosport.

4.3 The Headquarters is used every day of the week by units of Rainbow Guides, Brownies and Guides. The premises are also used by the Bivol Trust for people with learning disabilities.

4.4 The hall has been in use for over 30 years now and is in need of some repair and refurbishment.

4.5 The vinyl flooring has become cracked and broken, rendering it potentially dangerous and curtailing some activities. The Group requires a crash bar to be fitted to the back exit door, and works to replace the internal doors with fireproof doors must be carried out to bring the hall up to current health and safety standards.

4.6 The cost of the project is;	
Replacement vinyl flooring	£5,526.65
Replacement doors and fire safety equipment	£253.00
Total cost	£5,775.65

4.7 Rowner North District Girl Guiding requests a grant of **£2,500**

4.8 No grants have previously been awarded to the Group by this Sub Board.

4.9 Accounting information for the year ended January 2007	
Income	£9,026
Expenditure	£6,283
Balance held at year end	£11,962

5 Gosport Amateur Boxing Club

- 5.1 This Club was formed in 1975; it currently has over 60 members, more than 90% of whom live in the Borough.
- 5.2 The Club is based at St Vincent Leisure Centre, where it meets twice a week between 6.30 - 8.30pm. Juniors pay £2.00 per session, with adults paying £2.50.
- 5.3 In order to be able to have a permanent boxing facility (including a ring), the Club is planning to lease a hall at the Sanderson Centre at a cost of £412 per month.
- 5.4 The Club requests a grant of **£2,500** towards an estimated cost of £5,000 to purchase a boxing ring.
- 5.5 The Club has raised a total of £2,500 towards the required £5,000. They have not previously applied to this Sub Board for funding.
- 5.6 Financial information is presently limited to two statements from Barclays Bank, one of which indicates a balance of £10,170.07 as of 27 July 2007.
- 5.7 The new Treasurer is endeavouring to draw up more detailed financial information, including all income and expenditure.

Financial Services comments:	The budget available for allocation is £23,694
Legal Services comments:	The Council has the statutory power to make grants to promote the social, environmental or economic wellbeing of the Borough. The Council has adopted policies to assist them in assessing applications for grants in a fair and consistent manner.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	Nil
Corporate Plan:	The applications meet the Strategic Priority of: People - Better leisure facilities and increased usage
Risk Assessment:	Nil
Background papers:	Completed application forms (and accounts) including policy guidelines in respect of the awards of grants
Appendices/Enclosures:	Nil
Report author/ Lead Officer:	Stella Byrne / Glen Wilkinson