

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR DECISION

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| Open | | Would any decisions proposed : | | |
| Any especially affected Wards | Discretionary | (a) Be entirely within cabinet's powers to decide YES | | |
| | | (b) Need to be recommendations to Council NO | | |
| | | (c) Be partly for recommendations to Council NO and partly within Cabinets powers – | | |
| Lead Member: Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds E-mail: cllr.elizabeth.nockolds@west-norfolk.gov.uk | | Other Cabinet Members consulted: Cllr Alistair Beales | | |
| | | Other Members consulted: All ward members | | |
| Lead Officer: David Thomason E-mail: david.thomason@west-norfolk.gov.uk Direct Dial: 01553 616246 | | Other Officers consulted: Victoria Jackson Sarah Dennis Chris Bamfield Les Miller | | |
| Financial Implications YES | Policy/Personnel Implications NO | Statutory Implications (incl S.17) NO | Equal Opportunities Implications NO | Risk Management Implications YES |
| Date meeting advertised: 13 April 2011 | | Date of meeting decision to be taken: 20 April 2011 | | |
| Deadline for Call-In: 3 May 2011 | | | | |

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CULTURE REVENUE GRANTS

Summary

This report details the decisions made in relation to the first round of Financial Assistance Culture Revenue Grants for 2011/12.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the following grant decisions are approved:
Hunstanton Drama Festival of One-Act Plays – Award £850
Sing Your Heart Out West – Award £870
Creative Arts East – Defer

Reason for Decision

Determination of applications under the Financial Assistance scheme.

A grants panel meeting was held on 11 April 2011 to assess applications for revenue grants which fall within the Sports, Arts, and Open Spaces Portfolio. This report details the recommendations made at this meeting by the Portfolio Holder.

The recommendations featured in this report are subject to the 'call-in' procedure. When the grant decision becomes official the applicants will be notified in writing by the Norfolk Community Foundation on behalf of the Borough Council. All terms and conditions of the grants will be stated in the official offer letter.

Grants of £2,500 or less

| Organisation | Project | Amount Requested | Amount Awarded | Reason why refused or full amount not awarded/ comments |
|--|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Hunstanton Drama Festival of One Act Plays | Costs associated with the one act play festival at the Princess Theatre, Hunstanton | £850.00 | £850.00 | Request supported in full. |
| Sing Your Heart Out West | To support a 6-week course of singing workshops to promote mental health and wellbeing. | £870.00 | £870.00 | Request supported in full. |
| | | Total: | £1,720 | |

Grants over £2,500

Creative Arts East – A contribution is requested towards the core costs of operating the Village Screen and Village Stage rural touring programmes in West Norfolk. A contribution is also requested to support the Bright Sparks youth promoters' network in the Borough.

A decision on this request has been deferred to the next meeting, as the panel expressed concerns over the level and profile of delivery in the Borough. The organisation will be asked to present robust evidence of its delivery in West Norfolk.

Request: £5,000

Recommendation: Defer

Total of grants over £2,500: £0

Financial Implications

The total Financial Assistance Revenue Grants budget for 2011/12 is summarised as follows:

| | £ |
|--|---------------|
| Financial Assistance Revenue Grants budget 2011/12 | 23,000 |
| Commitments | |
| This report | 1,720 |
| Community Revenue Grants also approved at meeting on 11 April 2011 | 1,540 |
| Community and Culture Revenue Grants already approved in 2011/12 | 0 |
| Total Commitments | 3,260 |
| Balance Of Funds Available 2011/12 | 19,740 |

Therefore there is sufficient budget provision to cover all recommendations in this report.

Policy Implications

The applications are in line with the Corporate Strategic Objectives.

Statutory Implications

None.

Risk Implications

Failure to assist local, voluntary organisations in helping meet the Borough Council's corporate objectives.

Access to Information

Completed grant application forms for each funding request.

Signed:

Cabinet Member for

Date