

Report for Resolution

Report to Executive
22 April 2009

Report of Head of Communications and Cultural Services

Subject Grants for the Voluntary and Not for Profit Sectors

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Purpose

To recommend grant awards from budgets for the financial year 2009 / 2010

Recommendations

To award grants for the financial year 2009 / 2010. totalling £166,964

1. £16,444 to Norfolk Dance and that Norfolk Dance move to a two year funding agreement.
2. £42,520 to New Writing Partnership and that New Writing Partnership move to a two year agreement
3. Upto £75,000 to Visit Norwich and that Visit Norwich move to a two year agreement.
4. £5,000 to Community Music East and Community Music East move to a two year funding agreement
5. £18,000 to Britten Sinfonia and that Britten Sinfonia move to a two year funding agreement
6. £5,000 to Norfolk Bio diversity and that Norfolk Bio diversity move to a two year funding agreement.
7. £5,000 to Norwich and Norfolk Community Arts and that Norwich and Norfolk Community Arts move to a two year funding agreement.

Financial Consequences

The grants awarded fall within the budget the council has set for grants.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet the strategic priorities: "Opportunities for all – communities to be able to access the wide range of services in the city provided by the Council": "Safe and healthy neighbourhoods – working in partnership with residents to create neighbourhoods where people feel secure, where the streets are clean and well maintained, where there is good quality housing and local amenities and where there are active local communities" and "Strong and prosperous city – working to improve quality of life for residents, visitors and those who work in the city now and in the future"

Executive Member:

Ward: All

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Background Documents

None

Report

1. As members are aware each year, the Council supports the voluntary and not-for-profit sector by awarding a number of grants. Discretionary grants of up to £1,000 are awarded from a separate fund.
2. The financial risk of each application is assessed by the appropriate Director or the Head of the Service. Members will note that some organisations may have income greater than their expenditure. In these cases the income includes reserves.
3. Further details of each of the organisations listed in the recommendations and the reasons for recommending each grant are contained in the Appendix.
4. References in the report to commitment on the part of the Council to grant funding beyond the coming financial year are, it should be stressed, not legally binding obligations (it is not possible for discretionary expenditure to be contractually bound in this way) but are non binding declarations of intent on the Council's part.
5. Members should also note that if any grant is discontinued for reasons of poor performance, lack of financial stability of an organisation or because the council has budgetary pressures, the council will give a three month notice period.

NORFOLK DANCE

About the Organisation

Norfolk Dance is committed to providing a nurturing and creative environment in which individuals, both professional and voluntary, can learn and grow through dance.

They do this through a programme of:

Professional performances and new work
Community education classes and workshops
Professional developments and training

Financial Information

Grant last year	Other monies from the Council	Grant applied for
£16,444	No	£17,000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of Grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of Gross Income
£233,733	£217,413	£16,444	.76%

Relevant Information:

Currently attendance at performances and platforms are 90% Norwich residents.
For the participation programmes/platforms 60% are Norwich residents.

What the grant will be used for

To cover core running costs of the organisation which will enable the continuation of Norfolk Dance's Development plan and thereby continuing dance provision in Norwich.

Commitment to the Organisation

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation.

Risk

There is a low financial risk to the council in giving this grant.

Recommendation

That a grant of £16,444 be awarded to Norfolk Dance

NEW WRITING PARTNERSHIP

About the Organisation

The New Writing Partnership (NWP) was set up in 2004 as collaboration with the Arts Council England East; the University of East Anglia; Norwich City Council and Norfolk County Council.

NWP is a unique enterprise that aims to:

- Highlight, develop and support creative writing, establishing the East of England as a national and international centre of excellence
- Nurture and promote emerging talent and form networks to help writers
- Widen access to literature through workshops, conferences and community projects.

Budget Information

Grant last year	Other monies from Council	Grant applied for
£45,020	£1829.52 rate relief	£47,000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of Grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of gross income
£423,103	£517,620	£42,520	.8%

Relevant Information

The New Writing Partnership (NWP) is a key regional arts organisation which aims to enhance Norwich's status in the national and international context as a City which champions literature and the Arts.

NWP estimate that 80% of the users of their services are from the Norwich city Council area. The city is bidding to become the first UNESCO english City of Literature and NWP are leading on this piece of work. NWP run extensive community workshops as part of their programme.

What will the grant be used for?

To contribute to the core cost of running the organisation and delivering core programmes – the development of Norwich to become a UNESCO City of Literature, New Writing Worlds, New Writing Ventures, City of Refuge as well as supporting the development of a Writers Centre.

Commitment to the Organisation.

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation.

Risk

Low risk as organisation is funded by 4 key partners

Recommendation:

That a grant of ££42,520 be awarded to the NWP

VISIT NORWICH

About the organisation

Visit Norwich was set up in 2004 to 'make the Norwich area a competitive city area destination in domestic and international markets by developing, integrating and supporting all aspects of the visitor economy and attracting new investment, more visitors and increases spend: and to provide a resource to stakeholders for promoting and developing the tourism product and opportunities of the destination area'

Budget Information

Grant last year	Other monies from the Council	Grant applied for
£75,000	0	£105,000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of Grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of Gross Income
£356,890	£395,356	Upto £75,000	27%

Relevant information

Tourism in Norwich supports 6500 jobs, attracts 5 million visitors every year and is worth £370m to the local economy. By supporting this vital economic activity, the work of Visit Norwich therefore benefits local residents through job retention and creation.

It is estimated that a significant proportion of visitors to the city are friends/relatives of local people, estimated at 12% of all visitors.

What will the grant be used for

The funding of upto £75,000 will be used to meet core costs.

Commitment to the organisation

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation. There will be a major review every six months.

Risk

Risk in terms of this organisation is monitored on a monthly basis.

Recommendation

That a grant of upto £75,000 is awarded to Visit Norwich.

COMMUNITY MUSIC EAST

About the organisation

Community Music East (CME) provides opportunities and access to resources for anyone who wishes to participate in a wide range of music making activities. CME offer guidance, tuition and training by a skilled and experienced team in a non-competitive environment. CME works with people who are often excluded from participation in the arts.

Financial Information

Grant last year	Other monies from the Council	Grant applied for
£3000	No	£15,000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of Grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of Gross Income
£479,276	£473,487	£5000	.1%

Relevant information:

CME expect to deliver in excess of 1000 workshops per year with approx 65% of these in Norwich. Each workshop will average 10 participants so it is estimated that 65% of users of CME are from the Norwich City Council area.

What the grant will be used for

The grant will be used towards core costs of the organisation and also towards supporting capital endeavours in 2009/10.

Commitment to the Organisation

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation.

Risk

There is no financial risk for the Council associated with giving this grant

Recommendation

That a grant of £5000 is awarded to CME

BRITTEN SINFONIA

About the organisation

Britten Sinfonia promotes the city and helps maintain Norwich's position as a city of regional and European significance by promoting their residency in Norwich

throughout the UK and internationally. Their aims are to present world class concerts of orchestral chamber music in the East of England, throughout the UK and internationally: to provide a supporting programme of creative learning activity: to produce challenging programmes featuring living composers and to disseminate their work through recordings and broadcasts.

Budget Information

Grant last year	Other monies from the Council	Grant applied for
£20,000	0	£35,000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of Grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of Gross Income
£1,202,193	£1,218,276	£18,000	.15%

Relevant information

Britten Sinfonia has increased the number of concerts which they give per year from 5 in 2003/04 to 8 in 2008. Total concert attendances for the current year will be approx 5200 with their creative learning programme reaching another 250 families and approx 1000 other children and young people each year. Approximately 48.4% of audiences come from NR1 – NR5.

What will the grant be used for

£30k per annum would contribute towards the artistic, presentation and marketing costs of the Theatre Royal main orchestral concerts and the Assembly House lunchtime concerts. £5k would go towards the planned programme of Creative Learning activity.

Commitment to the organisation

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation.

Risk

There is no financial risk for the Council associated with giving this grant

Recommendation

That a grant of £18,000 is awarded to Britten Sinfonia

NORFOLK BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

About the Organisation

The Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership has been in existence since 1996. It is part of a national network of such partnerships, whose aims are to conserve, enhance

and restore biodiversity. Membership of the Partnership includes every local authority in Norfolk, in addition to statutory agencies. Norwich City Council was a founding member of the Partnership. The Partnership achieves its aims by:

- Producing Species and Habitat Action Plans
- Funding conservation initiatives
- Improving biodiversity information
- Promoting biodiversity in strategies and plans
- Providing general biodiversity conservation advice

Budget Information

Grant last year	Other monies from Council	Grant applied for
£4000	No	£5000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of gross income
£	£	£	%
£105,211	£126,352	£5000	.4%

Relevant Information

Much of the work of the Biodiversity Partnership is directly applicable to Norwich, which contains examples of several nationally rare habitats such as Lowland heath, wet grassland and reed-bed, as well as endangered species such as otter and water vole.

What will the grant be used for?

The grant will contribute to the cost of employing the Norfolk Biodiversity Co-ordinator

Commitment to the Organisation

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation.

Risk to the Council

There is a low financial risk to the council in giving this grant.

Recommendation

That a grant of £5000 is awarded to the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership.

NORWICH AND NORFOLK COMMUNITY ARTS

About the organisation

Norwich and Norfolk Community Arts (NORCA) exists to increase access, participation and opportunities in the Arts, particularly where there is some barrier to access or lack of opportunity. Their core principles are: excellence in all aspects of their provision; creativity in their work and the way they run their organisation; partnership working; opportunity and inclusion – arts for everyone; development and innovation.

Budget Information

Grant last year	Other monies from the Council	Grant applied for
£1,000	0	£7,000

Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Amount of Grant 2009/2010	Grant as a % of Gross Income
£120,975	£137,152	£5,000	.05%

Relevant information

NORCA are committed to engaging people actively in the creation of culture by the development of a Back to the Streets Carnival Project. The Carnival project is about promoting Norwich and drawing in tourists from across the country. Approx 75% of the people who are involved in the carnival project will be from the Norwich City Council area and the end product will be part of the Lord Mayors Street procession for 2009 which is enjoyed by 25,000 people.

What will the grant be used for

The grant would pay for artist's fees, travel, subsistence, accommodation and materials.

Commitment to the organisation

This will be a two year commitment to the organisation

Risk

There is a low risk to the council.

Recommendation

That a grant of £5,000 is awarded to NORCA