

Meeting:	Grants Advisory Panel
Date:	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2006
Subject:	Grant Funding 2006/07- Reserved Grants
Responsible Officer:	Director Financial & Business Strategy
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Portfolio Holder:	Business Development – David Ashton
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part 1

## **Section 1: Summary**

This report provides an update on the reserved grants to Voluntary Organisations from the last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

### **Decision Required**

Members are requested to consider the reserved grant applications outlined in this report and approve the recommendations.

### **Reason for report**

To finalise the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in 2006/07.

### **Benefits**

The funding will enable the relevant organisations to continue delivering services to their members and users, thereby improving the quality of life for people in Harrow.

### **Cost of Proposals**

The recommendations relating to the reserved grant applications from the 2006/07-budget amount to £13,885 which is already included in the total amount allocated by GAP on 8 March 2006.

### **Risks**

The organisations approved for funding may not deliver all the services they promised in their grant applications, or the quality of their services may not be of high enough standard. Officers will address these risks through vigorous monitoring and support to groups in order to improve their capacity.

## **Implications if recommendations rejected**

Should the recommendations be rejected it may affect the delivery and quality of the services outlined in their grant applications.
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## **Section 2: Report**

### **2.1 Brief History**

2.1.1 Grants Advisory Panel 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006 – The Panel decided to reserve grants for the following organisations:

- Harrow Mencap - £7,455;
- Kala Anjali Arts Circle - £1,500.

2.1.2 Cabinet 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006: Cabinet approved all the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel on Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2006/2007.

2.1.3 Furthermore, Grants Advisory Panel 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – The Panel decided to reserve grants for the following organisations:

- Flash Musicals - £3,430;
- Kids Can Achieve - £1,500.

2.1.2 Cabinet 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006: Cabinet approved all the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel on Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2006/07.

### **2.2 Options considered**

2.2.1 **HARROW MENCAP**: The Panel agreed to reserve a grant of £7,455 pending the outcome of discussions with the Early Years, Childcare and Parenting Service in People First to explore other funding possibilities. Due to budget constraints, EYCPS is not able to provide any additional funding to Harrow Mencap but will work with them to develop a “Carer and Toddler Group” to support those parents with a young child with a disability. Therefore, it is recommended that the reserved amount of £7,455 be released.

2.2.2 **KALA ANJALI ARTS CIRCLE**: The Panel agreed to reserve a grant of £1,500 pending the outcome of the Organisation’s discussion with the Council’s Arts Unit regarding their proposals as outlined below:

- Agree method and plan as to setting quantitative outcomes and how these would be ensured;
- Look into the legacy of the Project;
- Financial plan for the future.

The Arts Unit has now met with the Organisation and has confirmed that all outstanding issues have now been resolved. Therefore it is recommended that the reserved amount of £1,500 be released.

2.2.3 FLASH MUSICALS: The Panel reserved the grant of £3,430 pending the outcome of discussions with Property and Development in Urban Living regarding the Organisation's accommodation. The Council agreed to hold the rent for 6 months to be reviewed end of June 2006, and will continue to hold further discussions with the Organisation. As this Organisation provides extremely worthwhile activities for young people and is endorsed by various Directorates and Members, the Panel may wish to release the reserved amount of £3,430 as a contribution to their building maintenance.

2.2.4 KIDS CAN ACHIEVE: The Panel agreed to reserve a grant of £1,500 pending the outcome of their application to Children in Need. The Organisation has been contacted, and they have confirmed that they will not know the outcome until August 2006. Officers will report on the outcome at the Panel meeting in September. Members are requested to defer this application to the next meeting.

### 2.3 Consultation

None

### 2.4 Financial Implications

2.4.1 This is a report of the Director of Financial and Business Strategy and deals with financial matters throughout.

### 2.5 Legal Implications

2.5.1 No legal comment.

### 2.6 Equalities Impact

2.6.1 The funding proposals contained in this report have significant implications for the whole of the voluntary sector in Harrow. The proposals aim to address through funding inequalities and disadvantage and to promote equality of opportunity and better community and race relations. The funding proposed will assist organisations serving Black and minority ethnic communities, young people, and people with disabilities and their carers.

### 2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

No direct implications.

## **Section 3: Supporting Information/ Background Documents**

Background papers - Available on request:

Directory of grant applications (circulated to Members prior to the Panel meetings on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006 and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006, under Part 1 of the Agendas.