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Dear **NAME**

**Re: Application for funding from the Hampshire Children's Fund.**

Thank you for your enquiry about applying to the Hampshire Children's Fund for a grant.

The Children's Fund is a key Government preventative initiative aiming to tackle the problems of social exclusion and underachievement for young people aged 5-13. The Hampshire Children's Fund makes annual awards to statutory, voluntary and community agencies to help children and their families overcome poverty and disadvantage.

Attached is an information pack which will assist you in applying for a grant from the Hampshire Children's Fund. The pack includes:

- Guidance Notes. Please read these before you complete the Application Form. There are Senior Development Officers (SDOs) available who will assist you in the application process. The SDO responsible for the funding stream you are applying for will need to sign the form before it can be progressed. Please see Appendix 1 of the Guidance Notes for their contact details.
- Application Form for 2005/6.

All project applications must be able to show a direct link to the outcomes required by the Childrens Act 2004 notably, in helping children and young people to:

- Be Healthy – enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle.
- Stay safe – being protected from harm and neglect.
- Enjoy and achieve – getting the most out of life and developing skills for adulthood.

- Make a positive contribution – by being involved with the community and society, and not engaging in anti social behaviour or offending.
- Achieve economic well being – not prevented by economic disadvantage from achieving their full potential.

Funding is available from three funding streams:

- Local Partnership Groups (LPGs). The LPGs are multi agency groups who identify local needs and deliver appropriate services.
- Youth Inclusion Support Panels (YISPs). The YISPs help to join up agencies to take early action to ensure young people do not offend and, thus avoid the risk of statutory involvement at a later time. The YISPs are currently working in Rushmoor, Gosport and the New Forest.
- Hard to Reach groups. These include children with disabilities, traveller families, Education Other Than At School children, ethnic minorities and young carers.

Applications will be considered in line with the procedures detailed in the Guidance Notes. If you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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