Body:	**CABINET**
Date:	**25th October 2006**
Subject:	**New Initiative Grants 2006-7**
Report of:	**Director of Housing, Health and Community Services**
Ward(s):	All
Purpose:	To agree the level of New Initiative grant to voluntary organisations in Eastbourne for the year 2006-7
Contact:	Rick Newman, Leisure and Communities Manager, Telephone 01323 415421 or internally on extension 5421.
Recommendation:	That Cabinet agrees the New Initiatives grants in line with the recommendations from the Grants Task Group as set out in the report.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 In February 2006 Cabinet approved a New Initiatives Grants budget of £21,000.

1.2 Application forms, guidance notes and the grants criteria were agreed during June April/May.

1.3 It was initially agreed to have two rounds of funding from this budget, the first in the July and the second early in 2007.

1.4 The first round of grants approved by Cabinet on 6th September totalled £1,799.00. This was lower than anticipated; therefore a second round of applications was put in to place with a closing date of Monday 2nd October.

1.5 In order to ensure that more local groups were aware of this strand of funding we have worked closely with EAVS to advertise them to local community/voluntary groups.

1.6 The second round of applications has resulted in a total of 12 applications asking for £9806.10 in funding.

2.0 Grants Task Group

2.1 The Grants Task Group met on 3rd October 2006 and made the award recommendations listed in 2.4 below.

2.2 Members of the Grants Task Group have asked that Officers write to both the A&E Theatre and "James Ward & Angus Duncan" as their applications are linked to our Cultural Festival and will therefore fall within the 2007/08 budget. Further details of the content of their proposed performances will also be requested prior to any future applications being considered.

2.3 The Grants task Group have also asked Officers to contact Nigel Hussey, Health Improvement & Partnerships Manager with Eastbourne Downs PCT to explore the partnership opportunities within The Obesity Awareness and Solutions Trust application.

2.4 **Name of Organisation**

Friends of Princes Park	£1000
The Obesity Awareness and Solutions Trust	£1000
Compass Community Arts	£ 600
The Beat Youth Club	£ 950
Eastbourne Speakability Group	£ 178
Eastbourne Youth Forum	£1000
The Alzheimers Society	£1000
A&E Theatre	Nil
James Ward & Angus Duncan	Nil
Eastbourne Far Eastern Foundation	Nil
The JPK Project	Nil
Community Wise	Nil
Total	**£5,728**

3.0 Resource Implications

3.1 As the budget for the New Initiatives grants for 2006/07 is £21,000 another round of grants will be advertised prior to Christmas.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 In line with the deliberations of the Grants Task Group it is recommended that Voluntary Organisations should receive the grant funds set out in 2.4.

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Background Papers:

None

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