

## Grant Award from the Harold Ernest Le Seilleur Fund to Maison des Landes

### Introduction

Through the adoption P.71/97 by the States Assembly on 2 June 1997, it was decided that the administration of the Estate of H.E. Le Seilleur should be carried out by the Minister for Health and Social Services (“the Minister”) (formerly known as the Health and Social Services Committee).

### Issue

It has been proposed by the Chief Officer for Health and Community Services (HCS) (“the Chief Officer”) that Maison des Landes be granted an additional £500k from the Harold Ernest Le Seilleur Fund. This additional funding is deemed required as a direct result of significant inflationary pressures in ancillary building costs and increases to other planned expenditure of circa £1.5m. This additional funding would follow a grant of £1m from the same fund in 2021 which was approved by the then Minister, Deputy Richard Renouf of St Ouen<sup>1</sup>.

If approved, the funding would be used specifically for:

- The completion of the development of a respite holiday centre for the elderly, vulnerable and disabled at Maison des Landes, for the purposes of:
  - Improving the Quality of life of disabled persons and their carers.
  - Delivering a venue for community activities.
  - Providing a tailored venue for use by Jersey Charities working with the disabled.
  - Creating a modern Hydrotherapy Centre.

The gift would also be subject to the following key conditions:

- Agreement by Maison des Landes to extend the terms agreed between the parties in relation to the first award to this linked second award; specifically including:
  - Erection of a plaque in the dining area thanking the late HE Le Seilleur for his bequest to the Island; and
  - Commitment to continue to report to HCS per the terms of the agreement dated 22 October 2021 and as amended 27 March 2023.

The Chief Officer and the Treasurer consider this proposal to be in accordance with the terms of the original bequest that it be used “for the benefit of the aged, infirm and needy residents of the Island”.

The award, if agreed, will be subject to conditions pre-agreed with Maison des Landes pertaining to evidence of and assurance of spend in a Partnership Agreement, the signing of which will be performed by the Chief Officer or, as appropriate, their delegate.

HCS shall monitor ongoing compliance with the terms and be responsible for providing the Treasurer with relevant assurances prior to requesting he release any funds under this Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> ‘Harold Ernest Le Seilleur Fund: Grant to fund the re-launch of the disabled respite holiday centre Maison Des Landes’ ([MD-HSS-2021-0042](#)), Minister for Health and Social Services, Government of Jersey. Accessed March 2023.

**Recommendation**

The Minister for Health and Social Services is recommended to approve the grant of up to £500K from the Harold Ernest Le Seilleur Fund to be transferred to Maison Des Landes in 2023, and to notify the Treasurer of their decision so that the Treasurer can facilitate the drawdown of £500k from the Common Investment Fund for distribution to Maison des Landes.

**Resource Implications**

The balance of the Le Seilleur Fund will reduce by £500k, there is no impact to the HCS revenue head of expenditure.

In view of the award relating to cost escalation since the original award, the risk that further funds will be needed to complete the project (and secure value from awards already granted) has been considered and mitigated.