

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET –17 JUNE 2009

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2009/2010

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval for a recommendation of award in respect of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for 2009/2010.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Voluntary Sector Grants are considered in the following categories:

- Education voluntary sector grants to assist voluntary and community based groups to develop and deliver community based projects
- Adult education childcare grants for childcare support to adult education initiatives

- 2.2** In both categories of grants, applicants are expected to meet a number of requirements. The criteria for awards are:

- Where applicants are community groups or voluntary organisations they should have a valid constitution.
- Applicants should have or be able to make arrangements for proper accounts to be maintained.
- Applicants should have a bank account held in the name of the group or organisation with a minimum of two signatories.
- The work of the organisation should be essentially educational in nature.
- That the grant aid expenditure should have clear benefits for East Ayrshire.

- 2.3** Other key criteria to be considered include:

- The grants aided expenditure should contribute to community development
- The work of the organisation should address one or more strategic issues.

- The grant aided expenditure can contribute to economic regeneration through developing access to employment
- The grant aided aspect of the work of the organisation is complementary to the work of the Community Learning and Development Service
- The grant aided expenditure assists in training and the development work of the organisation
- The grant aided expenditure is part of a broader collaborative strategy with other departments, agencies or services and community organisations.

2.4 Where funding is sought for childcare projects the applicant should meet the basic eligibility criteria as cited above and should meet the requirements of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 It is proposed that members consider the recommendations for grant aided support as detailed in Appendix 1. It is likely that applications for Voluntary Sector Funding will be received over the next few months from other organisations.

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

4.1 The total budget allocated to Voluntary Sector Grants in financial year 2009/2010 is £10,000.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Councils core values, partnership agreements and the principles of participation and involvement through community planning.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 All funding applications have undergone a financial and child protection risk management process as part of the assessment process.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members of the Cabinet are asked to:

- (i) approve the recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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4 June 2009

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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Reference	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested (Last Years Award)	Recommendation
TC4278 Voluntary Sector Grant TCA/CA09/03/AS	KULOC	The grant will be used for the Chinese language school every Sunday. The class is for children to learn their natural language written and spoken and also to meet other children and use their Cantonese to converse. The school has now relocated to KULOC's own centre in Kilmarnock. Funding allocated in 2008/09 was spent in accordance with their grant	£3,692 (£3,500)	£3,250
TC4309 Voluntary Sector Grant TCA/CA09/05/JJ	IQRAA Asian Women's Group	The grant will be used to pay for tutors and materials for their native community language classes assist with the running costs such as lets and for annual information day held in March each year. Funding allocated in 2008/09 was spent in accordance with their grant	£2572.40 (£923)	£1822
		TOTAL	£6264.40	£5072