

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 26 MARCH 2008

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2008/2009

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 recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2008/2009.

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.

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

4.1 The total budget allocated to Voluntary Sector Grants in financial year 2008/2009 is £10,000. The unallocated £600 will be held for consideration of any future applications.

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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Service :
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Reference	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested (Last Years Award)	Recommendation
TC3819 VSG/CA08/05/as	IQRAA – Asian Women’s Group	To pay for tutors and materials for language classes and assist with running costs such as cost of lets. Funding is also sought for a trip to the Scottish Parliament as part of the groups programme. Funding allocated in 2007/8 was spent in accordance with their grant.	£2,335.11 (£895)	£923
TC3814 VSG/ca08/04/as	Childline Scotland - Bullying Project Line	To provide a free confidential telephone helpline for children & young people concerned about bullying. Childline also provide information, mediation, advocacy and outreach services to individual children & young people as well as schools and other groups. Funding allocated in 2007/8 was spent in accordance with their grant.	£2,601.00 (£636)	£656
TC3905 VSG/CA08/06/JJ	KULOC – Chinese Community	To run the Chinese language school for young people between the ages of 5-16. Pupils will learn about their culture and be given lessons in spoken Cantonese and written Chinese. Funding allocated in 2007/8 was spent in accordance with their grant.	£3,627.00 (£3486)	£3,500
TC3818 VSG/CA08/02/as	Avonlea Youth Centre	To assist with the running costs of the Youth Centre Funding allocated in 2007/8 was spent in accordance with their grant.	£5,790.00 (£4983)	£4,321
		TOTAL	£16,744.11	£9,400