

Stewarton Academy Productions (CG4536)

This application was continued at the last meeting of the Grants Committee as more information was required on the following:-

- (a) Whether the group had considered using the facilities at the Stewarton Area Centre to perform shows as it was fully equipped for such events;
- (b) whether the Department of Educational and Social Services would provide funding for the project;
- (c) a detailed breakdown of the group's income and expenditure in relation to the school show for the period 1/9/08 to 31/8/09; and
- (d) details of the old folk's homes the group gave performances to.

The response from the group is as follows:-

- (a) the cost of using Stewarton Area Centre would be £1100 (hire of hall for performances, rehearsals, setting up and taking down scenery etc together with the hire of a van for 2 days to move scenery, costumes, props, lights etc);
- (b) there would also be health and safety considerations with regard to 40 cast members, directors, choreographer, dance coach and ancillary personnel to make their way from the school to the centre for each rehearsal;
- (c) associated forms for out-of-school activities would have to be completed – having a significant impact on teacher's time;
- (d) the access to the school facility is immediate and convenient. It enables staff to be able to use extra-curricular time effectively and it eliminates time lost to travelling.
- (e) The group has been advised that the Department of Educational and Social Services would not be able to provide funding for the show.
- (f) A detailed breakdown of the group's income and expenditure in relation to the previous school show was submitted to the Assessing Department and showed a very small surplus.
- (g) The group has advised that they do not perform at old folk's homes but they have a link with Hamilton Gardens and supply them with complimentary tickets for the show.

The Assessing Department has reviewed the above information and is happy with his recommendation as detailed in the attached assessment report.



East Ayrshire
COUNCIL

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Organisation
Stewarton Academy Productions

Reference Number
CG4536

grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

To further the dramatic arts and to interest the local community in appreciation of these arts by the performance of concerts/musical plays etc and in all such things are conducive to these objects. Also to encourage others to partake in the said arts and objectives.

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

Grant will be used towards hire a stage, microphones & lights for producing a show:

Hiring of stage	£890
Hiring of microphones	£800
Hiring of lights	£180
Total	£1,870

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 10

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 20

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 20

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant? All

3e How many members of the community would benefit from the grant? 900+

**4 How will the grant :-
(a) develop the organisation; or**

The grant will benefit members involved in all aspects of the production, particularly those who may not have the opportunity to experience arts and the benefits of working as a team. The project will celebrate the talent of young people while encouraging them to take responsibility. Members will be able to participate as team members and develop confidence.

(b) benefit the local community.

All members of the local and school community will benefit. It will benefit the local community with over 900 East Ayrshire residents enjoying a quality performance and a chance for a social night out. Members will forge strong relationships during the run up to the show by performing in local old folk homes. This will provide free entertainment to many local care home residents.

5	Total cost of project	£5,000.00
	Amount of grant requested	£1,870.00
	Bank Balance(s)	
	Date 30 December 2009 – Clydesdale	£ 269.10
	30 October 2009 – Standard Life	£10,787.30
	4 December 2009 – RBS	£21,923.13
Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	Cash in hand Date 2/2/10	£ 0.58
	Value of any other financial assets	Date £
	Name of other funding sources	

Amount and date of grant	
£	Date

6 If latest balance (including other financial assets) exceeds the cost of the project or is substantial, are these funds ring-fenced for the normal activities of the group or can they contribute to the cost of the project?

The bank accounts above are the accounts of the school itself and not Stewarton Academy Productions, which does not a separate bank account.. Each year the profits from one show are put back into the next production & no surplus funds are on account.

7	Recommendation	
	Support	√
	Refuse	
	Defer	
	Amount	£1,870.00
	Recommended	
	Reason for recommendation	
	The grant would help encourage pupils' interest in music and drama and help them produce a show to a good standard.	
	A condition of grant is that income and expenditure account for the period 01/09/08 to 31/08/09 for the school show is provided and signed off by the auditor.	
	Management Risk Ranking L √/ M / H	Child Protection Risk Ranking L √/ M / H
	Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.	Applications with a HIGH ranking are not recommended for support

8 If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?

N/A

9	Does the project represent value for money?	Yes √	No
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All questions on this form must be completed

10 Cross boundary grant (if applicable) and division per committee (the calculation should identify the corresponding number of individuals within the respective Local Committee areas who will directly benefit from the grant award)

	Nos	Amount	%
Northern Local Grants Committee			
Central North Local Grants Committee			
Central South Local Grants Committee			
Southern Local Grants Committee			
Other areas outwith EA			
Method of Division			