



grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

The aim of the group is to represent the parents/carers of pre-school children within the Ochiltree area in order to provide a safe, secure transport system to transport children to Auchinleck Nursery.

In furtherance of the above aim(s) the group shall seek:

- to secure funding for said transport,
- to provide Disclosed escorts for each journey,
- to prepare a rota of Disclosed escorts and to complete daily paperwork for the safe supervision of children,
- to provide a service where mutual trust, respect and open communication are apparent.

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

The grant would be used to provide transport for the children from the Ochiltree area where no Nursery provision exists to the Local Authority Nursery in Auchinleck.

Cost- £35 per day X 190 days = £6,650

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 8

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 8

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 8

3d How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant? 13 children

3e How many members of the community would benefit from the grant? 13 children + 8 parents/carers

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

(b) benefit the local community.

The grant would enable parents to access pre-school education for their children.

5	Total cost of project		£6,650
	Amount of grant requested		£6,600
	Bank Balance(s)	Date 20/4/11	£1,798.16
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	Cash in hand	Date 20/4/11	£0
Value of any other financial assets		Date	£
Name of other funding sources			
The group have submitted an application to the Minerals Trust.			
Amount and date of grant			
£6,650		Date Application submitted March 2011 – awaiting outcome of Minerals Trust meeting in April. Update - Original application lost in post, group will re-send but application will not be reviewed until next Minerals Trust meeting on June 10 th .	

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 current bank balance is the remaining balance of the Childcare Strategy Project Support Funding allocated to the group to provide transport for the academic year August 2010 to June 2011. The group will be able to allocate £50 to the project.

7	Recommendation	
	Support	yes
	Refuse	
	Defer	
	Amount Recommended	£2,000 FINAL RECOMMENDATION - £1,500.00 £1,600 to be met by parental payments of approx £5 per week and £3,000 from possible Minerals Trust funding. (Awaiting update on this application)
Reason for recommendation		

All questions on this form must be completed

The provision of transport for the children is an important aspect of them being able to access pre-school education as no provision is available in their local area. Parents do not all have access to their own transport and public transport is poor with availability not suitable for Nursery opening/closing times. Two escorts are provided per journey who are disclosed parents/carers.

Additional information

The Committee on 19 May 2011 agreed to continue consideration of this application in order that further information can be provided on the obligations of East Ayrshire Council to provide access to pre school education for children within Ochiltree and on the previous source(s) of funding for the purpose of the application.

The Early Education and Childcare Service had lead responsibility for reviewing the funding allocated to the early intervention and parental capacity building programme aspect of Fairer Scotland resources.

The funding allocated for this is split between staffing costs to continue with wraparound care in specific designated nurseries and building parenting programmes.

In reviewing the allocation of funding there was no ability to reduce costs in respect of wraparound care as services require to adhere to adult: child staffing ratios.

As parental capacity building is a key action in terms of both the Community Plan and Children and Young Person's Services Plan, the department required to retain funding to support this work to continue.

In order to meet a percentage reduction therefore the Early Education and Childcare Service required to look at other budget lines.

This included grants to voluntary organisations.

13 children from Ochiltree have been allocated places in Auchinleck Nursery for the academic year August 2011 to June 2012. Auchinleck Nursery is registered to provide 60 places in the morning and 60 in the afternoon and has the capacity each year to accommodate children from Ochiltree.

Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust at their meeting on 10 June 2011 refused the application.

Management Risk Ranking <u>L</u> / M / H Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.	Child Protection Risk Ranking <u>L</u> / M / H Applications with a HIGH ranking are not recommended for support
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8 If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?

9 Does the project represent value for money? Yes No

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	CA			
	DV			
Other areas outwith EA				
Method of Division				

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