

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL GRANTS COMMITTEE - 13 MARCH 2008

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT: DRONGAN HEALTH INITIATIVE (CG 3816)

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide further information to enable the Committee to continue consideration of an application for Community Grant submitted by Drongan Health Initiative (CG 3816).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Interim Southern Local Grants Committee held on 21 February 2008, the Committee agreed to continue consideration of an application for Community Grant submitted by Drongan Health Initiative (CG 3816) for the 2007/2008 financial year, in order to enable further clarification to be provided on the following matters, namely:-

- the possibility of a funding contribution being made by the Community Planning Partners;
- confirmation of the costs of hiring Drongan Games Hall for the proposed activities and the possibility of other, lower cost, facilities being utilised; and
- the possibility of the proposed costs for instructors being reduced through the use of Leisure Development staff.

- 2.2 A copy of the assessment report prepared by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services relative to this application is provided at Appendix I.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 3.1 The undernoted information is submitted in response to each of the points raised by the Committee at the meeting on 21 March 2008, namely:-

- **the possibility of a funding contribution being made by the Community Planning Partners**

Funding available to the Community Planning Partnership Board is through the Fairer Scotland Fund which is a strategic fund and would not be suitable for the purpose of this application. Furthermore, confirmation is still awaited as to whether a Small Project Development Fund will be available but, nonetheless, this would not be an option for funding for this type of initiative bearing in mind the potential for every community to organise a similar event and that the fund previously available was very small. It is considered that the most appropriate

route for funding would be through Community Grants or External Funding.

Furthermore, this is not a project which would directly involve East Ayrshire Community Health Partnership, and it is considered unlikely that this could be a source of funding.

- **confirmation of the costs of hiring Drongan Games Hall for the proposed activities and the possibility of other, lower cost, facilities being utilised**

The Assessing Department advise that the Group will use 60 lets of Drongan Games Hall over the six week period during which the summer school runs. The charge per session is £25.00 which includes a member of the Games Hall staff assisting in the supervision of children. There is no other venue within the village which would accommodate the number of children that are due to attend the Summer School.

- **the possibility of the proposed costs for instructors being reduced through use of Leisure Development staff**

The Assessing Department advise that during the Summer holiday period, Leisure Development Services provide a comprehensive programme of activities in all communities across East Ayrshire, meaning that staff resources are fully committed and therefore it is not possible for Leisure Development Staff to be allocated to work solely at Drongan Summer School. In previous years, the level of support provided to Drongan Summer School by Leisure Development has consisted of one of the travelling teams visiting the Summer School twice per week for two hours each time. The team which visits the Summer School consists of four members of staff, however, due to the number of children attending (which can be up to 80), it is essential that there are other staff from the Summer School in attendance to maintain a safe ratio of at least one member of staff to every 8 children. Leisure Development Services do not levy a charge for the travelling team to provide activities at the Summer School.

4. LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no legal or policy implications arising directly from this report.
- 4.2** The purpose of this application complements the “improving health”, “improving opportunities” and “eliminating poverty” aims of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** A balance of £2,850.00 remains uncommitted from the financial allocation made available to the Southern Local Grants Committee for Community Grants for the current financial year within the Doon Valley area.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** Should the Group fail to secure funding for the purpose of this application within the near future, it is considered that there is a risk that all or part of the proposed Summer Scheme may not take place.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) determine the application for Community Grant submitted by Drongan Health Initiative (CG 3816), having regard to the assessment report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the further information presented in this report; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the terms of this report.

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10 March 2008
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Community Grant Application from Drongan Health Initiative (CG 3816).
2. Related correspondence.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

grant assessment form

1 Aims and objectives of the organisation

To provide health activities and healthy eating for people of all ages living within the Drongan and Rankinston area.

2 Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)

- To provide a 6 week summer school for children aged 5 – 11 years living within Drongan and Rankinston. Drongan will run for 5 days a week and Rankinston 2 days a week. There will be a structured programme of workshops, fitness, arts & crafts and outdoor activities.
- To provide 6 week summer activity programme for 12 – 19 year olds, this will include football, off road biking, exercise and street sport.
- To provide a structured programme for adults over the summer period, looking at fitness, relaxation and healthy eating.

Instructor (Workshops)	£ 500
Hall Hire (Drongan)	£ 1,500
Hall Hire (Rankinston)	£ 120
Equipment/Materials	£ 600
Travelling Expenses for speakers/Volunteers	£ 130

3a How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee? 4

3b What is the organisation's total membership? 12

3c How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events? 80 Children & Young People

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? Whole of Community

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

The group deliver an invaluable service to areas that suffer from rural and social deprivation. It will develop the group's organisational skills and knowledge within health.

(b) benefit the local community.

Provides opportunity for community participation and social interaction for all ages. Provides health benefits for community by either providing the opportunity for the community to participate in health related activities or to gain a better understanding of healthy lifestyles.

5	Total cost of project		£2,850
	Amount of grant requested		£2,850
	Bank Balance(s)	Date 10/01/2008	£3579.79
	Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded		
	Cash in hand	Date	£
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 group have £3,579 in bank but £2,239, received from 'Awards for All', is ring fenced to establish a computer suite and has to be spent by 16 Feb 08. And £500 received from Police is ring fenced for a youth activity programme looking at youth disorder.

7	Recommendation	
	Support	√
	Refuse	
	Defer	
	Amount	£2,850
Recommended		
Reason for recommendation		
Drongan Health Initiative provides the people of Drongan and Rankinston with an invaluable service. By providing a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities. They are also taking steps towards anti-social behaviour and youth disorder which will benefit the communities all year round.		
A condition of grant should be confirmation of the cost of hiring Drongan Hall before any award is paid.		
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

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	%
Cumnock Area			
Doon Valley	ALL	£2,850	100%
Kilmarnock Central			
Kilmarnock North			
Kilmarnock South			
Irvine Valley			
Northern Area			
Other areas outwith EA			
Method of Division			

All questions on this form must be completed