

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 25 MAY 2004

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2004/2005

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of Education Voluntary Sector Grants for the year 2004/2005.

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 grant 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 2004/05 is £10,000.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Council is committed to funding voluntary bodies who operate within the identified criteria.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Council's core values, partnership agreements and the principles of participation and involvement through social inclusion.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members of the Education Committee 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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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

5 March 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Applications for funding 2004/2005

Members wishing further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support, Tel: (01563) 576104.

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Reference	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested (Last Years Award)	Recommendation
VSG/04/001	Scottish Ballet	To support the development of the secondary school residency programme within East Ayrshire over a four week period targeting SIP areas with a maximum of 30 school children within each class. An application has been made to other local authorities	£1,255 (£655)	NIL
VSG/04/002	Institute of Contemporary Scotland	To engage young people between the ages of 18 and 29 in dialogue and debate on the important issues facing Scotland and the wider worked.	NIL	NIL
VSG/04/003	Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association	To support the work done in Gaelic Medium education. Application has been submitted to a number of other local authorities.	Grant returned NIL	NIL
VSG/04/004	Workers' Educational Association	To assist with the running costs of the organisation.	£27,910 (£1,000)	NIL
VSG/04/005	Arthritis Care in Scotland	Provision of a six week course for 16 Arthritis sufferers in East Ayrshire in pain management techniques, coping strategies etc.	£1,800 (£1,000)	NIL
VSG/04/006	Avonlea Youth Centre	To assist with the operating costs of the Youth Centre	£23,642.43 (£4,350)	£4,481 subject to Child Protection Policy being in place.
VSG/04/007	Ayrshire Schools Football Association	To assist with running costs.	£700 (£700)	£700
VSG/04/008	Enterprise Music Scotland	To enable Enterprise Music Scotland to consider more that one workshop for a school/schools in the East Ayrshire	£400	NIL

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		Authority.	(£220)	
VSG/04/010	The Caledonian Award	To contribute towards the cost of providing the awards programme to young people and adults with learning disabilities. Awards programmes included independence and Citizenship	£45,828 (£320)	NIL
VSG/04/011	KULOC	To assist with the running of the Chinese language school which is attended by 60 to 80 children and adults on a weekly basis. The school benefits the Chinese and wider community in East Ayrshire	£4,000 (£2,500)	£2,575
VSG/04/012	West of Scotland Playscheme	To assist with the running costs of the organisation - insurance and travel passes etc and also contribute towards the costs of the annual conference	£2,000	NIL
VSG/04/013	Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education	To support local schools and LEA's in their development if inclusion and in particular, helping schools break down barriers to learning and participation for all pupils. Grant funding supports conferences to be held in England.	£1,000	NIL
Totals:			£108,535.43	£7,756