

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2005**  
**VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2005/2006**

**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 2005/2006.

**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 2005/06 is £10,000.

**4.2** Agreement to recommendations as per Appendix 1 which total £5,115, will result in a balance of £4,885 remaining. There are issues of clarification regarding KULOC's application. A report will therefore be brought to the next Committee regarding the application.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** The Council is committed to funding voluntary bodies who operate within the identified criteria. The funding associated with these applications can be met from the Voluntary Sector grant funding available.

### **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 community planning.

### **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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4 March 2005  
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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Applications for funding 2005/2006

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

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## APPENDIX 1

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2005 - 2006

Reference	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested (Last Years Award)	Recommendation
VSG/05/001	IQRAA	To assist with the running costs of the group, develop an educational programme and hold a cultural event for the wider community.	£2,380 (Previous award 03/04 £2,454)	£500
VSG/05/002	KULOC	To assist with the costs of the Chinese New Year Celebrations.	£700 (NIL)	To be deferred
VSG/05/003	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	£1,750 (Nil)	Nil
VSG/05/004	Avonlea Youth Centre	To assist with the running costs of the Youth Centre.	£23,249 (£4,481)	£4,615
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£28,079</b>	<b>£5,115</b>