

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2007**  
**VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2007/2008**

**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 2007/2008.

**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 2007/2008 is £10,000.

### **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. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** Nil

### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1** All funding applications have undergone a financial and child protection risk management process as part of the assessment process.

### **8. COMMUNITY PLANNING/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**8.1** 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.

### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**9.1** 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

28 February 2007

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Applications for funding 2007/2008

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
ED3493 VSG/ed07/04/as	Childline Scotland "Bullyline"	To be used as part of the support for providing the "Bullyline". A confidential telephone helpline for Children and Young people concerned about Bullying.	£1,610 (£618)	£636
ED3511 VSG/ed07/05/as	IQRAA (Asian Women's Group)	To pay tutors expenses, buy books, equipment for class and assist with running costs.	£2,000 (£750)	£895
ED3519 VSG/ed07/06/jj	KULOC	To run the Chinese Language School every Sunday during term time. Costs include wages, rent, books, stationery, printing.	£3692 (£3,261)	£3486
ED3466 VSG/ed07/03/as	KULOC	To enable the Chinese Language School to run a weekly computer course e.g. Tutor costs, printing, stationery & books.	£954 (£Nil)	Nil
ED3494 VSG/ed07/02/as	Avonlea Youth Centre	To assist with the running costs of the Youth Centre.	£9,185 (£4,838)	£4983
ED3543 VSG/ed07/07/jj	Worker's Educational Association	Educational tutor costs of the activities of the two WEA branches operating in EAC.	£29,561 (Nil)	Nil
ED3624 VSG/ed07/08/jj	Scottish Adult Learning Partnership	To deliver training across East Ayrshire in existing community learning facilities. Training aims to empower community members towards influencing the decision making process.	£5000 (Nil)	Nil
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£52,002</b>	<b>£10,000</b>