

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 24 MAY 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 Education 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. At the last Education Committee it was agreed to award funding of £5,115 leaving a balance of £4,885. An application from KULOC was deferred.

4.2 Agreement to recommendations as per Appendix 1 which total £4,885, result in a balance of Nil.

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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3 May 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 or Dot Grieve, Assistant Principal Officer, Community Learning and Development, Tel: (01563 572929).

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APPENDIX 1

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Reference	Organisation	Reason For Application	Amount Requested	Grant Recommended
VSG/05/002	KULOC	To support a one off cultural event for the Chinese New Year.	£700 (Nil)	£500
VSG/05/007	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.	£3,300 (£2,575)	£3085
VSG/05/005	Workers Educational Association	To support the delivery of a Living with Leisure group in the Kilmarnock Area.	£27,260 (Nil)	Nil
VSG/05/006	Ayrshire Schools Football Association	To provide football coaching for pupils at all age ranges from Primary to Secondary.	£700 (£700)	£700
VSG/05/008	Childline Scotland – The Bullyline.	To support provision of a confidential telephone helpline for children and young people concerned about bullying.	£1,370 (£600 03/04) 04/05 no application	£600
TOTALS			£33,330	£4,885