

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 23 MAY 2006

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2006/2007

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 2006/2007.

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 organizations.

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 2006/2007 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. COMMUNITY PLANNING/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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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

21 April 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Applications for funding 2006/2007

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/06/001 ED3261	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.	£1288 (£600)	£618
VSG/06/002 ED3262	Ayrshire's School Football Association	To pay transport costs and Hospitality costs for representative teams in the Scottish Cups and all costs associated with running football teams.	£700 (£700)	£533
VSG/06/003 ED3302	IQRAA (Asian Women's Group)	To pay tutors expenses, buy books, equipment for class and assist with running costs.	£2526 (£500)	£750
VSG/06/004 ED3303	KULOC	To assist with the running of the Chinese Language School. e.g. Wages, rent.	£5794 (£3,085)	£3261
VSG/06/005 ED3328	Avonlea Youth Centre	To assist with the running costs of the Youth Centre.	£9199 (4,615)	£4838
VSG/06/006 ED3357	The Holiday Project	To enable the Project to provide fresh fruit and dental products for families using the caravans. Also to purchase promotional items such as balloons, stickers etc	£1538 (nil)	Nil
		TOTALS	£21,045	£10,000