

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 30 MAY 2001

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline applications for financial assistance under the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme for Members' consideration.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Organisations applying for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme should serve a national or East Ayrshire wide community and in any case should benefit two or more Local Committee areas. A sum of £7049 is available for distribution.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Each application is assessed by officers possessing the appropriate expertise within the Community Services Department according to key criteria areas as outlined in a report to the Leisure Sub Committee of the Community Services Committee on 20th May 1997.
- 3.2 Details of 12 applications are contained within Appendix 1 with the recommended levels of financial assistance totalling £7,049.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A budget of £30,000 is available for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme in financial year 2001/02 of which £22,951 is committed leaving a balance of £7,049. Should the recommendations which are contained within Appendix 1 be approved this will fully commit the budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations for financial year 2001/02.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Not applicable

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All Grants to the Voluntary Organisations Scheme are assessed utilising key criteria, which relates to the Council's Leisure Strategy and other core strategies and policies.

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 12 applications have been received from Voluntary Organisations details of which are displayed in Appendix 1. Should Members approve the recommendations, the budget for Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme 2001/02 would be fully committed.
- 7.2 Further applicants to the scheme during the current financial year would be advised that the budget is fully committed and would be provided with information on alternative funding mechanisms for specific projects where appropriate.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that Members approve, refuse or defer the applications as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 8.2 It is recommended that Members note the advice which would be forwarded to other applicants to the scheme during the financial year 2001/02.

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Director of Community Services

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8 May 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Applications from Voluntary Organisations
2. Report entitled 'Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme: Applications for Financial Assistance' to Leisure Sub-Committee of the Community Services Committee on 20 May 1997.

Any person wishing to inspect the above background papers should telephone 01563 576264 and ask for John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services.

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APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS SCHEME

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HERTIAGE:

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| Doors Open Day - Ayrshire | Sixty buildings throughout Ayrshire to be open free for local people and visitors to focus on built heritage. Application to support administration, postage, insurance, publicity, leaflets, posters and banners. (Total Project Cost £ 6,930) | Direct impact – The organisation represents good value for money and East Ayrshire buildings are well represented in their programme. Doors Open Day makes an important contribution to East Ayrshire's social calendar and heightens people's awareness of their surroundings. As the day is free for everyone, this project is very inclusive. | £2,000 | £1000 |
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COMMENTS

The application intersects with the Leisure Strategy under the Museums and Arts aim MS3 – to enhance the significance of buildings. Several historic buildings, not normally open to the public open this day including the Burns Tower in Mauchline, the Old High School in Kilmarnock and Lady Flora's House in Newmilns.

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ENVIRONMENTAL:

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| South West Scotland Begonia Society | To support the cost of show, hall hire, speakers and printing and postage. (Total Project Cost £525.20) | Direct impact on East Ayrshire community. The show, in conjunction with Sorn Horticultural Society attracts growers from East Ayrshire and surrounding area and instruction/advice is freely given to all interested parties. | £100 | £50 |
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The group meets in Cumnock eight times a year with thirty/forty members attending each meeting.

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RECREATION:

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| Cumnock Cage Bird Society | To support general administrative costs such as stationery, postage, photocopying, building lets for meetings. (Total Project Cost £ 214) | Direct impact on East Ayrshire community. Membership open to all and fifty-four members from throughout Ayrshire including Cumnock, New Cumnock, Muirkirk, Mauchline and Kilmarnock. Activities of group also includes local bird shows | £150 | £150 |
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The club continues to be a benefit to members of the community and is the only one of its kind in the area. Their activities intersect with some of the aims within the Leisure Strategy.

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| SPORT: | | | | |
| Boys and Girls Club (Glasgow and South West Scotland) | Hire of facilities, running costs and transport for a variety of events including festival of sport, cross country running and seven-a-side football tournament. (Total Project Cost £ 5,000) | Direct impact on East Ayrshire community: This organisation offers advice and support to sports clubs accounting for approximately 6000 young people. 75% of membership is from Ayrshire. They organise numerous activities throughout the year ranging from child protection seminars for coaches to sports festivals for young people. | £2500 | £1500 |
| <p>COMMENTS</p> <p>Project corresponds with Leisure Strategy SD1 "To increase opportunities to take part in sport by providing appropriate sports development programmes". SD2 "To ensure that young people have opportunities to take part in a wide range of sports".</p> <p>The organisation caters for 6000 boys and girls aged 8-18 years. The organisation promotes physical activity whilst encouraging the spirit of friendly competition and promoting positive social interaction.</p> | | | | |

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| SPORT: | | | | |
| Sports for Special Needs | <p>Hire of swimming pool for weekly training for young people who have a disability.</p> <p>(Total Project Cost £ 2652)</p> | <p>Direct impact to East Ayrshire community. The group provides weekly swimming sessions for children and young people who have a disability and encourages and supports members who participate in galas and recreation fun days. The group also provides support to families of disabled children and organises many fundraisers and social events.</p> <p>The group meets many of the Councils core strategies which include the social and equal opportunity strategies as the group reduces social isolation felt by disabled people, it enables children and young people with disabilities to reach their full potential as well as allowing them to participate in recreation and sporting activities.</p> | £1,602 | £1349 |
| <p>COMMENTS</p> <p>The assessing officer reports that this is an extremely valuable service to children and families with disabilities. Without this grant it would be difficult for this group to continue providing such a full programme. The Council's Leisure Strategy is met by providing equal opportunity for all regardless of ability.</p> | | | | |

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ARTS AND CULTURAL:

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| Scottish Poetry Library | Staff costs, projects, van, marketing, administration. (Total Project Cost £178,000) | No impact/ contribution to East Ayrshire residents. Although committed to quality, equality, access and partnership, the Poetry Library is predominantly building based in Edinburgh. They do have an outreach facility and have recently appointed an education officer but East Ayrshire residents are not benefiting from these. | £500 | £0 |
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Core funding of the Scottish Poetry Library does not intersect with any of the Arts and Cultural strategic aims within the Leisure Strategy.

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| Scottish Ballet | Core running costs | Very limited contribution to East Ayrshire residents. There has been some contribution to school pupils at Onthank Primary School however this was completely funded by a grant from the Robertson Trust. | £300 | £0 |
| <p>COMMENTS Contributing towards core funding of the Scottish Ballet does not intersect with the aims within the Leisure Strategy. There are no future plans to nurture the relationship with East Ayrshire Primary Schools or use the grant in a way which is of benefit to East Ayrshire residents.</p> | | | | |

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| The Ayrshire Music Festival | Annual Ayrshire Music Festival. Costs include adjudicators, accompanists, transport, signage, venue hire. (Total project cost £14,000) | This is an application from an organisation which seeks to encourage more people from East Ayrshire to take part in a locally focussed musical event. The organisation is open to participation by all age ranges and is a very cost effective method of encouraging music in schools as well as broadly in the community. | £500 | £500 |
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This is a well supported regional organisation which can demonstrate strong levels of participation in events from East Ayrshire residents.

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| National Youth Choir of Scotland | Core funding including general administration, staff salaries, costs associated with running residential courses. | This group provides no direct benefits to the people of East Ayrshire in terms of performances or subsidised choir places at a local level. | £500 | £0 |
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COMMENTS

The applicant has not demonstrated any local benefit from their choral work and their application does not intersect significantly with Arts and Cultural development aims within the Leisure Strategy. Residential fees range from £275 to £375 for a 7-10 day course which are viewed as being expensive.

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| Robert Burns World Federation | Core running costs – salaries, wages and general administration including competitions. (Total project cost £22,500) | Some impact within East Ayrshire when considering area's association with Robert Burns. The organisation promotes the stimulation and development of Scottish literature, art and music as well as the preservation of monuments and places associated with Burns. | £2500 | £1500 |
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The organisation is based at the Dower House, Dean Castle Country Park.

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| Citizen's Theatre | 150 workshop places, 150 theatre tickets and 1 workshop. (Total project Cost £1500) | This organisation is long established as a provider of high quality performances for audiences in the West of Scotland. They have been able to demonstrate that people in East Ayrshire visit their theatre, particularly in groups and therefore provide a direct benefit to people living in East Ayrshire. | £1000 | £500 |
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COMMENTS

In establishing links with professional cultural organisations such as the Citizens' Theatre, we are meeting our priorities within the Leisure Strategy.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY:

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| Crime Stoppers Scotland | To operate free phone number, campaigns, salaries and general administration costs. | Direct Impact: The organisation offers the opportunity for the public to report crimes through a free phone number with the option of anonymity. This will contribute to a reduction in crime | £2000 | £500 |
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| | (Total project cost £67,750) | throughout East Ayrshire and more crimes have been seen to be solved in 2000. | | |
| COMMENTS The application intersects with aims within the East Ayrshire Community Safety Strategy and the themes within social inclusion priorities. | | | | |

AGENDA