

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE - 29 MAY 2002

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 11 applications are contained within Appendix 1 with the recommended levels of financial assistance adjusted to reflect the total sum of £7,049 available.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A budget of £30,000 is available for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Scheme in financial year 2002/03 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 2002/03.

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 11 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 2002/03 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 2002/03.

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9 May 2002

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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ORGANISATION BY HEADINGS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	IMPACT/CONTRIBUTION TO EAST AYRSHIRE	AMOUNT REQUESTED 2002/2003	RECOMMEND- ATION
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HERTIAGE:

Doors Open Day - Ayrshire	<p>On Sunday 1 September 2002, the objective is to arrange for 50 buildings to be open free for local visitors and others to view inside. The focus is on built heritage.</p> <p>Application to support administration, postage, insurance, publicity, leaflets, posters and banners.</p> <p>(Total Project Cost £ 4950)</p>	<p>Direct impact – The organisation is committed to bringing added value to Doors Open Day Ayrshire , In East Ayrshire buildings last year, craft events were scheduled in collaboration with the Ayrshire and Arran Craft Development Project which was a new dimension for the event. In 2001 there were several new East Ayrshire venues added to the programme. The event gives local people free access to the buildings in their area which are often closed off to them during the rest of the year.</p>	£1500	£1,200
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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. With the involvement of craft makers, it now also intersects with the Arts and Cultural Development Aim AC2 – to offer appropriate support to individuals and groups developing skills and excellence across a range of arts activities.

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HERTIAGE:				
Ayrshire Archaeological and Natural History Society	This is a heritage project which seeks to protect an important collection of photographs taken in Newmilns at the end of the 19 th century. A copy of the photographs will be lodged at the Dick Institute. The project will take two years to complete and will involve transferring 400 fragile images over on to paper. The glass plates will also be conserved for future reference. (Total Project Cost £ 18,145)	The project is directly relevant to the Museums and Arts Service Plan as it will conserve and make accessible an important part of local heritage within East Ayrshire. The photographs are a priceless record of life in East Ayrshire and would also be a significant addition to the museums collections. There are also clear social benefits to this project because the photographs will become accessible to East Ayrshire residents researching local history.	£1,800	£1,600 Conditional on successful Heritage Lottery Fund Grant and that images of weaving or from the textiles industry be included in the 400 images selected.
COMMENTS The application directly intersects with aims within the Leisure Strategy.				

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ENVIRONMENTAL:

West of Scotland Begonia Society	To support the cost of show, rosettes, trophies / prizes and Judges Expenses. (Total Project Cost £234.79)	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. The show allows residents of East Ayrshire to view at a local level, National Standards of plant propagation.	£50	£50
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COMMENTS

The group meets in Cumnock eight times a year and has 72 members. The application intersects with aims within the Leisure Strategy and Environment Strategy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL:

The Scottish Ornithologists Club, Ayrshire Branch	To support the cost of publishing 20,000 booklets describing some 60 bird watching sites accessible to the public in Ayrshire. 5000 booklets will be circulated within East Ayrshire. It is intended that the booklet will be free of charge and the East Ayrshire Council Ranger Service have been involved in the project. Costs are associated with the graphic design, photographs, text, research and printing and distribution. (Total Project Cost £11,500)	The booklet will make a positive contribution to the residents of East Ayrshire in that it promotes a hobby which is relatively cheap and open to everyone. It will encourage residents of East Ayrshire to use their local area and will raise environmental awareness within East Ayrshire. Dean Castle Country Park and other sites within East Ayrshire will be included. Bird watching is a sustainable recreational activity and the booklet will include information on public transport and walking and cycling routes to each area.	£1000	£800
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COMMENTS

The application directly supports aims within the Leisure Strategy i.e. providing opportunities for people to enjoy their natural heritage' and also supports aims within the Environment Strategy. The project will also attract visitors to East Ayrshire and promotes an active lifestyle.

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SPORT:

Boy's and Girl's Clubs (Glasgow & South West Scotland)	To hold a festival of sport to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. Incorporating several sporting events throughout the year. These range from golf championships to five – a side football tournaments. The grant requested is for hire of facilities, transport and running costs. (Total Project Cost £6,000)	Although none of the events will take place in East Ayrshire, Sports Clubs from the area will be able to participate in the events. The organisation has a good membership base from East Ayrshire and the events will provide an excellent opportunity for young people from various backgrounds to come together and participate in a sports festival.	£2000	£500
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COMMENTS

The application intersects with Sports Development aims within the Leisure Strategy – To ensure that young people have opportunities to take part in a wide range of sports and to identify, nurture and support talented sports persons.

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SPORT:

Sports for Special Needs	Hire of swimming pool for weekly training for young people who have a disability.	<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</p>	£2000	£1,600
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	(Total Project Cost £ 3000)	activities. The club currently has 55 members.		
COMMENTS 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.				

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ARTS AND CULTURAL:

Ayrshire Music Festival Association	Running Costs associated with holding the annual music festival. The festival promotes music, speech and drama in Ayrshire through a competitive process. Costs include adjudicators fees and expenses, administrative costs, printing, insurance and trophies. (Total Project Cost £12,820)	The festival is competitive which is not ideal however it does encourage participation in the arts in a broad sense, both for pupils and their parents or guardians.	£500	£200
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COMMENTS

Interests with Arts Aims within Leisure Strategy.

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ARTS AND CULTURAL:

Citizen's Theatre	<p>The application is for costs associated with running theatre workshops and towards general running costs.</p> <p>(Total Project Cost £1300)</p>	<p>This organisation is long established as a provider of high quality performances for audiences in the West of Scotland. Through its education /lifelong learning activities, they give communities the platform to explore many pressing social issues relating to living in Scotland.</p> <p>They have previously been able to demonstrate that people in East Ayrshire visit their theatre, however the group do not deliver outreach work in East Ayrshire.</p>	£1000	0
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COMMENTS

Application intersects with the Leisure Strategy - Arts and Cultural Development Strategic Aim – To offer support to individuals and groups developing skills and excellence across a wide range of arts activities.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY:

Crime Stoppers Scotland	To operate free phone number, anti crime campaigns, salaries and general administration costs (Total project cost £73,000)	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 throughout East Ayrshire.	£2000	£500
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COMMENTS

The application intersects with aims within the East Ayrshire Community Safety Strategy and the themes within social inclusion priorities. Crimestoppers has proven to be a worthwhile and long standing organisation and provides a valuable link between police and the community.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY:

Ayr and District Safe Drivers Association	The application is for running costs, lectures / demonstrations, promotional material, attendance at shows. (Total Project Cost £1200)	There has been a sharp rise in the number of fatal road accidents in East Ayrshire, rising from 4 in 2000 to 11 in 2001. Young drivers are more than twice as likely to be injured in an accident. Any training that can promote safer and improved driving on the roads of East Ayrshire will have a positive impact with communities.	£100	£100
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COMMENTS

The application supports the aims within the East Ayrshire Community Safety Strategy.

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Recreational Activities:

Ayrshire Radio Controlled Car Club	To develop a race track for radio controlled cars with all the required facilities in Irvine. Costs include clearing existing site and laying track, rostrum, radio control and toilets, fencing and parking. (Total Project Cost £20,000)	The organisation has demonstrated that it has an active membership from East Ayrshire including residents of Kilmarnock, Stewarton, Kilmaurs, and Mauchline.	£2,000	£500
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COMMENTS

Any grant awarded should be on the basis that all necessary planning permissions are obtained by the club and that a complete funding package is put together prior to any payment to the group is made.

AGENDA