

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CHAIR'S SUB COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 MARCH 2002

VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2001/2002

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members of recommendations for final awards in respect of allocations of education voluntary sector grants for the year 2001/2002

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; and
- that the grant aid expenditure should have clear benefits for East Ayrshire.

2.3 Other key criteria to be considered include:

- the grant aid expenditure should contribute to community development;
- the work of the organisation should address one or more strategic issue;
- 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 complimentary to the work of Support to Communities;
- the grant aided expenditure assists in training and the development work of the organisation; and
- the grant aided expenditure is part of a broader collaborative strategy with other departments, agencies or services and community organisations.

Where funding is sought for out of school care projects the applicant should meet the basic eligibility criteria as cited above and should meet the requirements of the Children Act 1989 and the Children Scotland Act 1995 as appropriate.

3 PROPOSALS

3.1 It is proposed that members consider the recommendations for grant aid support as detailed in Appendix 1. These recommendations are made following positive officer assessment of each application.

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

4.1 The total budget allocated to Voluntary Sector Grants is £65,323. Following awards made at previous meetings, the remaining balance is £14,653.

4.2 The recommendations detailed in Appendix 1 total £4,000 resulting in a balance of £10,653 .

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The council is committed to funding voluntary bodies who operate within the identified criteria.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – Nil

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Council's Core Values, Partnership Agreement and the principles of participation and involvement through Social Inclusion.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1** Members of the Sub 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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Director of Educational and Social Services
26 February 2002

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Applications for funding 2001/2002
2. Officers Assessments of applications

Members wishing further information should contact Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support, Tel: (01563) 576104 or Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer, Tel: (01563) 576126.

Reference	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
	YouthLink Ayrshire	To support young people from East Ayrshire to participate in the Young Quality Scot residential experience in Arran and to support the successful nominees in the National event in Dundee	£1,000	£1,000	YouthLink Ayrshire coordinate participation in this event across all Ayrshire. In the past young people from East Ayrshire have benefited significantly from their participation in this event
	Arthritis Care in Scotland	To support the delivery of 2 training courses for adults with arthritis in East Ayrshire.	£4,600	£1,000	The training courses being offered will offer opportunities in personal development as well as support training.
	Playscheme Travel Passes	To access travel passes which are used by playschemes and out of school care groups throughout East Ayrshire during the Easter, summer and October school breaks	£2,000	£2,000	Previously organised through the Playscheme Forum this award will fund travel passes for the SPTE only.
	TOTALS			£4,000	

AGENDA