

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CHAIR'S SUB COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 13 JULY 2001

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 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 the community education service;
- 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 Applications have been received from two groups who wish to develop their community initiative during the summer recess. Both applications meet the identified criteria and have been assessed.

3.2 Kilmarnock Fire Cadet Scheme

This new group is affiliated to the Strathclyde Fire Cadet Scheme, and seeks to offer activities to young people which will include training in the use of fire equipment, sporting activity, outdoor activities and unit fundraising, meeting weekly in the grounds of Kilmarnock Fire Station, the group is open to young people throughout the council area. Cadets will also be encouraged to participate in Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Members may recall the report to the Education Committee on 19 September 2000 which received support to establish a young firefighters scheme in the area.

The total cost of setting up the project is **£10,000**;

refurbishment of donated portacabin	£4,500
provision of uniforms including overalls and goggles	£3,000
furnishings	£1,000
equipment including firefighting equipment	£1,500.

Assistance is not usually offered to purchase personal items i.e. uniforms.

The group have requested a grant of £10,000. It is recommended that the group are awarded **£7,000**.

3.3 Muirkirk Music Festival

This is the third year of this event. The festival is open to all Primary aged children in East Ayrshire and hosted in Muirkirk. Although the event is organised by a community based group, the school staff and the headteacher

support is significant to the success of this festival and it is a major event in the school year.

The total cost of the event is **£8,000**;

Transport	£4,000
Catering	£2,000
Prizes and entertainment	£2,000

The group have request a grant of £1,000. It is recommended that the group are awarded **£1,000**.

4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- 4.1** The total budget allocated to Voluntary Sector Grants is £65,323. A total of £17,500 was awarded at the Education Committee on 7 March 2001, the remaining balance from that meeting is £47,823. Awards made to the level of officer recommendations would result in a balance of **£39,823**.

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 Education Committee are asked to:

- (i) approve the recommendations as detailed in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3;
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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 3 July 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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AGENDA