

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 7 MARCH 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** 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.
- 3.2** Member will note recommendations to defer the decision of award for Out of School Care initiatives. This recommendation recognises the formation of the consortium of Out of School care groups to seek funding from the New Opportunities Fund and seeks to allow the consortium time to confirm the outcome of the application and to progress accordingly.

### **4. FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

- 4.1** The total budget allocated to Voluntary Sector Grants is £65,323. The recommendations of Appendix 1 totals £17,500, the remaining balance would be £47,823.

### **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 Appendix 1; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

John Mulgrew  
Director of Educational and Social Services  
23 February 2001

### **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
VSG/2001/001	Sounds Of Progress	SOP would like to give an eight-week course of specialist music workshops to 20 children in each of the three special schools within Kilmarnock - Witchill, Woodstock and Park School.	£2,550.00 (0)	<b>£0.00</b>	
VSG/2001/002	Kilmarnock Community Education Team Base	In Respect of Funding for Crèche Support for Community Learning Opportunities organised in Kilmarnock.	£6,044.00 (0.5 share of £2,500)	<b>£2,000.00</b>	
VSG/2001/003	Childline Scotland	In respect of contribution towards provision of free confidential phone line and collation of information.	£1,182.00 ((£300)	<b>£500.00</b>	
VSG/2001/004	Community Learning Scotland	In respect of the practitioner of policy maker support to a variety of groups, local authorities and individuals.	£1,000.00 ((£500)	<b>£500.00</b>	
VSG/2001/005	Onthank After School Care Project	To provide quality affordable childcare to lone parents within APT area to allow them access to employment or return to further or higher education.	£38,339.80 (£17,000 part year only)	<b>Defer</b>	Consortium award information due 26 Feb from New Opportunity Fund
VSG/2001/006	BASICS	To provide low cost quality child care for single parents and parents on low income.	£52,938.88 (£27,000)	<b>Defer</b>	Consortium award information due 26 Feb
VSG/2001/007	Dyslexia Scotwest	To provide workshops and seminars throughout the year.	£2,414.00 (0)	<b>£100.00</b>	
VSG/2001/008	Ayrshire Schools Football Association	To provide footballing opportunities for ages 13, 14 & under 18.	£700.00 (0)	<b>£500.00</b>	

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VSG/2001/009	Scottish Council for Research in Education	To provide information and consultancy to support research by others.	£1,303.00 (£400)	<b>£200.00</b>	
VSG/2001/010	National Youth Orchestra of Scotland	To provide opportunities in orchestral and jazz training for all young musicians in Scotland.	£1,000.00 (£100)	<b>£100.00</b>	
VSG/2001/011	Cumnock Community Education Team Base	To provide childcare facilities in the Cumnock & Doon Valley area.	£7,750.00 (£3,100)	<b>£3000.00</b>	
VSG/2001/012	Workers' Educational Association	To provide for the educational needs of the socially, economically disadvantaged adults.	£23,120.00 (£1,000)	<b>£1,000.00</b>	
VSG/2001/014	LEAD Scotland	To enable and empower physically and/or visually impaired adults to access education, training and lifelong learning opportunities.	£500.00 (£200)	<b>£200.00</b>	
VSG/2001/015	Avonlea Youth Centre	To provide in the interests of Social welfare, recreation and leisure pursuits and facilities for education of young people in Catrine and Sorn.	£11,735.20 (£4,153)	<b>£4,200.00</b>	
VSG/2001/016	Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association	To planning, organising and delivering of a Youth Festival incorporating Gaelic in the former Strathclyde area.	£350.00 (£100)	<b>£100.00</b>	
VSG/2001/017	East Ayrshire District Scouts	To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual social potential, as individuals and as responsible citizens.	£850.00 (£720)	<b>£300.00</b>	

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VSG/2001/018	Bellfield After School Care	To provide a caring social and recreational facility for before and after school care during term time and school holidays. The service is for the benefit of children of lone parents and those on low income either working or in further education.	£6,926.00 (£1,300 part year)	<b>Defer</b>	Consortium award information due 26 Feb from New Opportunity Fund
VSG/2001/020	The Caledonian Award	To increase the experiences and enrich the lives of young people and adults with learning disabilities, especially those with deprived background.	£1,000.00 (£300)	<b>£300.00</b>	
VSG/2001/021	Learning & Teaching Scotland	To maintain current services within our technology centre and help LT Scotland's general activities.	(£100)	<b>£100.00</b>	
VSG/2001/023	Youth Link Ayrshire	To represent the objectives of youth organisations, to provide information on youth work to member organisations, to organise and assist with seminars and training courses, to encourage and promote new approaches to young people. To research matters affecting young people today.	£500.00 (£100)	<b>£100.00</b>	
VSG/2001/024	West of Scotland Playscheme Advisory Forum	The Forum aims to support Playschemes by providing insurance, travel passes and training through our conferences so that leaders can provide a safe play area for children during the school holidays.	£4,500.00 (0)	<b>£0</b>	

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VSG/2001/025	Irvine Valley Community Education Team Base	In Respect of Funding for Crèche Support for Community Learning Opportunities organised in Kilmarnock.	£2,683.00 (0.5 share of £2,500)	<b>£1,500</b>	
VSG/2001/026	Arthritis Care in Scotland	Arthritis Care works to promote self-help and social inclusion for all people with arthritis, through empowering people to take control of their arthritis, their lives and their organisation.	£4,600.00	<b>£800</b>	
SPTE for the provision of travel passes which are accessed by playschemes and other groups to enhance programmed activity during Easter, October and summer holiday clubs				<b>£2,000</b>	
<b>Totals</b>				<b>£17500</b>	

**AGENDA**