

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 27 MAY 2003
VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS 2003/2004

Report by Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for recommendations for awards in respect of allocations of education voluntary sector grants for the year 2003/2004

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
- 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
- the grant aided expenditure is part of a broader collaborative strategy with other departments, agencies or services and community organisations

2.4 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 Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

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 Agreement to recommendations as per Appendix 1 totals £16,769. There are sufficient funds within the budget to meet this commitment

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Council is committed to funding voluntary bodies that operate within the identified criteria.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Support to the voluntary and community sector is compatible with the Council's Core Values, Partnership Agreements 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

8 May 2003
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Applications for funding 2003/2004
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.

IMPLEMENTATION OFFICER: KAY GILMOUR

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Ref	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested (Last Years Award)	Recommendation
VSG03/001	Community Learning and Support	Grant to support childcare for parents/carers returning to learning and accessing community based courses offered across whole council area by Community Learning and Support.	£8,200.00 (£8,000)	£8,200
VSG03/002	Ayrshire Schools Football Association	To provide football coaching for pupils at all age ranges from Primary to Secondary.	£700.00 (£700)	£700
VSG03/003	Glasgow Gaelic Drama Association	To provide social and cultural reinforcement to the work done in schools by participation on the FEIS OIGRIDH non-competitive festival.	£350.00 (£100)	£120
VSG03/004	Workers' Educational Association	To operate a flexible learning programme aimed at building capacity within Local Community Councils and Local Community Associations.	£24,530.00 (£1000)	£1,000
VSG03/005	Avonlea Youth Centre	To develop and fully maximise the use of the Avonlea Youth Centre. £1,000 Awarded on 22.04.03 (Chair's Sub Committee)	£17,250.40 (£4,200)	Continue pending review
VSG03/006	Childline Scotland	To provide a free confidential telephone helpline to any child or young person worried about bullying.	£1,253.00 (£500)	£600

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VSG03/007	Enterprise Music Scotland	To enable Enterprise Music Scotland to consider more that one workshop for a school/schools in the East Ayrshire Authority.	£300.00 (£200)	£220
VSG03/008	Kilmarnock & Loudoun District Scout Council	To cover costs of vetting of adults involved with working with young people and the development of 2 new sections targeting older members	£500.00 (no application)	Refer to local committees
VSG03/009	The Caledonian Award	To contribute towards the cost of providing the programme to young people and adults with learning disabilities.	£1,000.00 (£300)	£320
VSG03/010	KULOC	To run Chinese Language school every Sunday during term-time.	£3,830.00 (£2,500)	£2,500
VSG03/011	LEAD Scotland	To provide development capacity to advise learning centres/libraries etc about disability equality issues during year of the disabled people 2003.	£250.00 (£200)	Nil due to no service being received in East Ayrshire last year
VSG03/012	IQRAA	To provide books and equipment and pay tutor and let expenses to help lessen social exclusion within the IQRAA Community.	£2,454.00	£2,454
VSG03/013	Scottish Ballet	To provide a secondary school residency programme in East Ayrshire over a four week period targeting a maximum of 30 school children within each class.	£1,255.00	£655 to be matched by Arts budget

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VSG03/014	West of Scotland Special Educational Needs Sports Association	To enable the Committee to run Activities and Competitions including 3 Swimming Galas and inter-authority Competitions	£691.32	nil
Totals:			£62,363.72	£16,769