

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 13 NOVEMBER 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 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 totaling £26,700, the remaining balance is £38,623.
- 4.2** The recommendations detailed in Appendix 1 total £23,970, agreement to the recommendations would result in a remaining balance of £14,653.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The council is committed to funding voluntary bodies who 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 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.

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Director of Educational and Social Services

26 October 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.

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APPENDIX 1

Reference	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Comments
VSG/2001/030	Young Parent's Project	To provide an educational based programme for young parents aged 16-23 with crèche facilities to enable the group to work in a non-threatening environment.	£4,728.00	£2,246	Childcare to support young parents to fully participate in the project's learning activities
VSG/2001/031	Auchinleck Community Association	To provide learning materials to ensure continuing access to the learning centre within the Auchinleck Community Centre	£1,500.00	£1,500	Flexible learning materials will extend the use of this well used facility
VSG/2001/032	Auchinleck Self Help Group	To provide a meeting place for people with mental health and stress related problems	£1,245.00	nil	Application to be presented to local committee grants for consideration
VSG/2001/033	Cairnhill Community House Management Committee	To provide a meeting place for community groups and organisations within the area by extending the service to include computer training programmes	£2,195.00	£2,195	Purchase of computer, learning materials to complement the activities of the house.
VSG/2001/034	East Ayrshire Federation of Community Associations	To foster a spirit of mutual help and assistance among member groups and co-ordinate training.	£1,000.00	£1,000	To support the annual costs of the umbrella body for community associations.
VSG/2001/035	Catrine & District Visual Arts Group	To pursue life-long learning, learn new skills and to involve people in the community,	£400.00	nil	Application to be presented to local committee grants for consideration

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VSG/2001/036	Forge Ahead	To provide crèche facilities whilst parents are taking part in further education.	£3,000.00	£1,500	Childcare to support participants in their learning activities
VSG/2001/037	Logan Junior Youth Club	To deliver educational, recreational and personal development programmes to young people in a socially excluded area.	£690.00	nil	Application to be presented to local committee grants for consideration
VSG/2001/038	Muirkirk Community Association	To provide computer materials to allow villagers to become computer literate.	£1,500.00	£1,500	Flexible learning materials will extend the use of this well used facility
VSG/2001/039	New Cumnock Community Association	To provide learning materials to further develop the learning centre within the Community Centre	£1,500.00	£1,500	Flexible learning materials will extend the use of this well used facility
VSG/2001/40	North West Youth Project	Employment of Outreach Worker - to provide social and recreational activities for young people aged 9-25 within North West Kilmarnock	£2,960.00	nil	Application to be presented to local committee grants for consideration
VSG/2001/41	North West Youth Project	To purchase virtual babies package - to provide social and recreational activities for young people aged 9-25 within North West Kilmarnock	£2,179.00	£2,179	Conditional on the package being accessible to other youth work initiatives.
VSG/2001/42	Patna Community Association	Learning materials, books, software, consumables to provide access to learning opportunities within the local community	£1,500.00	£1,500	Flexible learning materials will extend the use of this well used facility

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VSG/2001/43	Youth Advocacy Steering Group (East Ayrshire)	Publicity, Traveling and Administration to encourage contact with other relevant agencies.	£1,150.00	£1,150	To promote the purpose of the group across the council area
VSG/2001/44	Rankinston Community Association	Learning materials, books, software, consumables to provide access to learning opportunities within the local community	£1,500.00	£1,500	Flexible learning materials will extend the use of this well used facility
VSG/2001/45	Drongan Community Association	To purchase ICT learning materials and software which will facilitate a variety of learning opportunities for the community	£1500.00	£1,500	Flexible learning materials will extend the use of this well used facility
VSG/2001/46	Ayrshire Schools Football Association	Running costs, e.g. Hire of pitches; equipment and bi-annual representative game in Manchester	£200.00	£200	To address shortfall in funding.
VSG/2001/47	Friends of Newmilns Ski Slope	Set up costs of new adult and youth club within the ski slope plus the purchase of equipment to develop slope use	£4,500.00	£4,500	New initiative of community group working towards community management of the ski slope.
			£33,247.00	£23,970.00	

AGENDA