

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 16 SEPTEMBER 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 complementary 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 £4,350. The committee has previously approved awards totaling £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 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

18 August 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 Officer, Communities Tel: (01563) 576126.

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Ref	Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested (Last Years Award)	Recommendation
VSG/03/005	Avonlea Youth Centre	To support a range of community learning services for young people and adults. The group were awarded £1000 at a Chairs Sub Committee meeting on 22 April pending a review of their operation. A new management committee has been established with local adults and young people represented, previous difficulties have been addressed and are unlikely to recur.	£17,250 (£4200)	£3,350
Ed2191	Arthritis Care in Scotland	To provide a 'Challenging Arthritis Management' course. These courses meet a significant demand and anticipate 80 beneficiaries of the training.	£1400 (£1000)	£1000
Totals:				£4350