

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE: 23 OCTOBER 2001

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE: LOCAL CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME: 2002/2003 BIDS

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To note the awards submitted to the council for inclusion in the Scottish Executive's 2002/2003 Local Capital Grants Scheme, and to rank them prior to submission to the Scottish Executive.

2 THE LOCAL CAPITAL GRANTS SCHEME

- 2.1 The Local Capital Grants Scheme is an annual bidding round to the Scottish Executive. This year, the Environment and Rural Affairs Department advertised the fund by writing to community councils, and the council.
- 2.2 This information was also disseminated via the council's external funding network, and submissions were requested to be with the council by 5th October 2001.
- 2.3 The Local Capital Grants Scheme encourages and assists local voluntary youth and community organisations to provide new, or improve existing premises for educational, social and recreational purposes.
- 2.4 The Scottish Executive will pay for 50% (to a maximum of £100,000) towards capital new-build or refurbishment costs. It is usually the case that the local authority should contribute 25% of the total expenditure. The regulations state, that 'in exceptional circumstances, a project may be grant aided where the applicant can demonstrate that it is able to raise 50% of the project costs without recourse to a local authority contribution'.
- 2.5 Eligible organisations are youth organisations or village hall/community centre organisations, who are in possession of a lease of the property and who provide facilities for educational, social and recreational activities.
- 2.6 The scheme requires local authorities to prioritise the applications. The Scottish Executive will prioritise the project that the local authority places at the top of its list. It should be noted however, that the fact a project appears at the top of an authority's priority list does not automatically guarantee that the Scottish Executive will approve it for grant-aid.
- 2.7 The deadline for submission of these applications with their respective prioritisation is 24th October 2001.

3 PROPOSALS RECEIVED

3.1 The following proposals were received by community & voluntary organisations;

Applicant	Project Details	Total Cost £k	Funding to be applied for £k	Scot Exec Bid £k
yipworld.com	Soundproofing measures: Renew windows in the office and café area. Fit new doors to rear of building.	6	3 - yipworld.com	3
Dalmellington Silver Band	New Practice Hall	215	15 – EAC (in-kind) 50 - Minerals Trust 25 - Coalfields Regen Trust 25 - Arts Council	100
The Dairy Project, Newmilns	New building for young people	160	10 – EAC (match –fund) 10 – North SI Challenge 50 - Community Fund 10 – Children in Need	80
Dalrymple Community Centre Committee	Extension of building to provide dedicated youth space and one-stop-shop to partner services	140	20 – EAC (match-fund) 20 – Health Trust 20 – Minerals Trust 10 – Coalfields Regen Trust	70
New Cumnock Youth Initiative	Provision of a new youth centre in New Cumnock	180	10 – EAC (match-fund) 10 – Coalfields Regen Trust 50 – Community Fund 30 – Minerals Trust	90

3.2 These applications were scored by officers from all departments, against a range of criteria;

- the geographic area targeted;
- Council Plan & Social inclusion priorities addressed;
- the benefit to young people; and,
- the opportunity for match-funding to be levered

3.3 A meeting of the officers took place to ensure that the overall ranking which the scores gave was also the subject of a consensus. This being the case, the following prioritisation (highest priority being '1') is recommended for approval by the council;

- 1) The Dairy Project, Newmilns
- 2) New Cumnock Youth Initiative
- 3) yipworld.com Refurbishment
- 4) Dalrymple Community Centre Extension
- 5) Dalmellington Band Hall

3.4 A decision on these applications will be made by the Scottish Executive in January 2002.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 If the application for The Dairy Project, Newmilns is successful, both in terms of the Scottish Executive Local Capital Grants Scheme and the other funders which form part of the package, then the council's contribution of £10,000 will be made from the Match Fund budget, which currently has a balance of £21,040.

5 POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no policy/legal implications arising from the report.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The council is asked to;

- i) approve the recommendations made in section 3.3 of this report on the prioritisation of applications to the Scottish Executive Local Capital Grants Scheme for 2002/2003;
- ii) agree that, should the top ranked project be successful in securing funding from the Scottish Executive and all other funders, that £10,000 be committed to the project from the council's match fund, and
- iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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List of background papers
Nil

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AGENDA