

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL  
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 4 OCTOBER 2001**

**MATCH-FUND BUDGET**

**REPORT BY DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE  
RESOURCES**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report on the submissions made to the Match-Fund budget, and recommend projects for grant-support.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 5 April 2001, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended that a new match-funding budget of £50,540 be created in the financial year 2001/2002 for use for projects throughout the whole of East Ayrshire. This budget would be administered by the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.2 The budget was created to lever in external funding for East Ayrshire, prioritised according to need (in terms either of tackling poverty and deprivation, or securing the priorities of the council plan.) In addition, the fund was to be used as a last resort where other options for match-funding had been exhausted.

**3 APPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Application forms and guidelines for the fund were circulated via departments in July 2001, with a deadline date of 15 August 2001 for the first round of funding decisions.
- 3.2 A total of 8 applications were received (one of which was subsequently withdrawn). These projects are listed in Appendix 1. The applications were reviewed by officers from all departments, against a range of criteria;
- the geographic areas targeted;
  - Council Plan & Social Inclusion priorities addressed;
  - the benefit to young people;
  - the exit strategy; and
  - the external funds to be levered in.

- 3.3 The following projects are recommended for approval for funding from the Match-Fund.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Recommend £k</b>
Cluarankwai Judo - Kilmarnock	10
Public Health Capacity Project	3.5
East Ayrshire Womens Aid	13
Darvel Improvement Group	3
Total	<b><u>29.5</u></b>

- 3.4 It will be noted that this level of investment by the council will secure almost £314,000 for local projects and initiatives, that otherwise, would not be available to the area.
- 3.5 It is anticipated that there will be a further round of applicants submitted to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The revenue, for the projects recommended for approval at section 3.3, can be met from existing resources.

#### **5 POLICY/LEGALIMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no policy/legal implications arising from this report. All monies granted would be in accordance with the Council's Conditions of Grant.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to;
- i) approve the recommendations made in this report on projects to receive grant support from the Match-Fund budget; and
  - ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**Fiona Lees**

**Director of Corporate Resources/Depute Chief Executive**

**28 September 2001**

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Project applications and supporting papers.**

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## APPENDIX 1

### Match-Fund Applications: 2001/2002

Budget: £50,540

Group Name	Description of Project	Amount Requested £k	Funding Levered (external) £k	True Leverage	Recommend £k	Comments
Cluarankwai Judo - Kilmarnock	Extension of Club Building to West of Scotland Performance Centre	10	275	Yes	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funding decisions from SportScotland and Sports Arts Foundation expected in Nov 2001</li> <li>▪ Group are putting in £29k of own funds</li> <li>▪ Non-recurring revenue project</li> </ul>
Public Health Capacity Project	Public Health Co-ordinator	3.5	17	Yes	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council must provide match-funding in order to secure this post</li> <li>▪ This is a recurring revenue post for 3 years. Match Fund can only allocate 1 year.</li> </ul>
East Ayrshire Womens Aid	Domestic Abuse Worker	13	18	Yes	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council must provide match-funding in order to secure this post</li> <li>▪ This is a recurring revenue post for 2 years. Match Fund can only allocate 1 year.</li> </ul>
Darvel Improvement Group	Cost for a feasibility study for a heritage centre	3	3.5	Yes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funding levered from Scottish Enterprise</li> <li>▪ Non-recurring revenue project</li> </ul>
		<b>29.5</b>	<b>313.5</b>		<b>29.5</b>	

#### OTHER APPLICATIONS

Group Name	Description of Project	Amount Requested £k	Funding Levered (external) £k	True Leverage	Recommend £k	Comments
Helping Hands	Practical household jobs project benefiting older people	10	37	No	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This application seeks to top-up existing revenue costs. EDSS committee refused assistance earlier this year</li> <li>▪ Ongoing Revenue support requested</li> <li>▪ Group being supported to examine other funding routes.</li> </ul>
Kilmarnock Furniture Scheme	Purchase of a new van	11	11	No	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ £11k secured from Lloyds TSB which will not be lost if project is not awarded MF money</li> <li>▪ Group advised to consider Lottery funding &amp; project redevelopment</li> <li>▪ Non-recurring revenue project</li> </ul>
Cumnock Furniture Scheme	Purchase of a new van	10	8	No	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ £8k from SCORE awarded earlier this year, which will not be lost if project is not awarded MF money</li> <li>▪ Group advised to consider Lottery funding &amp; project redevelopment</li> <li>▪ Non-recurring revenue project</li> </ul>

**AGENDA**