

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2002

CORPORATE GRANT AID TO THE VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY SECTOR

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report (1) advises Elected Members of decisions taken by the Corporate Officer Grant Aid Working Group on applications up to £500, and (2) makes recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee on applications for Grant Aid over £500.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:

- i) Agree to note the grant aid awards up to £500 in value made by the corporate grant aid officer group, and
- ii) approve the grant aid recommendations made in this report in respect of applications for funding of over £500.

2. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Members will recall that on 7 May 1996, the Policy & Resources Committee considered and approved Report No 317/96 which set out arrangements for how the Council might manage its grant aid arrangements. The issues agreed were:-

- i) To proceed with the production and issue of an Angus Council grant aid booklet. This has been done.
- ii) To agree that all grant aid applications below a sum of £500 be dealt with either by the appropriate department at an officer level, or by a corporate officer group chaired by a member of the Chief Executive's Department.
- iii) To agree that any grant aid requests over the sum of £500 are the subject of quarterly submissions to appropriate committees of the Council.

3. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications below £500

The following approvals are for sums of below £500 and are submitted for information.

Members are reminded that this list does not include service department grants, which are dealt with separately.

Organisation	Grant Aid Type	Amount Sought £	Decision	Comment
Scottish CND	A	200	NIL	Insufficient demonstration of direct benefit to Angus, and with limited budget availability this cannot be given priority.
Angus Foster Carers Association	A	500	250	The organisation is clearly of significance to Angus community. However, with limited budget availability the grant awarded has had to be restricted.
Angus Disabled Ramblers	A	500	260	The funding recommended will provide a portable ramp and mobile phones as a requirement.
Comann an Luchd Ionnsachaidh Ltd	A	300	100	Clear benefit to Gaelic speakers in Angus. However, with limited budget availability the grant awarded has had to be restricted.
Scottish Amateur Music Association	A	200	200	The Council is represented on this organisation, and a significant proportion of participants in the organisation are residents of Angus.
Scottish Ballet	A	500	NIL	The organisation seeks financial support for their Autumn Tour. It is recommended that they be advised to liaise with the Director of Leisure with regard to Hall rental payments for their proposed visit to Montrose.
Carnoustie Twinning Association	C1	£500	£500	This is one of the most active twinning links in Angus and the grant supported the interaction of young people from both communities at their Camp Jeunes - Franco Ecosais in July 2002.
Letham & District Twinning Association	C1	£500	£500	A large group of visitors from Monasterboice, Ireland visited Angus in May 2002 and the grant helped to offset transport hire charges for visiting various venues during their stay.

Applications above £500

The following are applications for sums in excess of £500 and the corporate officer working group's recommendations are outlined in the table. The Council's views are sought.

Organisation	Grant Aid Type	Amount Sought £	Decision	Comment
Children's Hospice Association	A	4,368	1,456	This is considered to be a very important initiative serving the whole of Scotland, and to which all local authorities contribute. Social Work Department and Education Department have contributed the remainder.
Scottish Low Pay Unit	A	2,200	1,100	This is a national organisation that undertakes company work related to low pay. Statistically, Angus has a significant number of workers on low pay in comparison to the remainder of Scotland. However, with limited budget availability, the award has had to be restricted.
Scottish Human Rights Centre	A	1,800	200	This national organisation provides advice on Human Rights issues. However, with limited budget availability the award has had to be restricted.
Childline Scotland	A	750	100	This national organisation provides a useful service. However, with limited budget availability, the award has had to be restricted.
Shopmobility	A	1,200	150	This is a useful service used by residents of Angus. However, with limited budget availability, the award has had to be restricted, due to limited budget availability.
Dorward House	A	5,000	NIL	This application is for support to redevelop the laundry at Dorward House. The application does not meet the corporate grant aid criteria, and the organisation has a healthy financial situation. Therefore, with limited budget availability, this application is not recommended for support.

Organisation	Grant Aid Type	Amount Sought £	Decision	Comment
Scottish Refugee Council	A	2,000	100	This national organisation is one of many such good causes, but due to limited budget availability only a donation can be recommended.
Crimestoppers UK	A	1,500	NIL	It is considered that this initiative, which is funded by central government, cannot demand sufficient priority in the current climate.

Copies of these applications are available in the Members' Lounge.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Provision for corporate grant aid is contained within the miscellaneous services section of the Council's Revenue budget and the amounts approved or recommended for approval set out in this report can be contained within these sums.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATIONS

The Directors of Law & Administration and Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

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Note: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied upon to any material extent in preparing this report.