

ANGUS COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE7 OCTOBER 1997****GRANT AID TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 1997/98****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK****ABSTRACT**

This report advises on the decisions regarding grant aid applications of up to £500 made by voluntary organisations and recommends decisions on applications of over £500.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

- 1 notes the payments to be made to voluntary organisations whose applications were for up to £500
- 2 approves the recommendations for payments proposed to voluntary organisations whose applications were over £500.

2. INTRODUCTION

Under the terms of Section 10 (3) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 local authorities are empowered to provide grant aid to any voluntary organisations whose purpose is to promote social welfare. Applications for grant aid have been received from a number of voluntary organisations and processed according to the Councils guidelines on grant aid to the voluntary/community sector.

3. PROPOSAL

Despite restrictions on the Social Work Department budget for 1997/98 it has been possible to maintain overall funding to voluntary organisations at the same level as 1996/97. It has not however been possible to increase funding to previously funded organisations or to fund new applicants.

In accordance with the Council's guidelines on grant aid to the voluntary/community sector applications up to £500 are decided on by officers of the Social Work Department and a list of these is attached as Appendix 1.

Applications over £500 are required to be decided on by the Social Work Committee and recommendations regarding these are attached at Appendix 2.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications of this report can be contained within the Revenue Budget of the Social Work Department for 1997/98.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. CONCLUSION

Making the payments advised and proposed will contribute to the promotion of social welfare within Angus.

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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 on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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APPLICATIONS UP TO £500

Name of Voluntary Organisation	Service Provided	Amount Received in 1996/97	Amount Sought	Amount Awarded	Description of the Need for Grant Aid
Angus Foster Care Association	Provides support to foster carers and foster children.	£350	£354	£350	Administration costs, financing recreational and educational activities.
One Parent Families Scotland	Provides support to lone parents and their children.	£165	£170	£165	Continue providing information and support service to lone parents in Angus.
Scottish Child Law Centre	Provides a confidential free legal advice line to under 18s and those who come in contact with them.	£148	£250	£148	Running of confidential advice line for under 18s.
Scottish Childminding Association	Provides a service to childminders in Angus.	£148	£468	£148	Maintain childminding network for Angus.
Adoption and Long Term Fostering	Provides support to adoptive and long term fostering families.	£28	£200	£28	Admin costs and provide recreational and educational opportunities for these families.
Parents in Partnership	Provides support to parents/carers of children with disabilities in Angus.	Nil	£500	Nil	Provide finance to pay for publicity, refreshments and publishing info following on from workshops.
Children's Guide to Angus Working Group	Produces a guide to services and facilities relating to children, particularly those under eight years of age, and their families.	Nil	£450	Refer to Corporate Group	Support sought for distribution costs of guide to services and facilities for families and young children.
Arbroath and District Childminding Association	Provides a service to Arbroath and District childminders.	Nil	£350	Nil	Cover shortfall in rent/running costs.
Age Concern Angus (Mainstream)	Provides a support service to elderly people in Angus excluding Arbroath.	£406	£450	£406	Admin costs and towards cost of printing newsletter/magazine - Angus Account.
Age Concern Angus (Research Project)	Provide assistance with form filling, give advice on services and carry out a benefits check to elderly people in the community.	Nil	£500	£500	Go towards salaries of two f/time researcher/interviewers.

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Age Concern (Arbroath)	Provides a support service to elderly people in Arbroath and District.	£467	£500	£467	Continuation of established programme of activities.
Inverbrothock and Cairnie Over 50 Club	Provides an over 50s club in Arbroath.	Nil	£200	Nil	Purchase of bingo apparatus, dominoes and trips.
Physically Disabled United Group, Forfar	Enables the housebound to get out of their homes to socialise at meetings.	£260	£450	£260	For transport to and from meeting place and outings.
The Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind	Provides support for blind people.	£120	£124	£124	Affiliation fee for year 1997/98.
The Royal Blind Asylum and School	Provides education and support for blind people.	£107	£107	£107	Book production grant.
SNAP PD	Runs an afternoon group for the physically disabled of working age.	£500	£500	£500	Purchase of handcraft materials, communication materials - stationery etc, telephone and petrol.
Angus Community Care Forum	Act as a focal point for Voluntary Sector Organisations in Angus.	£450	£312	£312	Payment of out-of-pocket expenses of volunteers/ctle members/hon.sec. Hire of room.
Brechin Action Initiative Network (Food Co-operative)	Provide a service to old age pensioners and other disadvantaged groups.	Nil	£500	Nil	Admin and volunteer expenses, insurance and rent. (Food Co-op).
Volunteer Development Scotland	Provides a support service to voluntary organisations, all organisations which use volunteers and the Angus Local Volunteering Development Agency.	£139	£500	£139	Support services to all volunteer engaging organisations in Scotland.
Angus Carers Association	Provides services to carers through the Volunteer Sitter Service.	£890	£441	£441	Running costs, postage, stationery and travelling expenses.

APPLICATIONS OVER £500

Name of Voluntary Organisation	Service Provided	Amount Received in 1996/97	Amount Sought	Amount Recommended	Description of the Need for Grant Aid
Angus Access Panel	Provides an advice service to people of all ages with disabilities and their carers regarding access issues.	£3,663	£5,303	£3,663	To maintain and continue to develop services.
Sense Scotland	Provides services to clients with multi-sensory impairments, their families and appropriate professionals.	£289	£1,267	£289	Maintain outreach advisory services, assessments, information and training. On Scottish-wide basis to continue to contribute to policy and development work.
Lead Scotland	Works closely with people who are physically disabled and/or sensorily impaired to provide education.	£326	£8,690	£326	Continue to work in close collaboration with Angus College who offer support in form of accommodation, office support and free access to courses for LEAD students.
Headway	Provides support to those who have been brain injured, their carers and families.	£500	£1,200	£500	Maintain adequate admin and to continue to subsidise activities. Also to provide training.
Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland	Provides a volunteer stroke service in the area.	Nil	£3,000	Refer to Corporate Group	Running costs of Volunteer Stroke Service in the area.
Forfar Day Care (Capital Grant for Extension)	Provide a service to older people in need of day care and their carers.	Nil	£5,000	Nil	Major extension to the present premises.
Age Concern Scotland	Provides support and advice for older people in Angus and their carers.	£257	£5,000	£257	Training costs of staff and resources to employ Training Officer in Angus on f/time, perm basis.

Name of Voluntary Organisation	Service Provided	Amount Received in 1996/97	Amount Sought	Amount Recommended	Description of the Need for Grant Aid
Reach Out (PALS) (Mainstream)	Provide support to adults with learning disabilities.	£153	£1,200	£153	Money required to raise awareness of project, pay expenses and cover admin costs.
Reach Out (PALS) (Development Worker) HOPE	Provide support to adults with learning disabilities. Train adults with learning disabilities in horticulture methods, social and personal development opportunities.	Nil	£18,460	Nil	Money required to expand and develop the scheme. Employment of supervising gardener to enable project to continue and develop.
Six Circle	Provides training to adults with learning disabilities and ex-offenders.	Nil	£5,000	Referred to Criminal Justice Service	Money will provide workshops/activities to develop existing programme of training activities.
Dementia Services Development	Provides advice to people with dementia and their carers.	£297	£1,110	£297	Provide assistance to staff and volunteers of the Council and local vol.orgs. Assistance mainly in information and consultancy, conference and workshops, publications and training.
Women's Aid Scotland	Provides support to women who are abused by their partner/ex-partner.	£121	£750	£121	Enable continuation of work on behalf of abused women and their children.
Family Care Scotland	Birthink Adoption Counselling Centre assist with enquiries from adopted people, birth parents, birth relatives, adoptive families, social workers and other professional people who are brought up in care or by other members or their family or step parents.	£905	£1,232	£905	Monies used as core funds to enable Birthink to carry out National role and duties.

Name of Voluntary Organisation	Service Provided	Amount Received in 1996/97	Amount Sought	Amount Recommended	Description of the Need for Grant Aid
Scottish Council for Single Homeless	Provides services to single homeless people.	£536	£1,126	£536	Contribution to core activities including continuing employment of small staff team, premises, running and service costs; initial project development; newsletters; briefings and some local development.
Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations	AAVO provides a contact point for statutory organisations wishing a one door approach to the voluntary sector.	£4,677	£7,000	£4,677	Sustain operation of AAVO, support admin and development costs and enhance grant received from Scottish Office Rural Affairs Department.
CRUSE	Provides support to children and their adults who request help in coping with bereavement.	£499	£4,035	£499	Cover running costs. Library of relevant materials would be purchased. Employment of specialist trainers.
Angus Toy Appeal	Purchase of toys and distribution to needy families at Christmas.	Nil	£1,500	Refer to Corporate Group	To purchase toys (and sometimes clothes) and distribute to needy families at Christmas.
ARCH	To provide service to people with physical or learning disabilities and their relatives/carers.	Nil	£5,000	Nil	Employ co-ordinator, recruit/train/support volunteers and develop respite care services for adults.
Arbroath Town Mission (Capital Grant for Extension)	Day care for older people.	Nil	£5,000	Nil	Extension of Premises.
Victim Support Angus	Support to victims of crime.	£1,265	£1,265	Referred to Criminal Justice Service	Support to victims of crime.

