

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 27 NOV 2003

SPORT & LEISURE GRANT AID TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

To inform members of applications for grants by Groups/Organizations who have applied for grant aid from the Corporate Grant Aid to the Voluntary/Community Sector Scheme.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the committee agree to:

- i) To note the grant awards of £500 (Five Hundred Pounds sterling) or under.
- ii) To consider applications of grants over £500 and to approve financial assistance, where appropriate, to those groups/organisations indicated.

**2. BACKGROUND**

In line with grant aid guidelines as laid down by Angus Council, the following clubs/organisations have made application under category B9 of the guidelines to obtain finance to support various projects. Details are listed in section 3 below.

**3. FINDINGS**

- A. The following grant applications has been made for grant aid of £500 or below and have been approved by the Director of Leisure Services in accordance with the Council's Grant Aid scheme.**

No. 1	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed
	Forfar Gymnastics Club, Forfar	£500.00	£500.00

**Purpose :**

The club caters for competitive gymnastics. New standards and specifications have been introduced for certain pieces of gymnastic equipment. The club is looking to replace existing A-bars/pole with a new set to meet these new standards.

**Recommendation :**

The total cost of the new equipment was estimated at £2,200.00. The club has been offered a grant contribution of £500 towards this cost.

No. 2	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed
	Angus Council Football Team	£100.00.	Nil

**Purpose :**

The club requested a grant to help towards the purchase of football strips.

**Recommendation :**

The grant was refused on the basis that the application did not meet agreed criteria.

No. 3	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed
	Scottish Ornithologists Club (Tayside Branch)	£300	£150.00

**Purpose :**

The Tayside Branch of the Scottish Ornithologists Club undertake a monitoring and analysis exercise on a regular annual basis publishing their results in a Birds Report. This involves work done in the Angus area.

**Recommendation :**

The Club has been offered a grant towards the publishing of the report with a number of copies being made available to the Countryside Officer, Angus Council.

**B. The following grant applications have been received for sums in excess of £500.**

No. 1	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
	Strathmore Rugby Football Club, Forfar	£4,661.22	£3,108 maximum

**Purpose :**

The rugby club has requested a grant that will be used to improve training facilities at the club. These will cater for an influx of players particularly in female rugby where development work has seen an increase in the number of players playing at womens and u/16 level. The grant will be used primarily to increase floodlighting around an existing pitch thus increasing training opportunities particularly during the winter months and also to install perimeter fencing used to deter rabbits that are encroaching onto/into the playing surface of the grass pitches. The latter are causing problems by making the pitch/training areas unsafe and the installation of suitable fencing will assist in controlling the existing problem. The revenue costs of maintaining and operating the lights will be undertaken by the club members.

**Recommendation :**

It is recommended that a grant of £3,108 be offered towards the cost of the said works. A number of conditions will be attached to the offer. The grant sum will only be issued after strict conditions have been met.

<b>No. 2</b>	<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
	Jumpin Jacks Activity Club, Montrose	£2,855.00	£1,904.00

**Purpose :**

This club is looking to obtain a grant to purchase a number of activity mats (30) that will be used by pre-school aged children. The group exists to promote music and movement and the applicant has indicated that the club is especially interested in children with special needs or children of parents/guardians who have special needs.

**Recommendation :**

It is recommended that funding should be offered to the value of £1904.00. A number of conditions will be attached to the offer. These will ensure that the grant sum will only be issued after grant conditions have been met.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision for corporate grant aid is contained within the 2003/04 Miscellaneous Services section of the Council's revenue budget. The amount approved of £650 and that recommended for approval, the sum of £5,012 as set out in this report, can be contained within the total allocated.

**5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human rights issues associated with this report.

**6. CONSULTATION**

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

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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.