

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2003

## ARTS AND HERITAGE GRANT AID

## REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

This report inform members of the Arts and Heritage Grant Aid applications of £500 or less which have been dealt with since 1 April 2003 and to seek approval to offer financial assistance for applications for grants above £500 where appropriate through the Arts and Heritage section of the Corporate Grant Aid to the Voluntary/Community Sector Scheme.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to: -

- a) note the awards of less than £500 made since 1 April 2003
- b) offer a grant of £950 to Arbroath Heritage
- c) offer a grant of £2,500 to The Hospitalfield Users Group

**2. BACKGROUND**

**2.1** Applications for grant aid which fall within the Arts and Heritage Section of the Council's Scheme for Grant Aid to the Voluntary/Community Sector have been dealt with and awards made. The process of considering the applications has been carried out according to the Scheme approved by Council. Applications for grants up to £500 are dealt with by the Director, and applications for grants above £500 are considered by this Committee.

**2.2** For members' information, the undernoted applications have been dealt with, all of which requested assistance towards annual running costs which provide arts or heritage events or facilities for the public:-

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED £</b>	<b>AMOUNT OFFERED £</b>
Jazz at Hospitalfield	500	300
Kirriemuir Panto Group	300	300
Angus Writers' Circle	270	250
Forfar Accordion & Fiddle Club	300	300
Afrodisiac	500	200
The Council for Music in Hospitals	495	300
Monifieth Medieval Fair & Gala Day	500	300
Traditional Music & Song Assoc.: Angus Branch	500	300
Graham of Montrose Pipe Band	450	300
The Arbroath Abbey Pageant Society	500	300
Tayside Highland Dancing Assoc.	500	300
City of Brechin Pipe Band	500	300
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5315</b>	<b>3450</b>

- 2.3** Arbroath Heritage has applied for a grant of £1500, which included the purchase a 'mediaeval' tent to use as a venue for visitors at Arbroath Heritage events. It is anticipated that the tent will provide weather protection at events and enhance the visitor experience.

This organisation is committed to promote and develop the awareness of local and national history through the organisation of historically themed events and activities. Their next major event is the Viking Raid in Arbroath which will involve a high level of community participation from young people.

It is therefore recommended that a grant of £950 is offered.

It is also recommended that two conditions be applied to this offer:

- The tent is made available for appropriate use on written request to Arbroath Heritage by other Angus community organisations and Angus Council at a nominal charge, provided that it is not required at that time by Arbroath Heritage.
- A suitable insurance policy is taken by Arbroath Heritage to cover for loss, theft or damage to the tent, a copy of which is submitted to Angus Council.

- 2.4** Hospitalfield Users Group at present consists of representatives from The Hospitalfield Trust, Jazz at Hospitalfield and Angus Council [as advisors]. The application for a grant of £2500 is sought as part of a multi-agency funding package to facilitate the upgrading and renovation of Hospitalfield House 'Jazz Room'. This renovation is a central to developing and promoting increased access and a wider range of users to Hospitalfield House and its facilities.

The funding for the project is indicated below.

Scottish Arts Council	£50,000
Angus Council	£2,500
Aberbrothock Charitable Trust	£2,000
Fundraising	£5,000
Hospitalfield House	£8,000
Total	£67,500

Hospitalfield Users Group's have been successful in their application for £50,000 to the Scottish Arts Council and have a guaranteed £8000 from their own resources. With the commitment of £2,500 from Angus Council they are confident that the remainder of the funding will be achieved promptly.

It should be noted that both the Hospitalfield House Concordat [Report 474/02 ] and the Hospitalfield House Action Plan [Report 1187/02] support and encourage the principle of the 'Jazz Room' refurbishment and the development of wider access to Hospitalfield House itself.

It is therefore recommended that a grant of £2,500 is offered.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Provision for grant aid of £38,000 is contained in the Miscellaneous Services Section of the 2003/04 Revenue Budget for grants, and the award total of £6,900 can be contained within the Arts and Heritage Section of this budget.

### **4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from this Report.

### **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.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**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.