

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 SEPTEMBER 2005

SUBJECT: ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

<p><b>Abstract: This report makes recommendations to the Resources &amp; Central Services Committee on Angus Council Community Grant Scheme applications over £500 and informs the Committee of applications of £500 or less.</b></p>
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**1 RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the grant award recommendations made in this report in respect of applications for funding of over £500 and note the applications for £500 or less since 21 June 2005.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 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.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Grant Aid scheme operated successfully since 1996 however since establishment of the External Funding Team of the Chief Executive's Department in November 2002 there has been greater emphasis on co-ordinating grant applications from community and voluntary organisations, as well as identifying alternative sources of external funding.
- 3.2 In 2004 the External Funding Team began to play a more central role in co-ordinating and monitoring Grant Aid applications and it was agreed by the Corporate Grant Aid Working Group to undertake a full review of criteria, application form and guidance notes.
- 3.3 Following wide consultation with departments the Grant Aid scheme was reviewed to be more accessible and user friendly. The Strategic Policy Committee considered and approved Report No 799/05 on 21 June 2005, endorsing changes which included:
- The scheme to be known as the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme.
  - A revised application form, one for local voluntary and community groups and one for national organisations with an updated design and incorporating guidance.
  - Revised guidance notes updated and including useful contacts and additional information.

- A revised process with the External Funding Team having responsibility for logging applications, processing grants in accordance with departmental decisions and follow-up monitoring.
- All grants for £500 or less to be dealt with either by the appropriate department at an officer level or by the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme Working Group, chaired by the Head of the Policy & Performance Unit of the Chief Executive's Department.
- Grant applications for over £500 to be considered by the Resources & Central Services Committee.
- All grants to be reported to the Resources & Central Services Committee.

#### 4 APPLICATIONS OVER £500

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
Celtic Circle Theatre Company	£2,000 approx	Leisure (Cultural Services)	The aim of the organisation is to promote Celtic studies. This summer they wish to promote J M Barrie in the Edinburgh Festival and grant is requested to put on a play about Barrie at the Festival.	As a non-constituted group the organisation are not eligible to apply under the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme. They have been notified of this and invited to reapply once constituted.  No grant award recommended.
Brechin Arts Festival	£4,500	Leisure (Cultural Services)	Grant requested to meet the shortfall in funding for the 2005 Brechin Arts Festival. This would cover programming, marketing and publicising the Festival.	The Festival offers a varied programme over one week in September and is worthy of support. However the amount requested would commit almost 40% of the grant available for Arts & Heritage projects the entire year and as such it is not feasible to fund the shortfall requested in its entirety.  A grant of £1000 is recommended.

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
Showcase the Street	£3,000	Leisure (Cultural Services)/ Education	Grant requested to cover lease of premises for 6 months due to Angus College terminating their rental of part of the building.	<p>Rental/lease costs are not an eligible cost under the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme. In addition from the financial information provided it would appear that the organisation's finances are fairly healthy at present and the group should continue to remain viable long term.</p> <p>No grant award recommended.</p>
Kirriemuir Tennis Club	£5,000	Leisure (Sports Services)	Grant toward upgrading pavilion to take account of new access and health and safety requirements.	<p>Failure to carry out these improvement/upgrades will result in the pavilion being demolished. Grant requested is approx. 20% of the total required. Another £15k coming from Property renewal fund and club are fundraising. Council lease the property from Church of Scotland and are responsible for maintenance.</p> <p>A grant of £5,000 is recommended.</p>

## 5 APPLICATIONS FOR £500 OR LESS

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
Glens United Action Group	£500	Corporate	This Forfar based group held a Gala Day on 3 July 2005 to raise funds to enhance the local community. The grant request was to cover the cost of hiring portaloos and associated costs due to a lack of facilities on site.	The Community Grant Scheme Working Group approved grant towards the hire of portaloos for the event.  Grant awarded - £320.
Strathairlie Area Neighbourhood Association	£500	Corporate	Grant requested towards cost of hiring street football and inflatables for Fun Day on 13 August 2005.	Due to the very late submission of the application, the Community Grant Scheme Working Group were unable to make an assessment of the application prior to the event.  No grant award recommended.
Montrose Twinning Association	£400	Twinning	Grant request towards hosting visitors from Luzarche for Montrose Highland Games and for visits throughout Angus and Scotland.  This group have not applied for funding since 2002.	The group meet the Twinning Grant criteria and in addition bring added value to the area.  Grant awarded - £400.
Kirriemuir Panto Group	£300	Leisure (Cultural Services)	Grant request to meet a shortfall in funding for the 2005 Pantomine production.	The cost breakdown provided shows only an anticipated £150 shortfall in funding and on this basis £150 was approved.  Grant awarded -£150

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
Scottish Ornithologists Club	£300	Leisure (Cultural Services)	Grant request towards the costs of publishing the annual Angus Bird report. This provides important statistical and heritage information relating to birds in Angus and migratory movement.	As many copies of the report are distributed free to institutions and other copies may remain unsold, grant is required to offset costs.  Grant awarded - £300
Monifieth Local History Society	£2225	Leisure (Cultural Services)	Grant request to assist in meeting the rental and running costs of Monifieth "House of Memories".	Rental costs are not an eligible cost under the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme and so only the non-rental elements are eligible for grant. Without significant income/grant however the organisation would be unable to cover rental costs and so grant is required to assist them with this.  Grant awarded - £500
Forfar Instrumental Band	£300	Leisure (Cultural Services)	Grant request to assist with purchase of new music and producing a promotional brochure.	While the grant request could be contained within the cash reserves of the organisation, it would significantly reduce their ability to meet unforeseen events and cover instrument replacement costs.  Grant awarded - £300

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
Scottish Traditions of Dance Trust	£499	Leisure (Cultural Services)	Grant request for a series of dances and workshop expenses to subsidise musicians.	The projected cost for the series of dances and workshops anticipates a shortfall of £499. These activities have been organised in collaboration with the support of Angus Council to broaden The Hairst Festival programme.  Grant awarded - £499

## 6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Provision for the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme is contained within the Miscellaneous Services section of the Council's Revenue Budget or within Leisure Services and Education budgets where appropriate and the amounts recommended for approval in this report can be contained within these budgets.

## 7 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

## 8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Acting Director of Finance and Directors of Law & Administration, Education, Leisure Services, Housing and Social Work & Health have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

### 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 the above Report.

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