

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - 1 DECEMBER 2005

SUBJECT: ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Abstract: This report makes recommendations to the Resources & Central Services Committee on Angus Council Community Grant Scheme applications over £500 and informs the Committee of applications of £500 or less.

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 20 October 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
Monifieth Partnership	£850	Corporate	Grant requested to cover costs of road closure for Christmas lights switch on – 2 December 2005.	As agreed in Report No 318/05, road closure costs for Christmas lights switch on events will be met by Roads Department. Grant recommended – N/A.
Angus Arts	£2,635	Leisure Services (Cultural Services)	Grant requested towards cost of the Puppet Festival 2006.	Continued support for the Puppet Festival is recommended. Grant recommended - £500.
Ferryden Playgroup	£3,817.03	Leisure Services	Grant requested towards costs of creating a sensory/wildlife play area at local church hall for playgroup.	This is a well established group and a worthwhile project involving different community groups. Further information is required however on the project costs and financial stability of the group. The application will be reviewed once this information is received and a decision on an application to Awards for All received. Grant recommended – defer.

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
HOPE	£4,778.64	Social Work & Health	This group has been established for 12 years and is well managed. Grant requested to cover marketing and ongoing costs for service for people with learning disabilities.	The group have been successful in obtaining Lottery funding and grant will be used to meet shortfall in funding. Grant recommended - £2,503.
Arthritis Care in Scotland	£3,305.98	Social Work & Health	Grant requested towards costs of providing information stands in one hospital and one clinic in Angus to enable people to find out more about their condition.	There is already an extensive range of written materials from the Arthritis Research Council available at Arbroath Infirmary, and the Physical Disabilities Team have information available for service users on request. Grant recommended - £0.
ENABLE Scotland	£798	Social Work & Health	This organisation provides a valuable service to carers in relation to legal issues. Grant requested to continue service.	ENABLE Scotland provide advice and support in Angus to carers and professionals. Grant recommended - £515.

5 APPLICATIONS OF £500 OR LESS

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	DEPT BUDGET	SUMMARY	RECOMMENDATION
Angus Foster Carers Association	£500	Social Work & Health	AFCA is a long-standing group, which organises activities for foster children and their carers. Grant requested towards annual programme of events.	The group work hard to support children/young people and provide new opportunities and activities. Grant awarded - £350.

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Shelter Scotland	£430	Social Work & Health	Shelter is known and respected as one of the leading organisations in its field.	This is a worthwhile project which benefits Angus residents. Grant awarded - £250.
Speakeasy	£400	Social Work & Health	Speakeasy is a unique group in Tayside providing an inclusive service to support people with aphasia. Grant requested towards the costs of holding monthly meetings in Arbroath.	Feedback from users of the group in Angus is very positive. Grant awarded - £400.
Adoption & Long Term Fostering Support Group	£250	Social Work & Health	Grant requested towards providing Christmas party and associated costs.	The group have provided support for many years to foster children. Grant awarded - £211.
Coronary Thrombosis Trust	£454.95	Corporate	To offset costs of holding a fundraising dance.	The organisation has sufficient funds to undertake the event. No grant award recommended.
Tannadice Parish History Group	£300	Leisure Services (Cultural Services)	Grant requested towards publishing and launching a book on local history.	This publication is a follow up to a successful publication on the area in 2004. Grant awarded - £300.

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 Social Work & Health or Leisure Services 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 Directors of Law & Administration and Social Work & Health and Leisure Services and the Acting Director of Finance 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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