

Perth Common Good Fund Committee – 19 December 2012**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider applications for financial assistance.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is request to approve the recommendations in the report.

2. APPLICATIONS**2.1 Letham Old People's Club**

2.1.1 An application has been received from Letham Old People's Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas Party on Tuesday 11 December 2012. The total costs for the 100 members amounts to £1,330. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£600), 2010/2011 (£700) and 2011/12 (£700). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £665 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to the promotion of social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Letham Old People's Club be awarded a grant of £665 towards the costs of their Christmas Party.

2.2 Perth Academy Pupil

2.2.1 An application has been received from a Perth Academy pupil seeking a grant towards the cost of supporting their trip to Bolivia for 4 weeks from 22 June to 20 July 2013 with the Perth Academy World Challenge Expedition. The total costs amount to £4,000. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £250 towards their trip to Bolivia in line with guidance (Criteria 9: Voluntary work overseas 1-5 months up to £250). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities. The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning.

Recommendation

2.2.2 Perth Academy pupil be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of Perth Academy World Challenge Expedition in Bolivia.

2.3 Oakbank Community Association

- 2.3.1 An application has been received from the Oakbank Community Association seeking a grant towards the cost of installing CCTV on and around the building to prevent and deter vandalism. The total costs of the CCTV are £2,808 (cheapest quote). The applicant has requested a grant of £1,404 and will contribute £1,404. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,404 in line with guidance (Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%). The grant will contribute to the promotion of community safety.

Recommendation

- 2.3.2 Oakbank Community Association be awarded a grant of £1,404 towards the costs of CCTV.

2.4 Our Lady's Afternoon Club

- 2.4.1 An application has been received from Our Lady's Afternoon Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas meal on Wednesday 19 December 2012. The total costs for the 25 members amounts to £350. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2009/10 (£162), 2010/2011 (£168) and 2011/12 (£182). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £175 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to the promotion of social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.4.2 Our Lady's Afternoon Club be awarded a grant of £175 towards the costs of their Christmas meal.

2.5 J D Fergusson Arts Awards Trust

- 2.5.1 An application has been received from The J D Fergusson Arts Awards Trust seeking a grant towards a 'Travel' award. The Trust promotes the Arts in Perth and also supports and encourages promising artists of all ages. The Trust has a firm desire to promote Perth as a centre for art as well as promoting the works of J D Fergusson. There are currently 260 applications for the Trust's annual arts award. The 'Travel' award allows an artist to experience various cultures and then provide a presentation on their experience at the Art Gallery. Both Perth and the J D Fergusson Trust benefit from press coverage as applications for the award are widely publicised in specialist artist magazines. The total amount is £5,000 of which the Trust is seeking £2,000. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2009/10 (£162), 2010/2011 (£2,000) and 2011/12 (£2,000). An application will also be considered under the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget for £2,000. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award

a grant of £2,000 in line with the guidance (Criteria 3: prizes at events/games/festivals). The applicant will contribute £1,000. The grant will contribute to the promotion of arts and culture as well as Perth as an artistic and cultural centre.

Recommendation

2.5.2 J D Fergusson Arts Awards Trust be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of the 'travel' award.

2.6 Perth City Club

2.6.1 An application has been received from Perth City Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas dinner on Saturday 1 December 2012. The total costs for the 76 members amounts to £984. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£625), 2010/2011 (£583) and 2011/12 (£518). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £492 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to the promotion of social inclusion

Recommendation

2.6.2 Perth City Club be awarded a grant of £492 towards the costs of their Christmas dinner.

2.7 North Perth Community School

2.7.1 An application has been received from North Perth Community School seeking a grant towards the cost of developing and facilitating a Family Club focusing on early interventions from November 2012 to March 2013. The Family Club hopes to promote positive family relationships, encourage physical and well-being activities across North Perth through social/board game area, family cooking, arts and crafts and sports and games. These activities will be promoted via the local text service and through local partnerships. The total costs amount to £2,450 to pay for support staff, sport workers, art workers and materials, cookery worker and creche. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,225 in line with guidance (Criteria 12: Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to promotion of social inclusion and lifelong learning.

Recommendation

2.7.2 North Perth Community School be awarded a grant of £1,225 towards the costs of a family club.

2.8 Young person attending Scottish Ballet's Mid Associate Scheme

2.8.1 An application has been received from a young person residing in Perth seeking a grant towards the cost of attending Scottish Ballet's Mid Associate Scheme in Glasgow which is for a 3 term period, each term costing £160. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £150 in line with guidance (Criteria 9: Attendance at summer schools/events - less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks up to £150). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities. The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning.

Recommendation

2.8.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of attending the Scottish Ballet's Mid Associate Scheme.

2.9 Perth Academy Pupil

2.9.1 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant for one pupil towards the costs of the S1 Trip to France in May/June 2013. The total costs per one pupil are £479. It is recommended the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £239 in line with guidance (Criteria 11: Contribution of 50% of the costs up to a maximum of £300 for each young person who due to financial difficulties are unable to participate in an extra curriculum school activity outwith the boundaries of Perth, exceeding 1 day and organised by a school. It will be the responsibility of each school to state the purpose of the extra curriculum school activity and identify such young person and advise the Common Good Fund accordingly). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities. The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning.

Recommendation

2.9.2 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £239 for one pupil towards the costs of S1 trip to France.

2.10 Young person attending Perth Youth Orchestra Anniversary Concert Tour

2.10.1 An application has been received from a young person seeking a grant to attend the 50th Anniversary Concert Tour between 2 July and 9 July 2013 in Italy. The total costs are £995. It is recommended that the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with guidance (Criteria 9: Attendance at summer schools/events – one/two weeks up to £100). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning.

Recommendation

2.10.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of attending Perth Youth Orchestra 50th Anniversary Concert Tour in Italy.

2.11 Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Community Care (Rannoch Road Day Centre)

2.11.1 An application has been received from the Rannoch Road Day Centre (Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Community Care) seeking a grant towards the relocation of the dementia garden project. Rannoch Road Day Centre will be relocating to Kinnoull Adult Resource Centre, which is currently being refurbished, in June 2013. The work will focus on the building and will not allow for the design and development of a garden. The garden project will contribute to the well-being of people with dementia offering outdoor experiences. It will also provide a venue for community groups such as North Muirton Kids' Club. The total costs for the development of the garden are £46,376 which includes pathway (using specific design tailored to needs of people with dementia) and turfing totalling £33,861, garden structures such as Lugarde Summer House, gazebo, shed, greenhouse and raised beds totalling £12,515. As pathways and turfing should be considered as part of the overall refurbishment, it is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £6,257 towards the garden structures in line with the guidance (Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50% (the facilities must be available to the general public). The shortfall would be met by the applicant through fundraising or other grants. The grant will contribute to the promotion of social inclusion and well-being.

Recommendation

2.11.2 Rannoch Road Day Centre (Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Community Care) be awarded a grant of £6,257 towards the cost of the garden structures.

2.12 Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd

2.12.1 An application has been received from the Day Carers Services part of the Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd seeking a grant towards Christmas dinners of the Perth Day Club for 80 people throughout December for a total cost of £1,300. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£3,000), 2010/2011 (£1,000) and 2011/12 (£980) It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £560 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to the promotion of social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.12.2 Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd be awarded a grant of £560 towards the costs of the Perth Day Club Christmas dinner.

2.13 Young person volunteering in Guyana

2.13.1 An application has been received from a young person who resides in Perth seeking a grant towards the cost of a teaching volunteering project through the Project Trust in Guyana for a year starting next August. The total costs amount to £5,400. The student is undertaking substantial fundraising activities to raise the amount required. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £400 towards the project in line with guidance (Criteria 9: Voluntary work overseas - 6 months or more up to £400). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities. The grant will contribute to the promotion of lifelong learning.

Recommendation

2.13.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £400 towards the costs of volunteering in Guyana via Project Trust.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Finance have been consulted.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4.1 The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Perth Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2012/13.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

6.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

6.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected

characteristics other than improving access to social activities and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

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Background Papers – 13 applications for financial assistance

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