

Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee – 27 February 2013**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)**

The report asks Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee to consider an application for financial assistance.

1. RECOMMENDATION

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

2. APPLICATION**2.1 Young person attending Perth Youth Orchestra Tour**

2.1.1 An application has been received from a young person residing in Blairgowrie (who attends the Perth Youth Orchestra) seeking a grant towards the costs of taking part in the Florence International Festival of Youth Orchestras from 2–9 July 2013. The total costs amount to £995 including transport and accommodation. The applicant has requested £450. It is recommended that Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning opportunities.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of taking part in the Perth Youth Orchestra Tour in Florence.

2.2 Young person volunteering with the Project Trust

2.2.1 An application has been received from a young person residing in Blairgowrie seeking a grant towards the costs of volunteering with the Project Trust for one year in Thailand from August 2013 until August 2014. The total costs amount to £5,400. The applicant has requested £100. It is recommended that Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 8). The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning opportunities.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Young person be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of volunteering with the Project Trust for one year.

2.3 Blairgowrie High School Parent Council

- 2.3.1 An application has been received from Blairgowrie High School Parent Council seeking a grant towards the cost of trophies for an 'oscar award evening' to recognise pupils' achievements in June 2013. The cost of purchasing 24 trophies amounts to £720. The applicant has requested £720. It is recommended that Blairgowrie Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 3). The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.3.2 Blairgowrie High School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £100 towards the costs of trophies.

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 Aberfeldy Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATION

- 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.

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 – 3 applications for financial assistance

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COMMON GOOD FUNDS WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS AREA CRITERIA

Within the boundary of the relevant common good area and if funding is available, applications will be considered from individuals either in full time education or of senior citizen status and from groups whose members qualify on the same basis or which are operating within the same boundary.

1. Christmas lighting - Firework displays up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
2. Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
3. Prizes at events/games/festivals
4. Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%
5. Capital grants for provision/improvement of facilities - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50% (the facilities must be available to the general public)
6. School/youth exchanges
7. School prizes
8. Voluntary work overseas
 - 6 months or more: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £400 per individual
 - 1 – 5 months: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £250 per individual
9. Attendance at summer schools/events
 - Less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks: £100 **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £150 per individual
 - One/two weeks: up to £100 per individual
10. Excursions/Parties (up to 2 per year per group)
 - Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs. Each organisation is allowed 2 applications during the course of a financial year. **Perth Common Good Fund only:** overall grant to be capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700.

11. Visits by and from School/Youth/Sport/Music groups

- Contributions of up to £600 for groups less than 20 individuals and up to £1,000 for groups over 20 individuals for youth groups, senior citizen or vulnerable groups for activities exceeding 1 day. **Perth Common Good Fund only and for schools:** 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.

12. Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area

The following is not eligible:

- Assistance with further or higher education fees
- Charity based sponsored walk/cycle/canoe etc.
- Town twinning activities other than those qualifying through the age/occupation criteria
- Organisations with religious/political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability
- Core funding of the Voluntary sector
- Assistance with rental of premises