

Perth Common Good Fund Committee – 25 April 2012**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Executive Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

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

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The recommendations detailed in the contents of the report be approved.

2. APPLICATIONS**2.1 Royal Scottish Geographical Society**

2.1.1 An application has been received from the Royal Scottish Geographical Society seeking a grant towards the cost of hosting the Jeremy Hunter's Sacred Festivals Photographic Exhibition. The exhibition is an inspired journey through more than 45 countries in five continents, recording extraordinary festivals, rituals and celebrations. The total costs amount to £12,550 and the request to this Committee is for £2,000. The Perth City Centre Management is keen to support this project and is considering contributing a grant of £2,000.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Royal Scottish Geographical Society be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the hosting of the Sacred Festivals Photographic Exhibition.

2.2 Perth Junior Golfer

2.2.1 An application has been received from a young aspiring 11 year old Perth Junior Golfer seeking a grant towards the travel and hotel costs of attending a 2 day tour in Glasgow. It is recommended that a grant of £100 be awarded in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.2.2 A Perth Junior Golfer be awarded a grant of £100 towards attending a 2 day tour in Glasgow.

2.3 Perth Youth Orchestra

2.3.1 An application has been received from the Perth Youth Orchestra seeking a grant towards their 50th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday 22 September 2012. The total costs amount to £10,000 and the Orchestra is seeking £1,000 from this Committee.

Recommendation

2.3.2 Perth Youth Orchestra be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards their 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

2.4 South Perth Community Partnership

2.4.1 An application has been received from the South Perth Community Partnership seeking a grant towards their garden project. Over the past year the group have redeveloped a previously run down old allotment site in South Perth (Glengarry Road). They have used the funding which they had received from various funders to install a composting toilet, sheds, raised beds and a polytunnel. Further funding is now required to complete the water connection to the site as due to various complications the costs involved have risen substantially from what was expected. The total cost of the water connection and associated works amounts to £4,647. The request to this Committee is for £2,000.

Recommendation

2.4.2 South Perth Community Partnership be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of water connection.

2.5 Raleigh International

2.5.1 An application has been received from a young Perth student seeking a grant towards the costs of attending a 10 week Raleigh International India Expedition from 24 June – 31 August 2012. The total cost of the expedition amounts to £2,480. It is recommended to award a grant of £100 in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.5.2 A Perth student be awarded a grant of £100 towards their Raleigh International India Expedition.

2.6 Care Home Activity Network

2.6.1 An application has been received from the Care Home Activity Network seeking a grant towards the cost of organising an inter Care Home Go4Gold event within Bells Sports Centre in June/July to coincide with the Olympic Games. The costs include hire of hall and catering which amounts to £2,500. It is recommended to award a grant of £1,250 (50%) in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.6.2 It is recommended to award Care Home Activity Network a grant of £1,250 (50%) towards organising the Go4Gold event in Bells Sports Centre.

2.7 16th Perth Guides

2.7.1 An application was received from the 16th Perth Guides seeking a grant towards their planned visit to the National Scout and Guide Jamboree in Iceland in July celebrating 100 years of scouting and guiding. The total cost of the visit for 8 Guides amounts to £9,589 and the group are requesting £800 from this Committee. It is recommended to award a grant of £600 in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.7.2 It is recommended to award the 16th Perth Guides £600 towards their planned visit to Iceland.

2.8 Tulloch Feel Good Factor

2.8.1 An application has been received from the Tulloch Feel Good Factor seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing on Thursday 26 July. The total costs amount to £1,090. It is recommended to award a grant of £385 (55 people @ £7) in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.8.2 It is recommended to award Tulloch Feel Good Factor a grant of £385 towards their summer outing.

2.9 Tulloch NET

2.9.1 An application has been received from Tulloch NET seeking a grant towards the forthcoming events:

- **Jubilee sports event on 13 June 2012.** Organising different sporting activities to commemorate the passing of the Olympic Torch through Perth on 12 June as a run up to the Olympic Games.
- **Partial physical regeneration of area at Tulloch Square shopping arcade.** This is a community art workshop to be run over 2 days (7 – 8 August 2012) by Spectrum Arts of Edinburgh. It involves local people and school children in designing artwork for walls in the dead space by Tulloch Square shopping arcade.

2.9.2 The total costs amount to £1,250 and the group are requesting £505 from this Committee.

Recommendation

2.9.3 It is recommended to award Tulloch NET a grant of £500 towards the two events.

2.10 Youth Music Theatre UK

2.10.1 An application has been received from a Perth student seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer project with the Youth Music Theatre UK. The student has been asked to join “Nikki and the Gang” a production that is being produced for the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in August. The total costs amount to £1,150. It is recommended to award a grant of £100 in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.10.2 It is recommended to award a Perth student £100 to attend the Aberdeen International Youth Festival.

2.11 Our Lady’s Afternoon Club

2.11.1 An application has been received from Our Lady’s Afternoon Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing. The total costs amount to £916. It is recommended to award a grant of £238 (34 people @£7) in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.11.2 It is recommended to award Our Lady’s Afternoon Club a grant of £238 towards their summer outing.

2.12 Perth Archery Club

2.12.1 An application has been received from Perth Archery Club seeking a grant towards the cost of participation in an international competition with Bydgoszcz in May 2012. The total costs amount to £2,250. It is recommended to award a grant of £600 in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.12.2 It is recommended to award Perth Archery Club a grant of £600 towards their participation in an international competition.

2.13 Letham Old People’s Club

2.13.1 An application has been received from Letham Old People’s Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing. The total costs amount to £1,432.50. It is recommended to award a grant of £525 (75 people @£7) in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.13.2 It is recommended to award Letham Old People’s Club a grant of £525 towards their summer outing.

2.14 Perth City Club

2.14.1 An application has been received from Perth City Club seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing on 31 May 2012. The total costs amount to £1,400. It is recommended to award a grant of £560 (80 people at £7) in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.14.2 It is recommended to award Perth City Club a grant of £560 towards their summer outing.

2.15 Perth Festival of the Arts Ltd

2.15.1 An application has been received from Perth Festival of the Arts seeking a grant towards the cost of the erection of banners, design and printing of information sheets and painting of sign boards at Perth Theatre. The Festival will take place from 17 to 27 May 2012. The total costs amount to £1,300 and the request is for £650. It is recommended to award a grant of £650 (50% of the costs) in line with approved guidance.

Recommendation

2.15.2 It is recommended to award Perth Festival of the Arts a grant of £650 towards erection of banners, design, printing and paintings.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Acting 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 IMPLICATION

5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the contributions to organisations provision for 2011/12 and 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 – 16 applications for financial assistance

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