

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Crieff Common Good Fund Committee

28 September 2022

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services

(Report No 22/238)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report asks Crieff Common Good Fund Committee to consider 1 application for financial assistance.

2. RECOMMENDATION	
2.1	<p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• considers the application and agree any financial assistance to be awarded.

3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:

- Section 4: Background / Main Issues
- Section 5: Proposals: Small Grants
- Section 6: Conclusion

4. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 4.1 Perth and Kinross Council owns land and property which forms part of the Common Good of the former burghs in Perth and Kinross and has a statutory duty in terms of section 15 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 to administer this land and property “having regard to the interests of the inhabitants” of those former burghs. This duty also applies to the administration of the associated Common Good Funds.
- 4.2 The Common Good Funds have traditionally demonstrated their support to local residents and organisations by distributing grants. These grant awards allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community-based activities.
- 4.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. This report is for the Crieff Common Good Fund.

- 4.4 The proposed 2022/23 Budget for the Crieff Common Good Fund is included within the 2021/22 & 2022/23 Financial Statements report which will be considered at this meeting. A summary of the proposed Financial Assistance budget, committed grant funding, and the budget remaining, is provided below:

2022/23 proposed Financial Assistance Budget	£1,500
Value of grants paid and committed	Nil
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	£1,500
Value of funding requested and under consideration	£500

5. PROPOSALS – SMALL GRANTS

Sonic Bothy

- 5.1 An application has been received from Sonic Bothy seeking a grant towards their Sonic Bothy Crieff Open Sessions project, which focusses on supporting people with lifelong Additional Learning Support Needs (ALSN), physical disabilities and neurodiversity to take part in creating, playing and composing original music. It is an 8-week experimental music project which will explore relationships between traditional instruments and found objects. The project involves an introduction to percussion instruments, and a trip to Remake Scotland (a community reuse charity based in Crieff) to identify 'found objects' that can be brought back into workshop sessions to explore the similarities and differences in sound between percussion instruments and found objects. Participants will compose new music in line with their preferred style of playing. In week 7, the music will be recorded, mastered, and shared with participants. Week 8 will be reserved for evaluation (receiving feedback from participants on their experience of the project). The project will expand the type of projects that people with additional learning and support needs have the opportunity to be involved in.
- 5.2 A total of 8 people from the Common Good Fund area will benefit from this project as workshop participants. Sessions are small to ensure the access needs of all participants are met. Sessions are designed to empower and build the confidence of participants, as well as encourage friendships and new connections, and create a sense of achievement from creating a group recording. Many participants do not communicate verbally, may be hearing impaired or have other sensory or motor impairments. Staff are experienced in working with different needs and tailor the sessions accordingly.
- 5.3 The project has been developed with Strathearn Arts, Remake Scotland, disability organisation Strathearn Building Bridges and social prescribers from Perth and Kinross Council. The project will bring new arts opportunities for a population group who are currently underserved – Strathearn Arts does not currently programme activities for learning disabled people.

- 5.4 The total cost of the project is £6,340, of which £3,290 has been secured through in-kind donations and other funding (listed below). The group have applied for a total of £2,550 from other funding sources which remains pending. A breakdown of the costs has been provided below. The applicant has not received grant funding from the Common Good Fund in the last three years.

Specific items	Basis of Costing	Amount
Transport	Train travel Glasgow – Gleneagles £28 per journey x 2 musicians x 8 weekly + £32 accessible taxis	£480
Artist fees	2 x musician facilitators @ £110 per session x 8 + set up meetings/prep. And additional accessibility costs e.g. large print fonts, accessible instruments, headphones, specific accessibility chairs etc.	£3,170
Fees	Project Management, office costs, accessible administration and access coordination/set up	£1,998
Accommodation / Room Hire	Strathearn Arts room @ £12 per hour x 2 hours x 8 weeks	£192
Sound edit + purchase accessible instruments/materials	Sound edit prepare track + create CD/ MP3 £200. Accessible instruments/materials £250. Found objects £50.	£500
Total proposed expenditure		£6,340
In kind support from Strathearn Arts, Sonic Bothy, Remake Scotland.		£1,050
Funding from Strathearn & Strathallan Local Action Partnership (secured)		£2,240
Funding from Gannochy Trust (pending subject to matching the funds)		£2,000
Creative Scotland (pending)		£550
Funding requested		£500

Consideration

- 5.5 The Committee is asked to consider the request in the report and determine the level of any grant to be awarded.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider the application and agree any financial assistance to be awarded.

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APPENDICES

- None

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION, AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan

- 1.1 The proposals will contribute to the Community Plan's aim of safe, healthy and inclusive communities and the outcome of communities will have improved quality of life.

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The proposals will contribute to the Corporate Plan's objectives of developing educated, responsible and informed citizens and the outcome of people are ready for life and work.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The Head of Finance has been consulted and has indicated agreement with the proposals. The recommendations contained within this report will be funded from the 2022/23 Financial Assistance budget.

Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals.
- 3.4 However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report. This is because the Committee are requested to note the contents of the report only and the Committee are not being requested to approve, adopt or agree to an action or to set the framework for future decisions.

Sustainability

- 3.5 Not applicable.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 Not applicable.

Risk

- 3.7 Not applicable.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Governance have been consulted.

External

4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

5.1 Not applicable.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.