

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee

4 October 2021

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Head of Culture & Community Services

(Report No. 21/173)

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| The report asks Auchterarder Common Good Fund Committee to consider 1 application for financial assistance. |
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1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. This report is for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund.
- 1.4 The draft budget for Financial Year 2021/22 for the Auchterarder Common Good Fund was issued and approved by Members by email in July 2020 (Report 20/156 refers). A summary of the 2021/22 Financial Assistance Budget, value of grant awards committed to date, and the remaining budget is provided below:

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| 2021/22 Financial Assistance Budget | £10,000 |
| Value of grants committed to date | NIL |
| Remaining Financial Assistance Budget | £10,000 |
| Value of award to be considered by Committee | £20,000 |

2. SMALL GRANTS

Auchterarder & District Community Sports Hub (A&DCS Hub)

- 2.1 This grant application is from the Sports Hub at The Community School of Auchterarder. The Hub has been developing participation in sport in the area and managing the facilities; including a gym, since Live Active Leisure (LAL) withdrew from running the facilities back in July 2019 following approved savings to the LAL contract fee by the Council. A variety of tasks in operations, marketing, PR, and administration require to be completed for a successful re-opening and a stronger mix of skills are now required for this. It is also essential that all policies and procedures are reviewed and monitored correctly and consistently. Therefore, the applicant believes a new senior sports development role is now required, which they will recruit for and employ, thereby ensuring that a senior staff member will always be on duty, to ensure the safety & security of the users and facilities at all times. A wide variety of courses & activities will be run for people from all age groups & backgrounds, and it will also allow the facility to be open 7 days per week. Surveys have been carried out locally to help inform what are the essential and preferred services to be offered and also to support operational plans, including opening/closing times. It is anticipated that approx. 1500 local residents will use and benefit from the facilities, just under 75% of these are in the Common Good area. Educational opportunities will be enhanced in conjunction with the local schools, participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, partnerships with local groups and businesses, working with the local GPs for referring patients and generally making the facilities more accessible for all. New infrastructure equipment is also needed to support the re-launch, such as card machines, laptops and phones. Recruitment for the post needs to commence as soon as possible, with re-opening planned for October 2021. Full recruitment and training procedures will be followed by the Community Group, and research has been carried out to ensure a competitive salary is being offered in line with the local area & similar posts advertised. Objectives will also be set to try and ensure success of the role.
- 2.2 Funding applications totalling £140,000 have been made to Auchterarder and District Community Trust, Friends of St Margaret's, Auchterarder Facilities Fund and The National Lottery – all still '**pending**'. Given the nature of the work and the limited ability to generate revenue, it is likely that this post will require additional grant funding in future years. Total costs for the project in **Year 1** are broken down below:

| Specific Items | Basis of Costing (s) | Costs (£) |
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| Staffing Costs per annum | Other providers/similar posts | £36,000 |
| Equipment; computers, phones, card readers and associated stationery | Quotes are based on one full financial year | £4,000 |
| 'Soft Start' Sports Development projects | 10 sessions – 2 hours each session | £4,000 |

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| Subsidies for health referrals, concessionary prices, etc | Estimated referrals from local GP | £4,000 |
| Lease, license, equipment maintenance and replacement | Quotes are based on one full financial year | £4,000 |
| Totals | | £52,000 |

- 2.3 This application is for £20,000, spread over 2 years; £10,000 per year. £2,000 has just been secured (July 2021) from the Auchterarder Community Sports and Recreation (ACSR) group and it is anticipated that revenue of £4,000 per annum will come from facility users.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

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

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

| Strategic Implications | Yes / None |
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| Community Plan | 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. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of The Auchterarder Common Good Fund.

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. The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of The Auchterarder Common Good Fund.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The level of award requested exceeds the available 2021/22 Financial Assistance budget. Any award which exceeds the available budget, or the annual income generated by the Fund, will reduce the Fund Balance.

Workforce

2.2 N/A.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 N/A.

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. The Equality Impact Assessment undertaken in relation to this report can be viewed clicking [here](#).

Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. The proposals have been considered under the Act and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

3.3 N/A.

Legal and Governance

3.4 The Head of Legal and Governance has been consulted.

Risk

3.5 N/A.

4. Consultation

Internal

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

External

4.2 N/A.

5. Communication

5.1 N/A.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

2.1 Auchterarder Common Good Application papers.