

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

27 February 2019

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 19/54)

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

1. BACKGROUND

- 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 Local residents and organisations can apply to Common Good Funds for support to develop projects in the Common Good area. These grants allow individuals and local organisations to carry out a wide range of community based activities. Retrospective applications are not accepted. However, if an application is received before the project takes place and cannot be considered at the following meeting because papers have already been issued, the application will be considered at the next meeting even if the activities have taken place. Therefore, the Committee decision will only be known after the activities have taken place, and if the grant is not awarded, the applicant will have to fund the activities from its own funds.
- 1.3 Applications to Common Good Funds vary across the different former burghs of Perth and Kinross. The Perth Common Good Fund is larger, and receives a much higher number of applications than the other Funds. Therefore, additional criteria are applied to assist with assessing applications (see Appendix 1).
- 1.4 The 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 28 February 2018 ([Report 18/199](#) refers). The approved budget, the value of funding approved to date, together with the remaining budget is summarised below:

Approved 2018/19 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
Value of grants committed	
Small Grants	(£59,574)
Capital Grants	(£11,677)
Remaining Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£426

Capital Grants	£28,323
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 27 February 2019	
Small Grants	(£5,548)
Capital Grants	-

2. PROPOSALS

SMALL GRANTS

St John's RC Academy

- 2.1 An application has been received from St John's Academy, seeking a grant towards the costs of a school show to take place in June 2019. The total costs amount to £1,245.20 (for a performing rights license). The applicant is applying for £745.20. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£800), 2017/18 (£500 and £600) and 2016/17 (£1,000). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £498 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). This grant will contribute to allowing the pupils involved to learn new skills and develop their confidence.

Recommendation

- 2.2 St John's RC Academy be awarded a grant of £498 towards the costs of a school show.

Tayside Council on Alcohol

- 2.3 An application has been received from Tayside Council on Alcohol, seeking a grant towards the costs of 16+, community based mentoring interventions for males who have current Social Work Criminal Justice Service (SWCJS) involvement. The total costs amount to £35,606. This includes £25,782 for staffing costs; £6,000 for overheads; and £3,824 for recharges. Another source of funding is Perth and Kinross Council (£33,606). The applicant is applying for £1,000. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee consider awarding a grant in line with criterion 7.8 within Appendix 1 and no financial recommendation is made by officers. This grant will contribute to empowering individuals who have current SWCJS involvement to realise their potential and integrate into mainstream communities.

Recommendation

- 2.4 In line with guidance, the Committee is asked to consider the request and no financial recommendation is made by Officers.

Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival Association

- 2.5 An application has been received from Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival Association, seeking a grant towards the costs of 'Perform in Perth'

Perthshire Festival to take place in March 2019. The total costs amount to £24,000. The applicant will contribute £16,000 towards these costs from patrons and entry fees. Other sources of funding are the Forteviot Trust (£1,000) and Thomson Trust (£750). The applicant is applying for £1,500. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£1,500) and 2016/17 (£1,500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,500 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). This grant will contribute to the running of an arts festival with a wide range of activities and a particular focus on the artistic progress of young people in Perth.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Perthshire Musical (Competition) Festival Association be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the costs of 'Perform in Perth' Perthshire Festival.

Jeanfield Swifts Girls FC (Performance Squad)

- 2.7 An application has been received from Jeanfield Swifts Girls FC (Performance Squad), seeking a grant towards the costs of 15 players and 5 coaches attending the FIFA Women's World Cup from 8 to 13 June 2019. 11 of the players and all 5 coaches reside in the City of Perth. The total costs amount to £16,040. This includes £14,540 for an Inspiresports package of travel, accommodation, football training, match tickets, breakfast and a tour guide (at £727 per person); and £1,500 for a lunch and evening meals allowance (at £15 per person per day). The applicant will contribute £6,700 towards these costs from personal contributions of £335 per person of those involved. A further £6,500 will be contributed from personal sponsorship. The applicant is applying for £2,840. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£600). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £600 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.7). This grant will contribute to the young women involved being exposed to playing football in a different culture, thereby fostering their interest in football as well as their understanding of another culture.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Jeanfield Swift Girls FC (Performance Squad) be awarded a grant of £6000 towards the costs of 15 players and 5 coaches attending the FIFA Women's World Cup 2019.

Trellis Scotland

- 2.9 An application has been received from Trellis Scotland, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Trellis Conference 2019. The purpose of this conference is for therapeutic gardening practitioners to learn new skills and share good practice. The total costs amount to £8,713.75. This includes £4,653.75 for a venue (the Bield); £3,000 for staff time; £800 for travel expenses; and £260 for stationary. The applicant will contribute £6,713.75 towards these costs. Another source of funding is the Corra Foundation

(£1,000). The applicant is applying for £1,000. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£1,360). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.2). This grant will contribute to raising awareness of the health benefits of gardening and will benefit local businesses by bringing visitors to Perth.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Trellis Scotland be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of a Trellis Conference 2019.

City of Perth Early Childhood Centre Parent Council

- 2.11 An application has been received from City of Perth Early Childhood Centre Parent Council, seeking a grant towards the costs of annual nursery trips for families. The total costs amount to £1,589. This includes £560 for coach travel to Active Kids Stanley; £496 for Active Kids Stanley admission (for 60 children at £7 each and 19 parents at £4 each); £350 for coach travel to Auchingarrich Wildlife Park; and £183 for Auchingarrich Wildlife Park admission (for 22 children at £6.50 each and 10 parents at £4 each). The applicant will contribute £889 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £700. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£522) and 2017/18 (£525). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £700 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.6). This grant will contribute to allowing the children involved (the majority of whom come from deprived communities) to have positive experiences that are not normally accessible to them.

Recommendation

- 2.12 City of Perth Early Childhood Centre Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of annual nursery trips for families.

Men and Children Matter

- 2.13 An application has been received from Men and Children Matter, seeking a grant towards the costs of Outdoors is Great, outdoor activities for dads/stepdads and their children. The total costs amount to £500. This includes £340 for four sessions with a ranger; £80 for the ranger's travel costs; and £80 for fuel for minibus transport for the men and children. The applicant is applying for £500. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2014/15 (£600). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £250 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 7.6). This grant will contribute to allowing the men and children involved to spend time in an active and positive learning environment.

Recommendation

- 2.14 Men and Children Matter be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of Outdoors is Great.

5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Committee is requested to consider and approve the recommendations in the report.

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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	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	Yes
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 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 Perth Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

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 Perth Common Good Fund's criteria.

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 2018/19 Financial Assistance budget.

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. 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.
- 3.2 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.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 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.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions. The proposals in this report will encourage social equity and opportunities for cultural, leisure, community, sport and other activities.

4. Consultation

Internal

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

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 5.1 Seven applications for financial assistance.

6. APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.