

PERTH COMMON GOOD FUND COMMITTEE

24 April 2019

Applications for Financial Assistance

Report by Depute Chief Executive (Report No. 19/120)

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider 16 applications for financial assistance (13 for small grants and 3 for capital grants).

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 2019/20 Financial Assistance budget for Perth Common Good Fund was approved by this Committee at the meeting on 27 February 2019 ([Report 19/55](#) refers). The approved budget and value of applications to be considered at this meeting is summarised below:

Approved 2019/20 Financial Assistance Budget	
Small Grants	£60,000
Capital Grants	£40,000
Value of applications to be considered at Committee meeting on 24 April 2019	
Small Grants	(£19,272)
Capital Grants	(£10,999)

2. PROPOSALS

SMALL GRANTS

Volunteering with the Vine Trust

- 2.1 An application has been received from a young individual studying at Perth Grammar School, seeking a grant towards the costs of volunteering with the Vine Trust in Tanzania for two weeks to build homes for locals living in severe poverty. The total costs amount to £2,482.76. This includes flights, accommodation, in-country travel, food, trip orientation and a debrief programme, the Vine Trust's fee, construction materials, a safari trip and other tours and activities. The applicant is applying for £250. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £250 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.4). The grant will allow the young person involved to broaden her horizons by working in a new country.

Recommendation

- 2.2 The individual be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of volunteering with the Vine Trust to build homes for Tanzanians living in severe poverty.

Ballet Dancing Training

- 2.3 An application has been received from a young individual resident of Perth, seeking a grant towards the costs of national level ballet dancing training. The total costs amount to £1,250. This includes £500 for transport; £500 for uniform; and £250 for residence. The applicant is applying for £500. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£150) and 2017/18 (£150 and £150). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £150 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.5). This grant will allow the young person involved to participate in high level ballet training.

Recommendation

- 2.4 The individual be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of national level ballet dancing training.

Perth Highland Games Ltd

- 2.5 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games Ltd, seeking a grant towards the costs of operating the Perth Highland Games on 11 August 2019 in Scone Palace Parklands. The total costs amount to £42,325. This includes £10,200 for prize money and trophies; £8,200 for ground services and labour; £7,700 for equipment rentals; £4,500 for officials' and judges' expenses; £4,400 for professional fees and honoraria; £3,600 for ground rental; £1,500 for catering; £1,500 for advertising and a website; £575 for permits, licences and memberships; and £150 for administration and

miscellaneous expenses. The applicant will contribute £24,000 from gate receipts and programmes; £6,000 from trade stands food vendors; £2,500 from sponsorships; and £2,400 from competitors' entry fees. The applicant is applying for £7,425 to cover a potential loss. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£5,900) and 2016/17 (£7,253). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of up to £7,425 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.2). This grant will allow the successful running of a community based cultural and sporting event that attracts visitors to Perth.

Recommendation

- 2.6 Perth Highland Games Ltd be awarded a grant of up to £7,425 in line with Criterion 9.2 towards the potential loss of operating the Perth Highland Games.

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers

- 2.7 An application has been received from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, seeking a grant towards the costs of an Activity Weekend at Dalguise Activity Centre. The total costs amount to £2,461. This includes accommodation and activities for 23 volunteers who are residents of Perth. The applicant will contribute £690 towards these costs and will also conduct fundraising activities such as bag packing, car boot sales and a sponsored walk. The applicant is applying for £1,230.50. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£600). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £161 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.6). This grant will allow the young people involved to be rewarded for volunteering in their community and will motivate them to continue in their role as youth volunteers.

Recommendation

- 2.8 Police Scotland Youth Volunteers be awarded a grant of £161 towards the costs of an Activity Weekend at Dalguise Activity Centre.

Wednesday Tea Dance

- 2.9 An application has been received from Wednesday Tea Dance, seeking a grant towards the costs of a two day trip to the Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries for 19 people (of which 16 are residents of Perth). The total costs amount to £3,360. This includes £2,470 for accommodation; £800 for travel by coach; and £90 for gratuities for hotel staff. The applicant will contribute £3,227 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £133. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£245 and £168), 2017/18 (£175 and £315), 2016/17 (£175 and £280) and 2015/16 (£168). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £112 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.6). This grant will reduce social isolation amongst elderly people by providing an opportunity to socialise with others.

Recommendation

- 2.10 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £112 towards the costs of a two day trip to the Cairndale Hotel in Dumfries.

The Centre for Inclusive Living

- 2.11 An application has been received from the Centre for Inclusive Living, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Disabled Access Day Event to take place at the Horsecross Plaza and Perth Museum and Art Gallery. The total costs amount to £2,902.34. This includes £1,062.34 for promotional materials; £864 for market stalls; £704 for Perthshire Sound and Light Hire; £200 for a history tour; and £72 for a changing place toilet. Another source of funding is Disability Equality Scotland (£1,062.34). The applicant is applying for £1,840. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award of grant of £1,161 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.2). This grant will encourage those with disabilities to increase involvement within their communities and live healthier lives, thereby reducing social isolation.

Recommendation

- 2.12 The Centre for Inclusive Living be awarded a grant of £1,161 towards the costs of a Disabled Access Day Event.

8th Perth Brownies

- 2.13 An application has been received from the 8th Perth Brownies, seeking a grant towards the costs of a trip to Dalguise Activity Centre. The total costs amount to £2,620. This includes £2,320 for accommodation, food and activities for 20 people (all of which are residents of Perth); and £300 for travel by bus. The applicant will contribute £500 towards these costs. Another source of funding is Letham4All (£1,500). The applicant is applying for £500. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £140 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.6). This grant will allow the children involved to undertake team building activities at an adventure weekend which is normally outwith their parents' financial constraints.

Recommendation

- 2.14 8th Perth Brownies be awarded a grant of £140 towards the costs of a trip to Dalguise Activity Centre.

VisionPK

- 2.15 An application has been received from VisionPK, seeking a grant towards the costs of a summer outing for people with sight and/or hearing impairment. The total costs amount to £1,700. This includes £600 for attraction admission for 60 people (40 of which are residents of Perth); £600 for meals; and £500 for

coach and driver hire. The applicant will contribute £1,200 towards these costs through a £20 charge per person and will also conduct fundraising activities such as raffles, collections and events. The applicant is applying for £420. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2017/18 (£343). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £280 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.6). This grant will contribute to reducing social isolation affecting people with a sight and/or hearing impairments.

Recommendation

- 2.16 VisionPK be awarded a grant £280 towards the costs of a summer outing for sight and/or hearing impaired people.

Tulloch Primary School Parent Council

- 2.17 An application has been received from Tulloch Primary School Parent Council, seeking a grant towards the costs of school summer trips. The total costs amount to £2,700. This includes £1,350 for the P1-P3 trip bus costs; and £1,350 for the P4-P7 trip bus costs. The applicant will contribute £2,000 towards these costs. The applicant is applying for £700. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£700 and £400), 2017/18 (£700 and £475) and 2016/17 (£700). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £700 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.6). This grant will allow the children involved to participate in an enjoyable and inclusive experience.

Recommendation

- 2.18 Tulloch Primary School Parent Council be awarded a grant of £700 towards the costs of school summer trips.

Perthshire Pride

- 2.19 An application has been received from Perthshire Pride, seeking a grant towards the costs of Perthshire Pride 2019. The total costs amount to £18,046. This includes £12,000 for a headline act; £2,000 for security; £600 for Tay FM; £516 for a St Andrews ambulance; £500 for t-shirts; £500 for a photographer and videographer; £414 for 500 rainbow lanyards; £360 for 10 barriers from Perth farmers market; £270 for Perthshire Pride guitar picks; £200 for venue hire; £200 for a sound system for the march; £190 for 1,000 wristbands for headline act ticket holders; £100 for small flags; £70 for a Perthshire Pride flag for a stall; £50 for a pop up banner; £50 for BSL; and £26 for a Pride banner for the march. Other sources of funding are the National Lottery Funding for All (£10,000) and the PKC Community Investment Fund (£4,103). The applicant is applying for £3,943. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£3,840). Perthshire Pride 2018 had approximately 3,000 attendees. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £3,943 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.2). This grant will allow a sense of equality to be achieved for

LGBT+ individuals within Perth and will showcase Perth as a city which respects all citizens' rights and expressions.

Recommendation

- 2.20 Perthshire Pride be awarded a grant of £3,943 towards the costs of Perthshire Pride 2019.

Jar of Jewels

- 2.21 An application has been received from Jar of Jewels, seeking a grant towards the costs of a Family Festival. The total costs amount to £4,500. This includes £1,800 for food; £1,300 for a venue; £1,000 for entertainment; £300 for a bouncy castle; and £100 for decorations. The applicant is applying for £3,400. The applicant has previously benefitted from the Fund in 2018/19 (£1,600) and 2017/18 (£1,200). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,800 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.2). This grant will foster relationships between families of different cultures in Perth.

Recommendation

- 2.22 Jar of Jewels be awarded a grant of £1,800 towards the costs of a Family Festival.

INTOPS Lesotho Trip 2019

- 2.23 An application has been received from a young individual resident of Perth, seeking a grant towards the costs of an INTOPS Lesotho Trip 2019. The total costs amount to £2,000. This includes the whole 16 day trip with Girl Guiding Scotland. Other sources of funding are the Jimmie Cairncross Charitable Trust (£100) and the Soroptimists (£100). The applicant is applying for £150. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £150 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.5). This grant will allow the young person involved to develop leadership skills and broaden her horizons by experiencing a new country.

Recommendation

- 2.24 The individual be awarded a grant of £150 towards the costs of an INTOPS Lesotho Trip 2019.

Culture Perth and Kinross

- 2.25 An application has been received from Culture Perth and Kinross, seeking a grant towards the costs of Perth and Kinross Remembers. The total costs amount to £38,553. This includes £30,668 for a Project Officer for 12 months; £3,505 for a 10% contingency in case of rising costs; £750 for project website development; £700 for a CALM archive cataloguing license and one years

technical support; £500 for archival packaging and boxes; £500 for producing a project legacy film; £500 for a laptop for the Project Officer; £250 for a First World War legacy celebration; £200 for recruitment; £200 for staff travel; £200 for volunteer travel; £200 for print and digital resources for school resource packs; £200 for Project Officer training; and £180 for two portable pop up banners. Other sources of funding are the Heritage Lottery Fund (£32,500), Friends of Perth and Kinross Archive (£2,000) and the Jimmie Caircross Charitable Trust (£1,000). The applicant is applying for £3,000. The applicant has not previously benefited from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £3,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 9.2). This grant will make accessible the outcomes of the First World War memorialisation projects which have taken place in Perth since 2014.

Recommendation

- 2.26 Culture Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £3,000 towards the costs of Perth and Kinross Remembers.

CAPITAL GRANTS

New Rannoch Day Centre

- 2.27 An application has been received from the New Rannoch Day Centre, seeking a grant towards the costs of a playground for the elderly. The total costs amount to £10,000. This includes various types of low impact exercise equipment. The applicant is applying for £10,000. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,500 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 10.3). This grant will allow elderly service users to benefit from exercise and improve their health.

Recommendation

- 2.28 New Rannoch Day Centre be awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the costs of a playground for the elderly.

Fairview School

- 2.29 An application has been received from Fairview School, seeking a grant towards the costs of their Fairer View project. This project would landscape the area beside the walkway between Fairview School and Viewlands Primary School and connects to Perth Academy. The total costs amount to £1,000. This includes £800 for perennial shrubs and plants; and £200 for two trees with posts. 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 award a grant of £250 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 10.4). This grant will allow pupils, parents and staff from all three schools to walk safely on a scenic path that is free from overgrown vegetation.

Recommendation

- 2.30 Fairview School be awarded a grant of £250 towards the costs of their Fairer View project.

Tay Rowing Club

- 2.31 An application has been received from Tay Rowing Club, seeking a grant towards the costs of Tay Rowing Club Facilities Phase 1. The total costs amount to £32,997. This includes £25,097 for two portable units to act as a clubhouse; £3,550 for electrical supply; £2,000 for refurbishment of river access; £1,350 for delivery; and £1,000 for concrete bases. Another source of funding is the Scottish Hydro Electric Community Trust (£3,550). The applicant will also contribute £2,000 towards the costs of river access refurbishment and an additional £1,000 in kind through volunteer labour. The applicant is applying for £26,447. The applicant has not previously benefitted from the Fund. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £8,249 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criterion 10.4). This grant will offer an opportunity to participate in a sport that is new to Perth.

Recommendation

- 2.32 Tay Rowing Club be awarded a grant of £8,249 towards the costs of Tay Rowing Club Facilities Phase 1.

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 2019/20 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 16 applications for financial assistance.

6. APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – Perth Common Good Fund Criteria.