

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Executive Sub-Committee of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee -
30 July 2015

CORPORATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BUDGET**Executive Director (Environment)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report seeks approval for the payment of applications to the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget made in the current financial year.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Corporate Financial Assistance budget is currently used to provide financial support to voluntary / community organisations. The funding criteria, previously approved by the Committee, is intended to be "investment focused" in supporting the building of community capacity through investment in growth and development and investment in grass-roots activities.
- 1.2 The Corporate Financial Assistance Budget totals £122,000 in 2015/16 and sits under the responsibility of the Executive Director (Environment).
- 1.3 Of the total budget of £122,000, £5,000 is required to meet the cost of administration in the current year with the remaining £117,000 available to support grant applications.
- 1.4 Following a re-structuring of the Corporate Financial Assistance Budget in 2014/15 to transfer funding for major grant awards to Services (Report 14/169 refers), the Executive Director (Environment) has instructed a review of the governance arrangements for the Corporate Financial Assistance Budget. The recommendations arising from this review will be reported to the Committee at its meeting in September.
- 1.5 Pending approval of the review, the Executive Director (Environment) has authorised, under delegated authority, grant payments to local village hall committees and in-bloom groups totalling £18,400 in 2015/16. This leaves a net £98,600 available for distribution in 2015/16.

2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN 2015/16

- 2.1 As at 1 July 2015, 17 applications for Financial Assistance funding have been received in the current financial year. These are summarised in Appendix 1 to the report together with details of any payments made from this budget to the same organisations in the previous two financial years.
- 2.2 An application from the Pitlochry Pavilion User Group has subsequently been identified as being intended for consideration under the Community Environmental Challenge Fund and is not included in Appendix 1.

- 2.3 An application has been received from Kinross-shire Partnership. Highland Perthshire Communities Partnership have also intimated an intention to submit an application for funding. It is, therefore, proposed to defer consideration of applications from community partnerships until such time as these applications may be considered together in consultation with Elected Members from the localities concerned.
- 2.4 It is recommended that consideration of the application from Friends of Stanley Primary School for the creation of a trim trail be deferred pending the conclusion of discussions with Education & Children's Services on the proposal.
- 2.5 It is recommended that consideration of the application from Stand Easy in relation to theatre skills for ex Service personnel be deferred pending consultation with the Council's Armed Forces And Veterans Champion.
- 2.6 Recommended levels of funding to applicant organisations are set out for consideration by the Sub-Committee in Appendix 1 to the report. The recommendations are based upon the approved funding criteria and levels of funding provided in 2014/15. The recommendations in respect of the applications set out in Appendix 1 total £16,162.
- 2.7 Local Elected Members have not been consulted in advance in the preparation of this report. It is, therefore, recommended that all applications for Financial Assistance in 2015/16 approved by the Sub-Committee be subject to consultation with and the agreement of Elected Members in the localities concerned.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Executive Sub-Committee is requested to approve:
- (i) The award of grant funding in 2015/16 from the Corporate Financial Assistance Budget totalling £16,162 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
 - (ii) That all such awards are subject to consultation with and the agreement of Elected Members in the localities concerned.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	No
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	No
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	No
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	No
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	No
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

1. Strategic Implications

1.1 Corporate Plan

1.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013 – 2018 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

1.1.2 This report relates to all of these objectives

2. Resource Implications

Financial

2.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report other than those reported within the body of the main report.

Workforce

- 2.2 There are no direct workforce implications arising from this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 There are no direct asset management implications arising from this report.

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 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) and has been 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 The proposals within this report have been considered under the terms of 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

- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 The Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

External

4.2 Not applicable.

5. Communication

5.1 Not applicable.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 24 April 2014 entitled Revenue Budget 2013/14 - Monitoring Report No 4 – Report No (14/169)

3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Applications For Financial Assistance Funding in 2015/16 as at 1 July 2015.

Applications For Financial Assistance Funding as at 1 July 2015
APPI
Appendix 1

Applicant	Total Project Costs	Funding Requested 2015/16	Funding Awarded 2013/14	Funding Awarded 2014/15	Purpose of Application	Proposed Award 2015/16	Comment
J D Ferguson Arts Award Trust	£5,750	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	Contribution to cost of awards	£2,000	
Blairgowrie Adult Education Association	£9,150	£2,000	£1,000	£1,000	Contribution to operating costs	£2,000	
Coupar Angus Adult Education Association	£4,039	£1,100	£1,100	£1,100	Contribution to operating costs	£1,100	
Friendly Group	£300	£500	£200	£231	Horticultural equipment for Perth Residents Club	£230	
Duke of Edinburgh Award P & K Association	£55,000	£5,500	£5,700	£2,000	Contribution to operating costs	£2,000	
Stand Easy	£100,000+	£2,000	£0	£0	Contribution to provision of theatre skills for ex Service Personnel	Defer	
Feis Spe Ltd	£14,540	£500	£450	£400	Costs re Cairngorms Ceilidh Trail	£400	
Kinross-shire Partnership	£26,500	£12,500	£5,000	£3,000	Support of Economic Development activities in Kinross	Defer	
Coupar Angus Seniors Outings	£1,032	£1,032	£1,000	£1,200	Contribution to cost of 12 Bus outings for Senior Citizens	£1,032	
Highland Perthshire Crossing Borders SCIO	£33,933	£2,000	£0	£0	Contribution to cost of English language skills for migrant workers	£2,000	
Music in Hospitals	£2,570	£1,070	£900	£900	Contribution to cost of live music events for hospital patients	£900	
Kettins Parish Community Council	£675	£300	£0	£0	Contribution to operating costs	£300	
Friends of Stanley Primary School	£9,765	£7,500	£0	£0	Creation of Trim Trail at Stanley PS	Defer	
Auchterarder Adult Education Association	£1,198	£1,198	£1,500	£1,200	Contribution to operating costs	£1,100	
Comrie & District Adult Education Association	£12,230	£1,198	£1,000	£1,000	Contribution to operating costs	£1,100	
Scottish Vintage Tractor & Engine Club	£45,941	£3,000	£2,000	£0	Contribution to cost of Farming Yesteryear Rally at Scone Palace	£0	Event operated on commercial basis.
Pitlochry & District Adult Education Association	£3,372	£2,019	£1,500	£1,500	Contribution to operating costs	£2,000	
TOTAL		£45,417	£23,350	£15,531		£16,162	

