

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 30 September 2009

Subject: Grants Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with an update on grants to voluntary organisations from the Dumbarton Common Good, Community Council budgets.
- 1.2 The report also provides an update on grant applications identified and assessed as Council strategic partners.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 26 March 2008 agreed the new grants administration procedures implemented during 2008/09.
- 2.2 The Council continues to administer grants for Strategic Partner identification, Community Councils, Dumbarton Common Good and Trust Funds and the Elderly Welfare Christmas payout.

3. Main Issues

Community Council Applications 2009/2010

- 3.1 Two requests for funding have been received with regards to Community Councils which are shown in Appendix A. Members should note officer's recommendation totalling £5,882.85.

Strategic Partner Applications 2009/2010

- 3.2 Three further applications have been passed to the Council for consideration under this heading. The applications referred are detailed in appendix A, with officer recommendations of £10,000.
- 3.3 One further organisation provides partnership outputs to both Social Work and Education (50% each). The organisation was formerly identified as a strategic partner by Education but not Social work. Social work now request that this organisation be considered a strategic partner for their share of the outputs (£5,000).

Grants awarded by Delegated Approval

- 3.4 The Council received an urgent funding request from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund during the summer recess. The total of this request was £1,038.38. This information is summarised in Appendix A and has been taken into account within the Common Good budgetary report.

Dumbarton Common Good Fund

- 3.5 A request for funding of £950 has been received from the Armed Forces Veterans Association to cover costs of a race night to raise funds for the organisation. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £950.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Assuming approval of the Community Council grants, available resources in 2009/10 for Community Councils would be £12,231.

- 5.2 Assuming approval of grants recommended, the Dumbarton Common Good budgeted spend would increase by a further £950.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1 The Council must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Council remains within budget, but also that the voluntary organisation is in a long term viable position. Organisations funded by the Council must also comply with Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc.

7. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations

- 7.1 Grants shown in Appendix A are being recommended following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.

- 7.2 The Committee is invited to agree the recommendations for:

(a)	Community Councils	£5,882.85
(b)	Strategic Partners	£15,000
(c)	Common Good	£950

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Appendix Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

Background Papers: Grant applications

Wards Affected: All