

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee – 26 May 2010

Subject : Summary of Voluntary Grants 2009/2010

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an analysis of voluntary grants approved during 2009/10.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Services Committee in March 2007 agreed that a report be brought to Committee after each year end giving additional information regarding analysis of the grants approved during the financial year.

- 2.2 During 2009/10, the amount paid out in grants is made up as follows:

	£m
Strategic Partners	0.470
Community Chest	0.088
Dumbarton Common Good	0.169
Cultural	0.015
Trust Funds	<u>0.006</u>
Total	<u>0.748</u>

- 2.3 The strategic partners, as approved by this Committee are monitored by departments and their related committees – as such they have been excluded from this report.

- 2.4 This report summarises the output and benefits to the community on the remaining 3 types of grant:

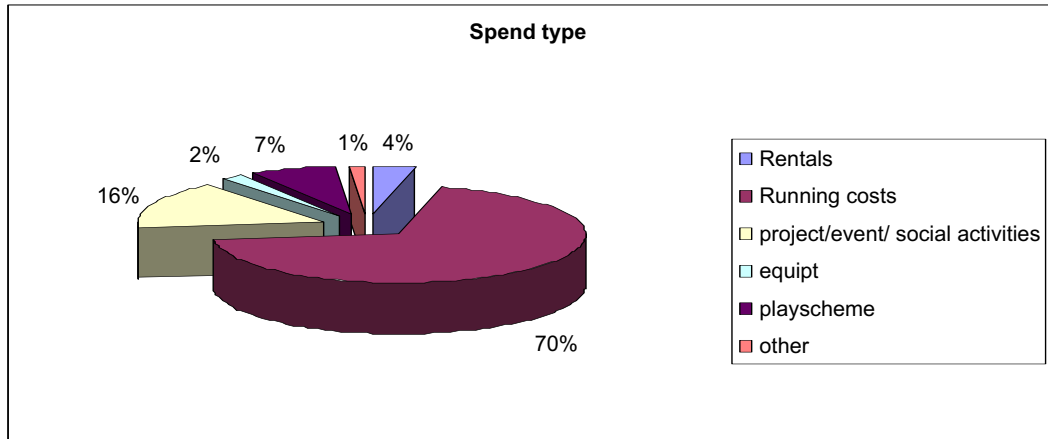
- (a) Community Chest grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Service (CVS) throughout the year.
- (b) Dumbarton Common Good grants are approved by this Committee
- (c) Cultural grants, as approved by the Cultural Sub committee (these grants will be administered by the CVS during 2010/11).

3. Main Issues

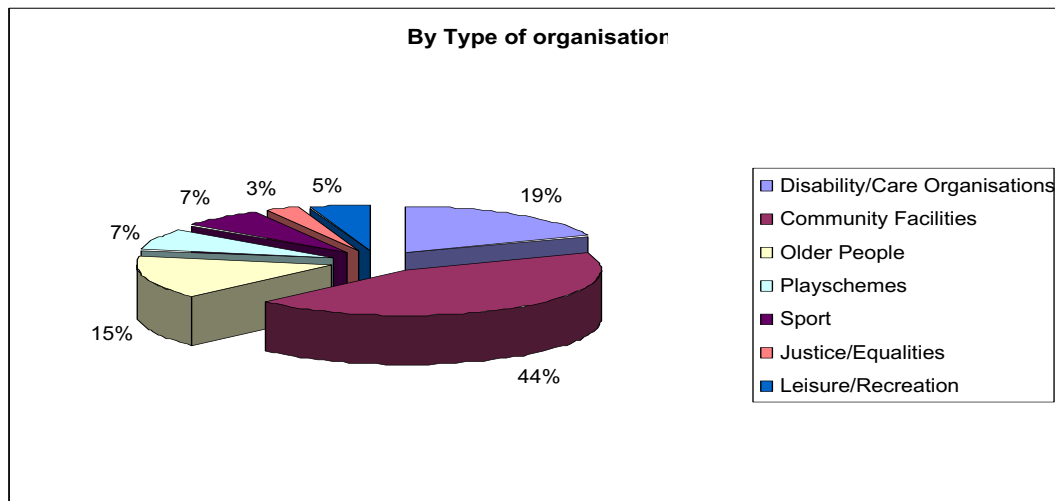
Community Chest grants

- 3.1 From the 2009/10 grants funding administered by the CVS, grants applications totalling £0.088m were paid out. Appendix A lists the grants allocated during 2009/10.

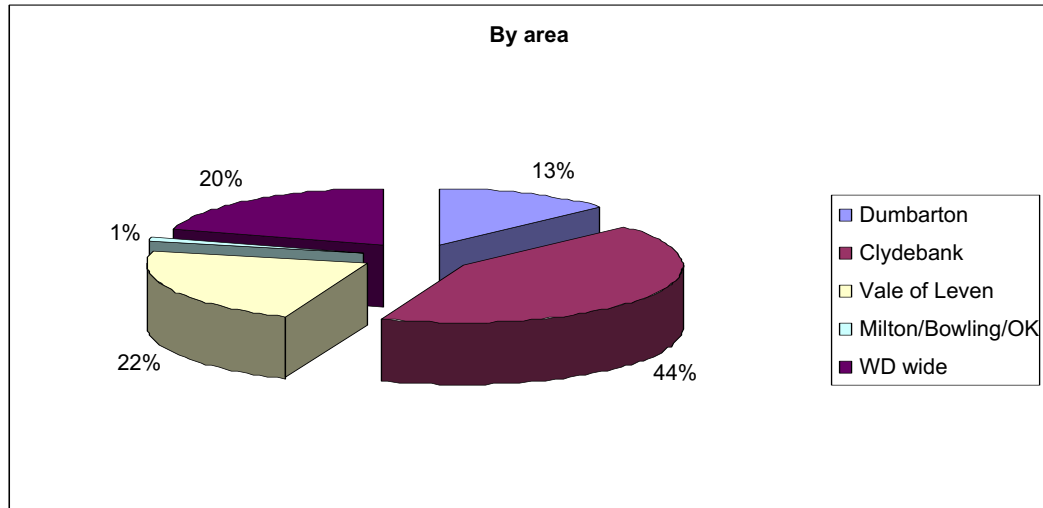
3.2 By spend type - the largest proportion of amounts paid out (70%, equivalent to £0.62m, 18 organisations) was used for running costs, with smaller sums being used for contributions to project costs (16%, £0.014m, 7 organisations), equipment, rentals, etc – as noted in the table below:



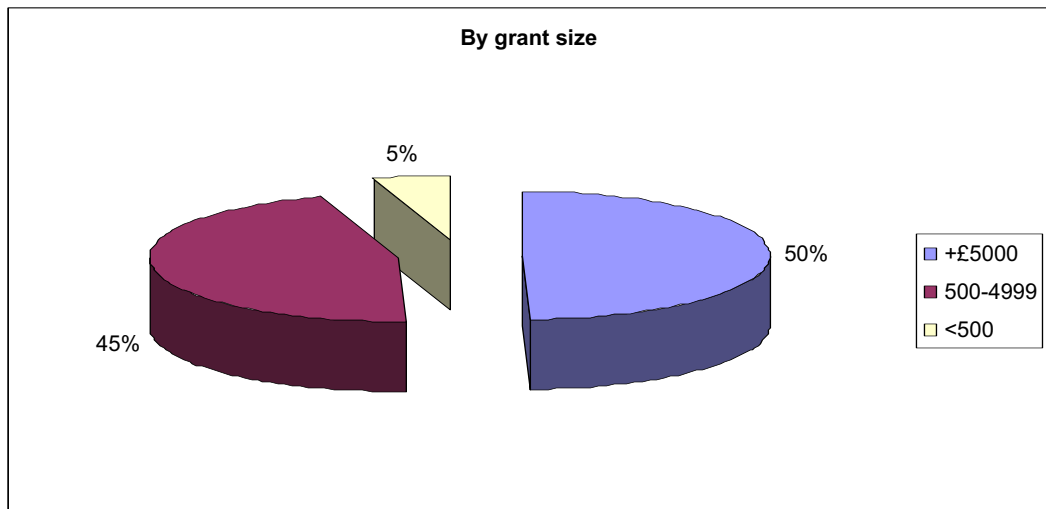
3.3 By group type – the majority of the funding is used by groups who provide a community facility (44% - £0.038m), for disability or care organisations (19% - £0.017m) and for elderly groups (15% - £0.013m). The remainder being used for groups who provide e.g. sport, leisure, recreation or justice services to the community, as noted below:



3.4 By Area – 44% (£0.038m) was funding for groups within the Clydebank area, 22% (£0.020m) in the Vale of Leven area, 20% (£0.018m) West Dunbartonshire wide and 13% (£0.012m) funding within the Dumbarton area, with smaller amounts funding elsewhere within the authority, as noted below:



3.5 By value of award – There were 42 grants funded through the grants process – 50% of the budget to organisations receiving grants over £5,000 (5 grants, worth £0.044m) 45% of the budget to organisations receiving grants between £500 and £4,999 (25 organisations, worth £0.040m); and the remainder for grants of £500 or less (12 organisations, worth £0.004m), as noted below:



3.6 The total number of beneficiaries of the grant funding within the Council-wide area was 13,415.

3.7 During 2009/10, a number of organisations submitted applications for Council funding and were referred by the CVS to other funders. A total of £0.062m for 12 potential applicants for Council funding was funded from other sources (e.g. Awards for All, Glasgow Airport Fund, Voluntary Action Fund). A list of those organisations is included as Appendix B. All applications received by the CVS were granted funding for either Community Chest grants, alternative funders or identified as a Council strategic partner.

Dumbarton Common Good grants

- 3.8** Nine organisations benefited from funding from the Dumbarton Common good – totalling £0.169m - of which £0.150m was spent on running costs for 5 organisations. A list of organisations who received funding is noted on Appendix C.

Cultural grants

- 3.9** Three organisations received a total of £0.015m funding from the cultural grants allocation – also noted in Appendix C.

Trust Fund grants

- 3.10** During 2009/10 four organisations received grant funding from council-administered Trust Funds, totalling £0.006m– also noted in Appendix C

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people implications.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1** As this report is for information and noting only, there are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There are considered to be no risks associated with this report.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in screening for the potential equality impact of this report.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1** Analysis suggests that grants awarded to voluntary organisations from Council funding are used in a variety of ways to help the local community.

- 8.2** The Committee is invited to note the report.

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Appendix:

- A – Community chest grants awarded
- B – Potential applicants funded from other sources
- C – Dumbarton Common Good grants awarded; and
Cultural grants awarded

Background papers: Grant application summary information

Wards affected: All wards