

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee – 24 June 2009

Subject : Summary of Voluntary Grants 2008/2009

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an analysis of voluntary grants approved during 2008/09.

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.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 From the 2008/09 budget, grants applications totalling £0.110m were paid. This excludes Strategic Partner funding and grants paid out to old people's welfare organisations at Christmas and those paid to community councils.

- 3.2 Appendix 1 analyses these grants by different categories:-

- (a) By reason – the largest proportion of amounts paid out (98%, equivalent to £0.108m, 39 organisations) was used for running costs (including staffing), with smaller sums being used for contributions to project costs (2%, £0.002m, 2 organisations)
- (c) By group type – the majority of the funding is used by groups who provide a community facility (44% - £0.048m over 9 organisations), for elderly groups (14% - £0.016m over 10 organisations), for disability groups (13% - £0.014m over 4 organisations and sports groups (13% - £0.014m over 2 organisations). The remainder being used for groups who provide e.g. arts and crafts, minority groups and sensory impairment.
- (d) By value of award – There were 41 grants funded through the grants process – 49% of the budget to organisations receiving grants over £5,000 (7 grants, worth £0.054m) 48% of the budget to organisations receiving grants between £500 and £4,999 (25 grants, worth £0.053m); and 3% for grants of £500 or less (9 organisations, worth £0.003m)

- 3.3 During 2008/09, a number of organisation submitted applications for Council funding and were referred by the CVS to other organisations.

These applications were awarded a total of £42,000 from these alternative sources.

4. Financial implications

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

5. Personnel Issues

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

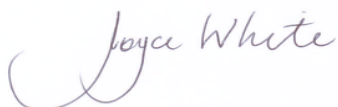
6. Risk Analysis

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

7. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations

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

7.2 The Committee is invited to note the report.



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Wards affected: All wards

Appendix: Grant analysis summary

Background papers: Grant application summary information

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