

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 19 APRIL 2004

REPORT ON: NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS GRANT FUND I (2004-2005)

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 257-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for a grant award from the National Organisations Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award will be met from the Department's revenue budget 2004-2005.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The award will improve access to skills, knowledge and information and/or contribute to achieving the Council's vision of self-sustaining, secure and healthy communities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Grant assistance is awarded to groups which promote social inclusion and contribute to equalling opportunities within the City.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 At its meeting on 10 February 1997, the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Department's grant aid portfolio (Report No 127/1997 refers).

6.2 Detailed below is the recommendation for a specific grant award.

Name of Applicant	Purpose of Organisation	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £
Scottish Human Rights Centre (formerly the Scottish Council for Civil Liberties)	An independent organisation established in 1969 to defend and promote civil liberties in Scotland.	2,430	1,514
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)	The umbrella body for all voluntary organisations in Scotland.	350 Membership Fee	350
The National Training Organisation (for Archives, Library & Information Services & Records Management)	To identify training needs and formulate plans to provide opportunities for staff working in library and information services.	300 Subscription Fee	300
Volunteer Development Scotland	The national centre for volunteering in Scotland, promoting volunteering and developing initiatives and quality practice.	120 Membership Fee	120

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Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals (CILIP)	The Association for Librarians and Information Managers	554 Membership Fee	554
The Poverty Alliance	An alliance of voluntary and community, public and private sector organisations, working together to combat poverty.	200 Membership Fee	200

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services).

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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