

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 11 June 2007

REPORT ON: Project Grants Allocation (2007-2008)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 276-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for a grant award from the Project Grants Portfolio.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant of £4,000 to establish a new Youth Arts Grants Scheme for young people in Dundee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant will be met from the Department's 2007/08 revenue budget.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

The award will provide access to skills and knowledge through activities for young people, thus contributing to the achievement of the Council's vision of active, informed communities.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

Free access to activities and resources will be provided for specific groups of young people who would be otherwise unable to participate.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Activities and resources will be available to all.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Background

The scheme will be established in consultation with Youth Work staff to ensure that access to and participation in the Arts attracts the broadest range of young people from youth groups and community organisations throughout the city. It will have a specific focus on those young people who are hard to reach or have little or no access to innovative, high quality arts experiences.

The scheme will support the development and recognition of young people both as artists and as confident, informed audiences and will encourage young people's

active participation in shaping the design, delivery and development of the Department's youth arts provision.

Aims:

- To increase provision of good quality, best value, services in the cultural sector in Dundee.
- To promote social inclusion through sector activity.
- To assist non-profit organisations undertake the delivery of arts and heritage projects in Dundee.
- To complement the Leisure and Communities Department's priorities and public programme.

Assessment Criteria:

- The extent to which the aims expressed in the application meet the aims of the scheme.
- The relevance of the application to the delivery of quality Leisure and Communities services in Dundee.
- The expected impact of Council support on the applicant organisation's ability to deliver Leisure and Communities services in Dundee.
- Evidence of sound organisational and financial management.
- Production of a balanced project budget eligible costs.

Administration and Allocation of funds:

- Applications will be sought on an annual basis and will be subject to an assessment process.
- Administration, including promotion and monitoring of the scheme will be the responsibility of the Arts and Heritage Learning Development Officer.
- The Youth Arts Award Scheme will give up to £250 to individuals and up to £1,500 to groups of young people.

6.2 Purpose of Grant

Grants will enable Young People and Youth Work staff to develop innovative, tailored activities and projects that address current gaps in arts provision for young people. Grants will be available for the following purposes:

Participation in the Arts:

- going to arts events such as performances, exhibitions etc
- taking part in local or national arts programmes, courses and workshops
- supporting and extending young people's existing arts practice

Youth Arts Development:

- planning and delivering a Youth Arts project or programme
- working with professional artists
- creative collaborations between Youth Arts groups
- planning and holding a Youth Arts exhibition or performance

7.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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