

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 16 AUGUST 2004
REPORT ON: EQUALITY & DIVERSITY GRANT FUND I (2004-2005)
REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES
REPORT NO: 466-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for a grant award from the Equality & Diversity Grant Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant of £6,450.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award will be met from the above section of 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 The Council has been approached by the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO) to participate in a national UK based capacity building programme for minority voluntary organisations.

6.3 The programme costed at £2,000,000 nationally offers seconded business graduates plus central support to nominated voluntary organisations to improve capacity building partnership working and more effective/improved organisation development

6.4 Dundee International Women's Centre, Bharatiya Ashram and Dundee Community Language Advisory Group have confirmed their willingness to become involved in this initiative.

6.5 The local costs for the participation of the above organisations is £6,450 plus the provision of office support services for the seconded personnel from CEMVO.

6.6 The initiative will last 1 year and offers opportunities for management accreditation of competences.

6.7 Each of the local organisations participating will benefit from the initiative and it will improve their capacity to participate in community planning and the activities of the new Dundee Equality & Diversity Partnership which has been approved previously by the Council and is due to gather for its first meeting in the Autumn of 2004.

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

**Signed: Stewart Murdoch
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Date: 9 August 2004