

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 19 August 2002

REPORT ON: GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2002/2003

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 626-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report details the recommendations of the Director of Social Work on the grant awards to voluntary organisations for 2002/2003.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee agrees payments of grants to the voluntary organisations listed in Appendix 1 at the levels outlined.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of implementing the recommendations within this report is £42,617. This cost can be met from the total 2002/2003 revenue budget provision for grant award payments to voluntary organisations.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These grants are made to promote social welfare and are targeted at voluntary organisations which provide assistance and promote social inclusion amongst the most vulnerable members of the community.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 A range of voluntary organisations receive funding from the Social Work Department, as payment for specific services provided. The provision of these services is governed by a service level agreement with the organisation concerned.

6.2 However, the Social Work Department also frequently receives requests from voluntary organisations for grant funding to support activities which contribute in general to social welfare.

6.3 Limited budget provision has been made to meet this need, and applications for grant aid were invited in late 2001. Applications received have now been assessed and recommendations for funding are outlined in Appendix 1. All applications were assessed against specific criteria. Priority has been given to those organisations, groups or individuals, whose applications are demonstrably:

- consistent with the Council's Core Values as outlined in the Council Plan;
- consistent with the Social Work Department's strategic aims, service plan and priorities as detailed in the Social Work Service Plan, the Joint Community Care Plan and the Children's Service Plan;
- of potential benefit to priority groups;
- democratic, publicly accountable and based on equal opportunities principles;
- cost effective, and
- capable of contributing to partnership working.

7.0 **CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Director of Support Services and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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.

9.0 **SIGNATURE**

Director of Social Work

Date

1 August 2002

SECTION 10 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2002/2003

Organisation	Service Provision	Amount Recommended £
Childline Scotland	To maintain Helpline for children living away from home.	£1,666
Couple Counselling	Towards running costs to maintain counselling service to couples and individuals.	£9,500
Cruse Bereavement Care	To meet cost of publications and misc. admin costs.	£300
Dundee Women & Children Project	Work with families affected by drug/alcohol abuse. Funding to purchase recreation equipment and outings.	£1,500
The Furniture Project	To meet delivery costs of essential furniture to clients.	£6,000
Grey Lodge Settlement	Work with frail elderly people in the Hilltown area. Assistance with running costs for the Open Door Project.	£3,000
Headway Tayside	Support people with brain injury. Transport costs for support group and carers group meetings	£2,051
Helm Employment/Training Group	Work with clients with learning disabilities/challenging behaviour. Contribution towards staff training.	£1,000
The Inclusion Group	Work with families and children/young people with special needs. Contribution towards running costs of 2 groups.	£3,500
The Link Club	Work with adults with learning disabilities. Contribution towards club running costs.	£600
PAMIS	Work with children/adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities. Contribution towards running costs of the Primary Care Training Project.	£7,500
Princes Royal Trust Centre Youth Care Project	Run a youth club for young carers 12-15. Request for accommodation and admin costs to start up new clubs for carers aged 16-18 and younger children.	£3,000
The Samaritans of Dundee	Offer confidential listening support to callers. Contribution towards maintaining the service.	£1,000

Organisation	Service Provision	Amount Recommended £
Starter Packs Dundee	Provide basic household goods/bedding to homeless individuals and families preparing to take up a tenancy. Contribution towards running costs.	£1,500
Tayside Adoptees Support Group (TAG)	Work with adults who have been adopted and their families. Funding required to recruit new members through open day etc and to meet misc. expenses.	£500
TOTAL OF GRANTS RECOMMENDED		£42,617