

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 10 December 2007

REPORT ON: Dundee Community Safety Partnership - Allocation of Local Action Fund 2007-2008 (2)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 640- 2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the allocation of grant awards from the Local Action Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the allocation of 4 grants as outlined in Appendix 1.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award can be met from external funding from the Scottish Government under the Community Safety Local Action Fund Programme 2006-2008.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 At its meeting on 10 May 2004, the Committee approved the criteria and procedures for the Dundee Community Safety Partnership bid for external funding from the Scottish Government under the Local Action Fund Programme for 2004-2005. The successful bid totalled £206,000.

4.2 On 18 November 2005 the Scottish Government advised further funding extension of £185,000 per annum for 2006-2008.

4.3 Similar commissioning criteria is required for 2006-2008.

4.4 An important element of the commissioning is to ensure services have an impact on the strategic themes agreed by the Dundee Community Safety Partnership for 2006-2010, in particular "reducing crime and the fear of crime" and "reducing antisocial behaviour especially youth after 20.00 hours week days and at weekends".

4.5 Dundee Community Safety Partnership agreed at its meeting on 24 November 2005 to devolve a commissioning budget to the 3 local Community Learning and Development Partnerships (Youth Sub Groups) to assess and recommend proposed awards for Committee approval.

4.6 The Community Learning and Development structure allows for the localising of this award programme to allow the key local stakeholders, young people and local communities involvement in the best and most efficient use of resources.

4.7 Each area Community Learning and Development Partnership (Youth Sub Group) has been allocated as follows £64,659.00 (West), £64,248.50 (Central) and £64,248.50 (East) to disburse as per agreed criteria. £4,625 has been retained centrally for evaluation and promotional expenditure.

4.8 The existing application forms and guidance notes have been adapted for Community

Learning and Development Partnership Sub Group local use.

The award assessment criteria and report templates are still valid and meet Scottish Government Award criteria.

- 4.9 The Community Safety Section will continue to discharge the evaluation/audit and quality assurance requirements set by the Scottish Government as award programme conditions.
- 4.10 All recommendations require Dundee City Council Committee approval to discharge Scottish Government accountability and finance criteria.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no policy implications with reference to Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 Anti-Poverty

- 5.2.1 Anti Poverty Principles addressed in the Report include Social Inclusion, specifically, "Ensuring safety and security" and "Engaging with disadvantaged communities and hard to reach individuals/groups".

The impact to be achieved through implementing the Report's recommendations may be measured in the numbers of young people engaging in diversionary activity resulting in fewer incidences of youth causing annoyance, vandalism and other acts of anti social behaviour.

5.3 Equal Opportunities

- 5.3.1 Equal opportunities principles addressed in this report include, "Measures taken within crime prevention, community safety, education and other initiatives to eliminate violence and harassment against people because of their race, genders, sexuality or connection to other target groups.
- 5.3.2 Impact to be achieved through implementing the Report's recommendations will be evident in the numbers of young people engaging in discussion activities and as a result, accessing programmes promoting equalities issues via programme content and worker promotion.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning), Head of Finance along with the Dundee Community Safety Partnership/Children's Services Strategic Planning Group have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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LOCAL ACTION FUND 2007-2008 (2)
RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Ref No	Application	Target Area	Purpose of Award	Total Cost	Award Requested	Award Recommended	Notes
CSG/LAF 30/07	Its Up to You Project - 1:1 Support for Positive Choices	West and North West	This Project will provide individual support for young people on the periphery of antisocial behaviour, encouraging participation in diversionary activities available to them.	£7,165	£7,165	£7,165	This application was recommended by the local group for funding in June 2007 but no funds were available. As a result of underspends in some projects - funding is now available.
CSG/LAF 31/07	Highwayman Youth and Community Centre, Youth Cafe U15 and 15+ Groups	Central	To encourage innovative expression of young people's ideas for change both in the Centre and the area thereby contributing to regeneration and community planning strategies.	£2,566	£2,566	£2,566	
CSG/LAF 32/07	Douglas, Mid Craigie, Linlathen and Broughty Ferry	East	Multi activity and information event for young people.	£1,590	£1,590	£1,590	
CSG/LAF 33/07	The Youth Team (Youth Work Section) - Central	Central	To produce a DVD of activities	£3,720	£2,891	£0	Outwith criteria - does not provide diversionary activity for young people.

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CSG/LAF 34/07	Community Safety Section	City Wide	To produce a monitoring and evaluation DVD highlighting best practice, impact of Local Action Fund on Communities and Individual young people.	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	This sum comes from centrally held funds as indicated on financial summary sheet.
Totals				£19,041	£18,212	£15,321	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	West	Central	East	Combined Areas
* Total Funds Available	£64,659	£64,249	£64,248	£193,156
Less Recommendations 26 June 2007 Report	£64,659	£61,358	£61,381	£187,398
Balance Remaining after 26 June 2007 Report	£0	£2,891	£2,867	£5,758
Underspend Available	£7,999	£5,207	£8,208	£21,414
* Total Funds Remaining with Underspend	£7,999	£8,098	£11,075	£27,172
Less Recommendations 10 December 2007 Report	£7,165	£2,566	£1,590	£11,321
Balance Remaining after 10 December 2007 Report	£834	£5,532	£9,485	£15,851

* NOTE: £625 held centrally.