

REPORT TO: Communities Committee - 20 November 2006

REPORT ON: Voluntary Organisations Training Grants Fund (2006-2007)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes recommendations for grant awards from the Voluntary Organisations Training Grants Fund.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the grants as detailed totalling £1,400.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The recommended grant award totalling £1,400 can be met from the Department's 2006/07 revenue budget.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment
None required.

4.3 Anti-poverty
Social Inclusion - Developing participation in society - Developing personal capacity, interests and opportunities

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 MAIN TEXT

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).

Detailed below are the recommendations for specific grant awards.

Ref No	Name of Applicant	Purpose of Application	Total Cost £	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £
1	6th/8th Dundee Company Boys Brigade	To support the costs of their ongoing pipe-band training programme, led	4640	4640	600

		by paid instructors, and volunteer tutors, which attracts significant numbers of young people.			
2	Dundee and Angus Battalion, Boys Brigade	To maintain an established training programme, which last year was attended by over 100 volunteers; the majority from Dundee.	1000	750	450
3	Dundee/Perth Division, The Girls' Brigade	To maintain the established Officer and Leader Training programme, including provision of Child Protection training. Anticipated numbers in excess of 100	550	350	350

6.2 The availability of the training grants was advertised in a corporate advert placed in the Courier and Advertiser on 13 January 2006. They have also been advertised on the Council's website.

7.0 **CONSULTATION**

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

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

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