

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
10 NOVEMBER 2003**

REPORT ON: VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TRAINING GRANTS FUND (2003-2004)

REPORT BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 697-2003

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 recommended grants.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant awards will be met from the Department's revenue budget 2003-2004.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 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.

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).

Detailed below is the recommendations for specific grant awards.

Ref No	Name of Applicant	Purpose of Application	Total Cost £	Grant Requested £	Grant Recommended £
1	Dundee Duke of Edinburgh's Award Association	To support the costs of training courses that are increasingly having to be met by the Association, as previous providers reduce their provision. To subsidise the costs of maintaining links and providing opportunities at national level.	1,522	1,472	500
2	Eighteen and Under	To extend current training programme for volunteers who provide support to young people who have suffered abuse. To assist with the organisation's own management training.	3,920	1,842	550

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3	Fair Play Training	To support training programmes for volunteers on Management Groups and both accredited and informal training for adults working with children.	3,500	2,750	900
4	Girls' Brigade	To support training for young leaders and adults, according to guidelines laid down at national level.	413	100	100
5	Girl Guides	To support the costs of leader training in a number of recently revised training programmes and events.	1,819	600	600
6	Dundee Play Forum	To support the training programme of this recently founded charitable organisation, currently involving 20 groups and individuals and expanding.	750	750	200
7	Youth-Link (Dundee)	To support a First-Aid training programme for volunteers working with young people, which has been requested by the volunteers themselves.	2,125	300	300
				TOTAL	3,150

7.0 CONSULTATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 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.

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3 November 2003