

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Arts & Heritage Committee - 21 May 2001

REPORT ON: Major Project Grants and Small Project Grants

REPORT BY: Director of Arts & Heritage

REPORT NO: 274-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to award grants to a range of arts and heritage organisations.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee authorise the payment of £1050 for the grants detailed in the appendix.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The recommended grant awards totaling £1050 can be met from the grants budget within the Arts & Heritage Department's 2001/02 revenue budget. Grants are payable on receipt of a Project Report.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The grants awarded reflect a positive contribution to the Local Agenda 21 theme "access to facilities, service, goods and people is not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all" and "local needs are met locally".

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Particular consideration is given to applications which prioritise or maximise community involvement, generating interaction within specific groups, communities and organisations.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Major Projects Grants

Aims of the Scheme

- To increase provision of good quality, best value, services in the cultural sector in Dundee
- To promote social inclusion through sector activity
- To assist non-profit organisations undertake the delivery of arts and heritage projects in Dundee
- To complement the Arts & Heritage Department's priorities and public programme

Assessment Criteria

- The extent to which the aims of the Application meet the Aims of the Scheme
- The relevance of the application to the delivery of quality arts and heritage services in Dundee
- The expected impact of Council support on the applicant organisations' ability to deliver arts and heritage services in Dundee
- Evidence of sound organisational and financial management
- Production of a balanced project budget identifying eligible costs up to the sum applied for

Small Projects Grants

Aims of the Scheme

- To assist non-profit organisations undertake short-term arts and heritage projects in Dundee
- To complement the Arts & Heritage Department's priorities and public programme

Assessment Criteria

- The extent to which the project increases public access to arts or heritage opportunities
- The extent to which the project complements, or adds to, already existing provision
- The impact of Council support on the viability of the project
- Evidence of ability to deliver the project, with sound organisational and financial management
- Production of a balanced project budget

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____

APPENDIX 1

| Applicant | Application | Criteria | Cost of Project | Request | Recommend |
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| Scottish Ornithologists Club | Scottish Ornithologists Club, Tayside Branch, was formed in 1969 to promote the Birds of Scotland and, as a local branch of the main body to promote and record the birds of Angus and Dundee. This years project is to compile and record in Scientific Systematic Voos Order Form the birds seen in Angus and Dundee, including breeding and passage birds which on average number 200-230. The bird report is widely distributed to areas throughout the United Kingdom and United States of America as well as all the local natural history groups in Tayside. The report also goes to the Alexander Library in Oxford and forms part of the documented history of British Birds plus local Libraries, Museums and Tourist Information Offices. The Grant would contribute towards the cost of the design and print and distribution of the Survey. | The application meets the assessment against criteria | £800 | £250 | £250 |
| Scottish Community Drama Association | The Scottish Community Drama Association are a registered charity who act as an umbrella organisation for amateur drama groups in Scotland. They run a series of festivals and operate an advisory service and produce a quarterly magazine. This will be only their second National Youth Festival and has attracted entries from Castle Douglas to Shetland. The Northern Divisional Festival for areas North of the Tay was held in the Bonar Hall on 17 March. The Scottish finals will also be held in the Bonar Hall on 23 June. About 80 young people together, with adult helpers will be involved. An audience of around 200 is anticipated. The Grant would contribute to the costs of staging the event in Dundee. | The application meets the assessment against criteria | £3360 | £500 | £400 |
| Alloway Day Services | Alloway Day Services is a registered charity established in April 1999. They offer therapeutic activity and support for those suffering from severe mental health problems. The aims of the project are to enhance the day centre's surroundings and offer meaningful therapeutic activity and participation of community value to the clients attending the day centre. A key feature of the project will be the development and installation of art works within the environs of the facility. The grant would be specific to development of an artist led community based project and would assist levering funding from other funders including the lottery and local business sources. | The application meets the assessment against criteria | £10000 | £500 | £400 |