¹REPORT TO: ALEXANDER TORRANCE CATHRO BEQUEST - 26 APRIL 2004

REPORT ON: APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS 2003-04

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (FINANCE)

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report gives trustees details of the Alexander Torrance Cathro Bequest grant distribution in 2003, together with reports from the various organisations which have applied for 2004.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Trustees are asked to approve the grants as shown in the attached report which amount to £1,350.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the income from the above bequest in 2003-04 will be £1,400 and will therefore support the grant applications received giving a disbursement of £1,350.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6 BACKGROUND

The Alexander Torrance Cathro Bequest was formed by the residue of an estate handed over to the former Corporation of Dundee in 1948, the free annual income therefrom to be used to give as many children as might have need an opportunity of enjoying an outing in the country or at the seaside.

The funds of the bequest have been invested in £14,500 7.5% Treasury Stock 2006 with the balance of £8,624 remaining with the City Council's Loans Fund. The interest on these funds gives a full year's income of £1,400 and this compares to the total of grants disbursed last year of £1,350.

The applications received for 2004 are at the same level as 2003 and should the Trustees decide to authorise the grants as shown in the attached report, this would again amount to \pounds 1,350.

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Alexander Torrance Cathro Bequest Report on Applications received for 2004

Applicant	2003 Grant Paid £	2004 Grant Proposed £	Remarks
1.The Salvation Army	300	320	A letter from the Scotland Trust Fund Raising Officer states that the 2003 grant was used to subsidise the cost of sending young people from Dundee and District to junior camp weeks held at Cullen and Aberlour. This year, it is intended to run a number of adventure camps and a music school where the cost per child ranges from £70 to £130.
2.The Boys' Brigade	200	240	A letter from the Battalion Secretary states that last year's grant was used to assist boys from the Dundee Battalion in attending camps and activity weekends. This year the annual camp at Killiecrankie and weekend activities outings to Lochearnhead, Rowardennan and Glen Doll are planned. The grant would be used to meet applications from disadvantaged boys to attend these activities. The Battalion had a balance of funds of £2,757 at the 31st August 2003.
3.Sense Scotland	100	120	A letter from the Fundraising Officer states that last year's grant was used towards the cost of the association's annual holiday scheme for deaf-blind children and young people. The 2003 holiday scheme involved taking nearly 30 young deaf-blind children with complex additional needs, including some from Dundee, to holidays at Edinburgh, Blackpool and Prestatyn, A similar scheme is planned for 2004. To send a child with support needs on holiday costs from £900 to £1,500.
4.One Parent Families Scotland, Dundee Project	0	130	The Project Worker reports that the group has been donated a caravan situated at Barry to provide holidays for under privileged families.Last year over 20 families and 30 children were accomodated.The grant would be used to fund travel, food and site fees.Total costs for the year for this project are estimated at £2,600.
5.The Dundee Fair Play Training and Development Project and the Dundee Guide Association (Joint Project)	150	0	A letter from the Project Co-Ordinator states that last year the grant received was used to provide a holiday for Dundee children mainly from single parent families to Netherurd House,the Guide Residential Centre in Peeblesshire.As in previous years the holiday for 2004 took place in early April,again at the same venue. The accounts for 2003 show that the project has a healthy surplus and therefore the association has indicated that is does not require a contribution this year.
6.The Trefoil Centre	110	0	A letter has been received from the Chief Executive stating that Trefoil House has been temporarily leased to Lothian Health Board for use as a care home.Following upgrading the House will re-open as a holiday and respite centre in March 2006. Until that time no holidays will be held and therefore a grant is not required.
7.Youthlink	90	100	Youth-Link is a voluntary organisation in Dundee set up to assist young people between the ages of 5 and 18 from disadvantaged families experiencing difficulties in their lives. A letter has been received from the Administrator stating that last year's grant was used to fund a summer trip to Broughty Ferry.This year a grant is requested to fund a summer trip to Tentsmuir or Monikie Country Park where
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8.Sargent Cancer Care for Children	100	110	A request has been received from the Trust Fundraising Manager for a contribution towards the cost of providing respite breaks and theraputic holidays for children from Dundee suffering from cancer,at Malcolm Sargent House, Prestwick.
9.Tayside Council on Alcohol	100	110	A letter has been received from the Financial Administrator giving details of last year's outing for 30 children to Monikie Park. The principal activity of the groupl is the provision of a counselling service to anyone whose life is affected by alcohol abuse. This year an outing for 40 children is planned to Kinshaldy Beach and a contribution towards the cost of £400 is sought.
10.Rollercoaster (Barnardo's)	100	0	No application has been received this year.
11.Fintry Community Playgroup	100	100	A letter has been received from the Secretary requesting a contribution towards the cost of a trip to Perth Leisure Centre.The group cater for up to 24 children aged 2 to 5 years old.
12.The Attic Youth Project	0	120	The Attic is a Christian Youth Project aimed at young people mainly in the Hilltown area of the city.A request has been received for funding towards sending 140 children to holiday camps.Many of the children come from disadvantaged families.
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