

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 17 November 2003

REPORT ON: Major Project Grants and Small Project Grants

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 745-2003

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee authorise the payment of £1,550 for the grants detailed in the appendix.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The recommended grant awards totalling £1,550 can be met from the grants budget within the Leisure and Arts Department's 2003/2004 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 Leisure and Arts 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 leisure and arts services in Dundee
- The expected impact of Council support on the applicant organisation's ability to deliver leisure and arts 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 leisure and arts projects in Dundee
- To complement the Leisure and Arts Department's priorities and public programme

Assessment Criteria

- The extent to which the project increases public access to leisure and arts 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, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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31 OCTOBER 2003**

APPENDIX 1

Applicant	Application	Criteria	Cost of Project	Request	Recommend
Dundee Chamber Music Club	The Dundee Chamber Music Club is a registered charity and its aim is to promote further interest in and study of Chamber Music in Dundee. To meet its objective of furthering the interest of Chamber Music the Club holds concerts throughout the season in the Music Centre, West Bell Street. International and local musicians perform at these concerts and they are open to the public. The Club is keen to encourage local people to come along to these concerts and with assistance from the Council they are looking to keep entrance prices down and attract higher quality performers.	Yes	£10,419	£400	£350
Dundee International Women's Centre	Dundee International Women's Centre is a charitable organisation, working with women, particularly those from minority ethnic communities, on their personal development and social inclusion through a programme of social, educational and cultural events. The Cultural and Collaborative Art is a 6-month project aimed at young women (12-21 yrs. old) from the ethnic communities who do not traditionally have access to mainstream youth provision. The aims of the project are 1) explore the contemporary experiences and understanding of being a young woman in Dundee with a particular view to explore ideas of belonging and cultural identity, and 2) an end of project exhibition of a range of art work developed by the young people. This exhibition will reflect the feelings of young women living in a multi-cultural society, raise the profile of young ethnic minority women, raise awareness of their needs and encourage participation in creative arts whilst engaging the existing arts community in the Dundee area.	Yes	£4,830	£500	£400
Zodiac Amateur Productions	Zodiac Amateur Productions provide the opportunity for young people, who normally would not have the chance, to participate in the performing arts. Over the past years Zodiac have put on 9 musical shows and this year they are to perform the Pantomime Cinderella at the Gardyne Theatre from 2-6 December. This performance will involve 50 young people, 30 backstage and 20 front of house.	Yes	£9,500	£500	£400

Hame Productions	Hame Productions aim to produce and stage original Scottish Musical Plays. They are moving their successful production of "Mother of all the Peoples" from Aberdeen to Dundee's Gardyne Theatre from the 18-20 March 2004 and will feature an all Dundee cast. Mother of all the Peoples is a musical based on the life of Mary Slessor and with the use of humour and pathos tells the story of her journey from the slums of Dundee to the deepest jungles of Calabar.	Yes	£3,700	£500	£400
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