

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – 23RD FEBRUARY 2009

REPORT ON: GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2008/09

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 84 - 2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report details the recommendations of the Director of Social Work on the Section 10 grant awards to voluntary organisations for 2008/09

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

2.1 Agrees payment to the voluntary organisations listed in Appendix 1 at the levels outlined.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of implementing the recommendations within this report is £25,901. This cost can be met from the total 2008/09 revenue budget provision for grant award payment to voluntary organisations.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 A range of voluntary organisations receive funding from the Social Work Department as payment for specific services provided. The provision of these services is governed by a service level agreement with the organisation concerned.

4.2 However, the Social Work Department also frequently received requests from voluntary organisations for grant funding to support activities which contribute in general to social welfare.

4.3 Limited budget provision has been made to meet this need and applications for grant aid were invited during this financial year. Applications received have now been assessed and recommendations for funding are outlined in Appendix 1. All applications were assessed against specific criteria. Priority has been given to those organisations, groups or individuals whose applications are demonstrably:

- consistent with the Council's Core Values as outlined in the Council Plan;
- consistent with the Social Work Department's strategic aims, service plan and priorities as detailed in the Social Work Service Plan, the Joint Community Care Plan and the Children's Services Plan;
- of potential benefit to priority groups;
- democratic, publicly accountable and based on equal opportunities principles; and
- cost effective and capable of contributing to partnership working.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

The major issues identified are:

- 5.1 These grants are made to promote social welfare and are targeted at voluntary organisations which provide assistance and promote social inclusion amongst the most vulnerable members of the community.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Alan G Baird
Director of Social Work

Date: 22nd January 2009

SECTION 10 APPLICATIONS 2007/2008

Organisation	Amount Recommended	Purpose
Childline Scotland	£2,765	To contribute towards a new service ' <i>The Line - For Children Living Away From Home</i> '
Circles Around Dundee	£2,000	To contribute towards the cost of equipment required to produce high quality gallery material
Celebrate Age Network	£751	To contribute towards publicity, room hire, postage, photocopying, stationery and volunteers expenses to allow the forum to expand its membership
Headway Tayside	£1,500	To contribute towards cost of activities for members
Bharatiya Ashram	£1,000	To contribute towards transport costs for lunch club.
Shelter Scotland	£500	To contribute towards running costs of Dundee Housing Aid Centre.
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	£1,250	To contribute towards running costs of national Family Support Centre
Relate Tayside (formerly Couple Counselling)	£7,000	To contribute towards running costs & training to ensure service remains free of charge
Starter Packs Dundee	£5,000	To contribute towards running costs of service which provides basic household goods and bedding to enable individuals and families to sustain tenancies
Brittle Bone Society	£1,000	To contribute towards specialised equipment.
Age Concern	£1,000	To contribute towards craft materials, curling equipment, outings and keep fit project.
Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association	£385	To contribute towards running costs for specialised equipment store.
Scottish Child Law Centre	£1,000	To contribute towards the running of a unique information and advice service for any issue of child law or children rights in Scotland.

Deafblind Scotland

£750

To contribute towards costs associated with membership services ie newsletter/ magazine, postage, activities and visits

TOTAL

£25,901