

Perth Common Good Fund Committee – 27 June 2012**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE****Report by Depute Director (Environment)****ABSTRACT**

The report asks Perth Common Good Fund Committee to consider applications for financial assistance.

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The Committee is requested to approve the recommendations in the report.

2. APPLICATIONS**2.1 Black Watch Museum**

2.1.1 An application has been received from the Black Watch Museum seeking a grant towards the cost of conserving “The Black Watch at Bay” painting by William Barnes Wollen. The painting is iconic within the Museum. It was painted by Wollen in 1894. It is a key item within their collection and due to its stature and subject the Museum wish to conserve it. The total costs of the conservation work required, which includes the removal of paint from the canvas and a new stretcher, amounts to £4,920. The Museum will contribute £1,920, has applied to Army Museums Ogilby Trust and is requesting £2,000 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award £2,000 in line with agreed guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 4). The grant will contribute to promote the tourism sector including events and culture.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Black Watch Museum be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of the conservation works to the “The Black Watch at Bay” painting.

2.2 Upper Springland Artists

2.2.1 An application has been received from Upper Springland Artists seeking a grant towards the cost of participating in an arts course culminating in the paintings being displayed at the Pittenweem Arts Festival in August. The cost of the arts course is £10,000 which includes £8,000 of Centre Staff costs; the remaining £2,000 is to pay for material and artists for teaching the residents. The applicant will contribute £8,000 for staff costs and requested £2,000 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2 and 4) as the staff costs are ineligible. The grant will contribute to address social and health inequalities.

Recommendation

2.2.2 Upper Springland Artists be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of participating in the Pittenweem Arts Festival.

2.3 Perth Highland Games

2.3.1 An application has been received from Perth Highland Games seeking a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of promoting the Pipe Band Competition at this year's event which will be held on Sunday 12 August. The Highland Games Committee has indicated that the award from Perth Common Good Fund will be reflected within the programme for the day. The applicant has requested £2,500 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,250 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 12). The grant will contribute to promote the tourism sector including events and culture.

Recommendation

2.3.2 Perth Highland Games Committee be awarded financial assistance of £1,250 towards the cost of staging the Pipe Band Competition on 12 August 2012.

2.4 St John's Academy Parent Council

2.4.1 An application has been received from the St John's Academy Parent Council seeking a grant towards the school's annual award ceremony on 26 June 2012. The total costs which include prizes, medals, engraving, hospitality and flowers amount to £1,300. The school will contribute £400, the Parent Council will contribute £400 and has applied for £500 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £500 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 7). The grant will contribute to raise levels of achievement and attainment.

Recommendation

2.4.2 St John's Academy Parent Council be awarded a grant of £500 towards the schools annual award ceremony.

2.5 Bowerswell Social Comfort Fund

2.5.1 An application has been received from the Bowerswell Social Comfort Fund seeking a grant towards their outing to Arbroath on 3 November 2012 for 40 of their members. The total cost of the trip amounts to £1,260. The applicant will contribute £660 and has applied for £600 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £280 (£7@40) in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.5.2 Bowerswell Social Comfort Fund be awarded a grant of £280 towards the cost of their outing in November.

2.6 St John's Kirk of Perth

2.6.1 An application has been received from St John's Kirk of Perth seeking a grant towards the costs of the Carillioner's expenses. The total cost of the 15 recitals amounts to £1,875. The applicant has applied for £1,875 as a recurring grant. Over the past years, Perth Common Good Fund Committee agreed to pay the total costs of the recitals. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,875 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 12). The grant will contribute to promote the tourism sector including events and culture.

Recommendation

2.6.2 St John's Kirk of Perth be awarded £1,875 towards the Carillioner's expenses.

2.7 Perth Safer Cities Initiative

2.7.1 An application has been received from the Perth Safer Cities Initiative seeking a grant towards the cost of organising Perth City Centre Best Bar None Awards 2012. The Initiative targets premises to involve them in the awards scheme. There are 20 premises at this time of which the majority have virtually achieved all the award's criteria and are gold award winners. The total costs for this project amounts to £3,500. The applicant has applied for £500 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £500 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 2). The grant will contribute to keep children and vulnerable adults safe and protected.

Recommendation

2.7.2 Perth Safer Cities Initiative be awarded a grant of £500 towards the Best Bar None Awards 2012.

2.8 Headway Perth & Kinross

2.8.1 An application has been received from Headway Perth & Kinross seeking a grant towards their summer outing to Inverness on Saturday 25 August for 49 of their members. The outing includes hire of coach hire and the purchase of high tea and snack lunch. The total costs of the outing for the 49 members amount to £1,443. The applicant will contribute £656 and has not applied for a specific amount. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £343 (£7@49) in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.8.2 Headway Perth & Kinross be awarded a grant of £343 towards their summer outing to Inverness.

2.9 Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd

2.9.1 An application has been received from the Young Carers Project which is part of the Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd seeking a grant towards the cost of taking 120 members to the Salutation Hotel for one day of activity on 21 June 2012. The total costs amount to £1,324. The applicant has applied for £1,324 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £700 in line with guidance (120@£7 capped at £700) (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.9.2 Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd be awarded a grant of £700 towards the cost of a day's activity at the Salutation Hotel.

2.10 Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table

2.10.1 An application has been received from Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table seeking a grant towards this year's bonfire night on 5 November. The Round Table would like to put on something special to celebrate Perth achieving City status and therefore would like to propose having a theme called "A Night with Walt Disney" which will have a running time of 25 minutes. The applicant has applied for £20,000 (Fireworks £15,000, Sound System £3,000 and other expenses £2,000).

2.10.2 Perth Common Good Fund Committee at a meeting on 28 September 2011 awarded a grant of £10,000 (Art. 536(d)/11 refers) towards the cost of the 2011 display. The Round Table raised over £8,000 at last year's event for distribution to Charities.

2.10.3 Whilst it is appreciated that the Round Table are willing to improve the quality of the display for the public, an award of £20,000 would represent a 100% increase on the grant given in 2011. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £10,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 1 and 2). The grant will contribute to promote the tourism sector including events and culture as well as safety.

Recommendation

2.10.4 Perth Strathearn 200 Round Table be awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the cost of the fireworks only.

2.11 North Perth Integrated Community School

2.11.1 An application has been received from North Perth Integrated Community School for a grant towards their family outings to Stanley Mills, Auchingarrich, Tentsmuir Beach in the Summer and Edinburgh Zoo in October benefiting 300 young people in total. The request is for travel and entrance fees. The total cost amounts to £3,237. The applicant has applied for £3,237 as a non recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.11.2 North Perth Integrated Community School be awarded a grant of £1,000.

2.12 Perth & Kinross Council - Family Holiday Group

2.12.1 An application has been received from Perth & Kinross Council Family Holiday Group seeking a grant towards the costs of family holiday activities. This is part of a support package to assist vulnerable families throughout the summer holiday period and provide access to activities that otherwise would not be available to them. The activities include family cooking, family play session, a fun day and BBQ as well as a family trip to Auchingarrich Wild Life Centre (group of 40 people over 2 distinct days). The total costs amount to £720. The applicant has applied for £720 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £560 in line with guidance (40@£7 by 2) (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.12.2 Perth & Kinross Council – Family Holiday Group be awarded a grant of £560.

2.13 Young Person attending Hockey tour

2.13.1 An application has been received from a young person residing in Perth. He/she has been selected to participate in a Hockey tour to Holland from 13 until 16 June 2012 as part of the Perth Academy School Team. The total costs amount to £449. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £100 in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 9). The grant will contribute to promote active and healthy lifestyles.

Recommendation

2.13.2 Young person attending Hockey tour be awarded a grant of £100.

2.14 Perth & Kinross ADHD Support Group

2.14.1 An application has been received from Perth & Kinross ADHD Support Group seeking a grant towards the costs of organising a family fun day at Landmark.

The total costs amount to £2,600. The applicant has applied for £2,350 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £686 (98@£7) in line with guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.14.2 Perth & Kinross ADHD Support Group be awarded a grant of £686 towards family fun day.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the Acting Head of Finance have been consulted.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

4.1 The recommendations contained within this report are in accordance with the priorities of Perth Common Good Fund's criteria for financial assistance.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATION

5.1 The recommendation contained within this report will be funded from the grants to voluntary organisations provision for 2012/13.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

6.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.

6.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome: No further action is required as the items summarised in the committee report do not require further assessment as they do not have an impact on people's wellbeing or equality protected characteristics other than improving access to social activities and all the benefits this brings to everyone.

7. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

7.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS). The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

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Background Papers – 14 applications for financial assistance

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Appendix 1

COMMON GOOD FUNDS WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS AREA CRITERIA APPROVED ON 09.02.11

Within the boundary of the relevant common good area and if funding is available, applications will be considered from individuals either in full time education or of senior citizen status and from groups whose members qualify on the same basis or which are operating within the same boundary.

1. Christmas lighting - Firework displays up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
2. Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs
3. Prizes at events/games/festivals
4. Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%
5. Capital grants for provision/improvement of facilities - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50% (the facilities must be available to the general public)
6. School/youth exchanges
7. School prizes
8. Voluntary work overseas
 - 6 months or more: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £400 per individual
 - 1 – 5 months: £100 - **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £250 per individual
9. Attendance at summer schools/events
 - Less than 1 month but more than 2 weeks: £100 **Perth Common Good Fund only:** up to £150 per individual
 - One/two weeks: up to £100 per individual
10. Excursions/Parties (up to 2 per year per group)
 - Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs. Each organisation is allowed 2 applications during the course of a financial year. **Perth Common Good Fund only:** overall grant to be capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700.
11. Visits by and from School/Youth/Sport/Music groups
 - Contributions of up to £600 for groups less than 20 individuals and up to £1,000 for groups over 20 individuals for youth groups, senior citizen or vulnerable groups for activities exceeding 1 day. **Perth Common Good Fund**

only and for schools: Contribution of 50% of the costs up to a maximum of £300 for each young person who due to financial difficulties are unable to participate in an extra curriculum school activity outwith the boundaries of Perth, exceeding 1 day and organised by a school. It will be the responsibility of each school to state the purpose of the extra curriculum school activity and identify such young person and advise the Common Good Fund accordingly.

12. Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area

The following is not eligible:

- Assistance with further or higher education fees
- Charity based sponsored walk/cycle/canoe etc.
- Town twinning activities other than those qualifying through the age/occupation criteria
- Organisations with religious/political associations where there are restrictions on usage or availability
- Core funding of the Voluntary sector
- Assistance with rental of premises