

Perth Common Good Fund Committee – 3 October 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 request to approve the recommendations in the report.

2. APPLICATIONS**2.1 Perth Street Pastors**

2.1.1 An application has been received from the Perth Street Pastors seeking a grant towards the cost of training (£2,000), uniforms (£1,000), flip-flops and blankets (£1,250) and waterproof headgear (£265). The total costs amount to £4,515. The applicant is requesting a grant of £2,257. The organisation benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£288), in 2010/11 (£1,500) and in 2009/10 (£500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award £1,257 (50%) of the cost of uniforms, flip-flops, blankets and waterproof headgear in line with the agreed guidance (Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%) as the training costs are ineligible. The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to keeping children and vulnerable adults safe and protected.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Perth Street Pastors be awarded a grant of £1,257 towards the costs of purchasing uniforms, flip-flops, blankets and waterproof headgear.

2.2 Perthshire Art Association

2.2.1 An application has been received from Perthshire Art Association seeking a grant towards the cost of a Centenary Legacy Publication. The applicant has held its annual exhibition at the Perth Museum and Art Gallery in November. Unfortunately, due to the Carpow Logboat exhibition and a touring exhibition from the National Gallery of Scotland the galleries are unavailable to celebrate this special event. Therefore the applicant has come up with an alternative approach that is to publish a special Centenary Book. The total costs of publishing 300 copies are £4,255 and the Launch Day hospitality costs are £700. The applicant is requesting £2,477 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £350 (50%) towards the Launch day hospitality in line with guidance (Criteria 2: Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total

costs) as the publication costs are ineligible. The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to promote events and culture.

Recommendation

- 2.2.2 Perthshire Art Association be awarded a grant of £350 towards the costs of Launch Day hospitality.

2.3 Perth & District Badminton Association

- 2.3.1 An application has been received from Perth & District Badminton Association seeking a grant towards the cost of hosting the Scottish National Badminton Championships from 1–3 February 2013. The total costs of the Championships amount to £11,750. The applicant has requested a grant of £6,000. The request will be considered by this Fund and under the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget on 25 September. £2,500 was provided last year shared on an equal basis by both funds and the shortfall was met by the Scottish National Badminton Association. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,250 in line with guidance (Criteria 2: Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs). The grant will contribute to promote the tourism sector including events and culture.

Recommendation

- 2.3.2 Perth & District Badminton Association be awarded a grant of £1,250 towards the costs of 2013 Scottish Badminton Championships.

2.4 Ad-Lib Theatre Arts

- 2.4.1 An application has been received from the Ad-Lib Theatre Arts seeking a grant towards the costs of furnishings and equipment for their new premises (Princess St.). This is a local drama and music company based in Perth, specifically for children and young people. It is a not for profit organisation. The total costs are £10,000. The applicant has requested £10,000 as a non-recurring grant. This application will also be considered under the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget on 25 September. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,500 in line with guidance (Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.4.2 Ad-Lib Theatre Arts be awarded a grant of £2,500 towards the costs of furnishing and equipment.

2.5 Moncreiffe Tea Dancers

2.5.1 An application has been received from the Moncreiffe Tea Dancers seeking a grant towards the cost of their dancing events throughout the year. The total costs of the dancing events are £910 which includes music (£550), refreshments (£120) and hall hire costs (£240). The applicant will contribute £270 and has applied for a grant of £640. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£455) and in 2010/11 (£410). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £455 (50%) in line with guidance (Criteria 2: Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion and active lifestyles.

Recommendation

2.5.2 Moncreiffe Tea Dancers be awarded a grant of £455 towards the costs their dancing events.

2.6 Perth Riverside Church of Scotland

2.6.1 An application has been received from Perth Riverside Church of Scotland seeking a grant towards the purchase of a community bench at a cost of £760. The bench will be put up within the church grounds close to an existing bus stop. The applicant will contribute £380 and has applied for £380 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £380 (50%) in line with guidance (Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50%). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.6.2 It is recommended to award Perth Riverside Church of Scotland a grant of £380 towards the costs of a community bench.

2.7 Tulloch Feel Good Factor

2.7.1 An application has been received from Tulloch Feel Good Factor seeking a grant towards the cost of their Senior Citizens and Children's Christmas Treat to the Pantomime at Perth Theatre in December 2012. The total costs for the 48 members are £792. The applicant has applied for the full amount. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£300), in 2010/11 (£491) and in 2009/10 (£462). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £336 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.7.2 Tulloch Feel Good Factor be awarded a grant of £336 towards the costs of their Christmas party.

2.8 Perth & Kinross Society for the Blind

- 2.8.1 An application was received from Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind seeking a grant towards their trip to Strathspey Railway on 14 August 2012 for 74 of its members. The total costs were £2,428. The applicant contributed £1,428 and applied for £1,000 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £518 in line with guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.8.2 Perth and Kinross Society for the Blind be awarded a grant of £518 towards the costs of the excursion to Strathspey Railway.

2.9 Scottish Orchestras

- 2.9.1 An application has been received from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra on behalf of Scottish Orchestras seeking a grant towards of £9,000 towards the cost of hiring Perth Concert Hall for a series of six concerts performed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. The cost of hiring the Concert Hall is £18,000 and the amount sought from this Committee is £9,000 (50%) with the same being requested from the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget. In accordance with the previously approved condition the Orchestras make available tickets for each concert free of charge to local schools. The Orchestras provide 30 tickets per concert to Education and Children's Services for distribution to schools via Music co-ordinator. It is recommended the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £8,000 in line with guidance (Criteria 2: Organisation of events/games/festivals up to a maximum of 50% of the total costs). The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning.

Recommendation

- 2.9.2 Scottish Chamber Orchestra be awarded a grant of £8,000 towards the cost of hiring Perth Concert Hall for a series of six orchestral concerts, subject to a similar contribution being awarded through the Perth and Kinross Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget.

2.10 Bowerswell Social Group

2.10.1 An application has been received from Bowerswell Social Group seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas Party on Thursday 13 December 2012. The total costs (which includes a meal and entertainment) for 45 members are £735. The applicant is contributing £385 and has applied for a grant of £350. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£560), in 2010/11 (£675) and in 2009/10 (£915). It is recommended the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £315 in line with guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be raised by the applicant through other fundraising activities and grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.10.2 Bowerswell Social Group be awarded a grant of £315 towards the cost of their Christmas Party.

2.11 Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company

2.11.1 An application has been received from the Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company seeking a grant towards transport costs for their annual visit to Pitlochry Festival Theatre on 12 September 2012. The total costs of the transport for 31 members who all have learning difficulties were £260. The applicant contributed £130 and applied for a grant of £130 (50%). The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£125), 2010/11 (£120) and in 2009/10 (£125). It is recommended the Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £130 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.11.2 Friends of Stepping Stone Theatre Company be awarded a grant of £130 towards the cost of their visit to Pitlochry Festival.

2.12 Perth Shotokan Karate Academy

2.12.1 An application has been received from the Perth Shotokan Karate Academy seeking a grant towards training Equipment. The Academy started anew in March 2012 and therefore requires equipment and teaching aids to the development and growth of the Academy (located at Glenearn Community Campus). The total costs of the equipment are £8,380. The applicant has requested a grant of £8,380 as a non-recurring grant. A request is being considered by this Fund and under the Perth & Kinross Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,095 with a possible similar amount from the Council's Corporate Financial Assistance Budget providing overall 50% of

costs. This is in line with the guidance (Criteria 4: Acquisition of equipment - consideration on merits up to a maximum of 50% (the facilities must be available to the general public). The shortfall would be met by the applicant through fundraising or other grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.12.2 Perth Shotokan Karate Academy be awarded a grant of £2,095 towards the costs of equipment.

2.13 Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services

2.13.1 An application was received from Perth and Kinross Association for Voluntary Services seeking a grant towards taking 21 young carers on a trip to Alton Towers on 7-9 August 2012. The total costs of the trip were £2,900. The group contributed £2,000 and they applied for a grant of £900. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£480), in 2010/11 (£1,000) and in 2009/10 (£3,000). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £147. This is in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.13.2 Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service Ltd be awarded a grant of £147.

2.14 Breathe Easy Perthshire

2.14.1 An application has been received from Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards their Christmas Lunch Outing on 20 December 2012. The total cost for 30 of its members amounts to £525. The Group is contributing £225 and has applied for a grant of £300. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£168), in 2010/11 (£362) and in 2009/10 (£520). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £210 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be met by the applicant through fundraising or other grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.14.2 Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £210 towards the costs of their Christmas outing.

2.15 Wednesday Tea Dance

2.15.1 An application was received from the Wednesday Tea Dance seeking a grant towards the cost of their weekend outing to Dumfries on 18-20 August 2012. The total cost of the outing was £3,149 for 22 members. The group contributed £1,804 and they applied a grant of £1,574.50. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£298), in 2010/11 (£226) and in 2009/10 (£1,131). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £154 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be met by the applicant through fundraising or other grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.15.2 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £154 towards their outing to Dumfries.

2.16 Headway Perth and Kinross

2.16.1 An application has been received from Headway Perth and Kinross seeking a grant towards their outing to the Perth Theatre Pantomime on Saturday 8 December 2012. The total costs for 55 of its members are £1830. The Group is contributing £1,050 and has applied for a grant of £780. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£1,718), in 2010/11 (£1,503) and in 2009/10 (£1,410). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £385 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The shortfall would be met by the applicant through fundraising or other grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.16.2 Headway Perth and Kinross be awarded a grant of £385 towards their Christmas outing.

2.17 The Friendly Group

2.17.1 An application has been received from The Friendly Group seeking a grant towards their Christmas Lunch on Monday 10 December 2012. The total costs for 33 of its members are £396. The Group is contributing £198 and has applied for a grant of £198. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£192), in 2010/11 (£165) and in 2009/10 (£648). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £198 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.17.2 The Friendly Group be awarded a grant of £198 towards the costs of their Christmas outing.

2.18 People with a Mission Ministries

2.18.1 An application has been received from the People with a Mission Ministries seeking a grant towards the costs of senior citizens Christmas Appeal. Over 1,200 senior citizens in Perth receive Christmas gift bags which are distributed by senior citizens on 24 December 2012 and the organisation tries to increase the number of recipients. The total costs are £11,000 and the group has applied for a grant of £2,500. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£1,500), in 2010/11 (£1,500) and in 2009/10 (£1,500). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,500, the same as last year, in line with the guidance (Criteria 12: Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area). The shortfall would be met by the applicant through fundraising or other grants. The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.18.2 The People with a Mission Ministries be awarded a grant of £1,500 towards the costs of their Christmas Appeal.

2.19 Perth Flower Club

2.19.1 An application has been received from Perth Flower Club seeking a grant towards their 50th Anniversary Dinner on 15 October 2012. The total costs for the dinner are £1,265 for 50 members. The Group is contributing £915 and has applied for £350 as a non-recurring grant. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £350 in line with the guidance (Criteria 10: Contribution of 50% towards the actual costs capped at up to £7 per individual with an overall maximum grant of up to £700). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.19.2 Perth Flower Club be awarded a grant of £350 towards the costs of their Anniversary Dinner.

2.20 Perth Safer Cities Initiative

2.20.1 An application has been received from Perth Safer Cities Initiative seeking a grant towards the costs of Perth Taxi Marshals Festive Initiative on Friday and Saturday nights between 7 December 2012 and 5 January 2013 and Christmas Eve and Hogmanay nights. The Festive initiative aims to provide taxi marshals to supervise the taxis and taxi queue between 2230 and 0330hrs and reduce anti-social behaviour and increase safety. The total

costs are £2,400. The group will contribute £400, Perth and Kinross Community Safety Partnership is contributing £1,000 and has applied for a grant of £1,000. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£1,000) and in 2010/11 (£1,000). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (Criteria 12: Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area). The grant will contribute to promote community safety.

Recommendation

2.20.2 Perth Safer Cities Initiative be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of Perth Taxi Marshals Festive Initiative.

2.21 Chernobyl Children

2.21.1 A request has been received from Perth and Kinross Council in partnership with Chernobyl Children's Life Line seeking a grant towards the costs of the summer tea party on 19 June 2012 for 12 children of Chernobyl. The total costs were £542.70 including gift bags (£145.20), catering (£112.50) both provided by the Council and £285 for entertainment. The Council has applied for a grant of £285. The organisation has benefited from the Fund in 2011/12 (£275), in 2010/11 (£441.45) and in 2009/10 (£200). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £285 in line with the guidance (Criteria 12: Any purpose where it can be demonstrated that there is a benefit to the community of the common good area). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.21.2 Perth and Kinross Council be awarded a grant of £285 towards the costs of the summer party for children of Chernobyl.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 The Head of Democratic Services and the 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 contributions to 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

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 – 21 applications for financial assistance

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