

Perth Common Good Fund Committee – 27 February 2013

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Report by Depute Director (Environment)

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 Wednesday Tea Dance

2.1.1 An application has been received from the Wednesday Tea Dance seeking a grant towards their post Christmas Party on Wednesday 16 January 2013. The total costs for the 38 members amounted to £525. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £263. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£240), 2010/2011 (£226) and 2011/12 (£280). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £263 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion.

Recommendation

2.1.2 Wednesday Tea Dance be awarded a grant of £263 towards the costs of their post Christmas Party.

2.2 Multiple Sclerosis Society (Perth and Kinross-shire Branch)

2.2.1 An application has been received from the Multiple Sclerosis Society (Perth and Kinross-shire Branch) seeking a grant towards the cost of their Christmas Party on Sunday 16 December 2012. The total costs for the 55 members amounted to £1,025. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £513. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£475), 2010/2011 (£250) and 2011/12 (£420). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £385 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion. The applicant will fund the activity if the Committee does not approve the recommendation, given that the event has already taken place.

Recommendation

2.2.2 Multiple Sclerosis Society (Perth and Kinross-shire Branch) be awarded a grant of £385 towards the costs of their Christmas Party.

2.3 Perthshire Chinese Community Association

2.3.1 An application has been received from Perthshire Chinese Community Association seeking a grant towards the cost of their New Year Celebrations – 2013 on Tuesday 12 February at the Salutation Hotel. The total costs for 170 people amounts to £5,800. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £200. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2011/12 (£2,118). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £200 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to social inclusion. The applicant will fund the activity if the Committee does not approve the recommendation, given that the event has already taken place.

Recommendation

2.3.2 Perthshire Chinese Community Association be awarded a grant of £200 towards the costs of their New Year Celebrations.

2.4 Perth Youth Orchestra

2.4.1 An application has been received from Perth Youth Orchestra seeking a grant towards the cost of their triennial tour to Italy in July 2013. The total costs for 91 people to attend amounts to £91,550 including travel, accommodation and instrument transport. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £5,000. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£1,000). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning opportunities.

Recommendation

2.4.2 Perth Youth Orchestra be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of their triennial tour in Italy.

2.5 Perth Academy

2.5.1 An application has been received from Perth Academy seeking a grant towards the cost of taking 30 pupils on an overnight trip to take part in outdoor education activities at the end of May 2013. The school has identified pupils who have opted out of taking part in previous activities (for a variety of reasons including costs) and would like to increase their participation. The total trip costs amount to £2,385. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £1,192. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£4,200) 2010/11 (£5,370) 2011/12 (£2,700). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £1,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 11). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.5.2 Perth Academy be awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of the residential trip.

2.6 Breathe Easy Perthshire

- 2.6.1 An application has been received from Breathe Easy Perthshire seeking a grant towards the cost of their summer outing to the Falkirk Wheel on the 16 May 2013. The total costs for 30 members amount to £668. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £250. The organisation has benefitted from the Fund in 2009/10 (£398) 2010/11 (£362) 2011/12 (£168). It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £210 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.6.2 Breathe Easy Perthshire be awarded a grant of £210 towards the costs of their summer outing.

2.7 Perth Sea Cadets

- 2.7.1 An application has been received from the Perth Sea Cadets seeking a grant towards the cost of purchasing band equipment. The total cost of the equipment which includes practice drum pads, bugle cords, bugle chain and link, white drumsticks and drum slings amounts to £452. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £452. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £226 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote lifelong learning opportunities.

Recommendation

- 2.7.2 Perth Sea Cadets be awarded a grant of £226 towards the costs of purchasing band equipment.

2.8 St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church

- 2.8.1 An application has been received from St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church seeking a grant towards the cost of upgrading fire safety system. The Church, hall, office and meeting rooms are conjoined and used by church and community groups. The total costs are £43,512. The applicant has applied to other funders for £18,000 and will contribute £23,512. The applicant has applied for a non-recurring grant of £2,000. It is recommended that Perth Common Good Fund Committee award a grant of £2,000 in line with the guidance (see Appendix 1 – Criteria 10). The grant will contribute to promote social inclusion.

Recommendation

- 2.8.2 St Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church be awarded a grant of £2,000 towards the costs of upgrading fire safety system.

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 recommendations 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.

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 – 8 applications for financial assistance

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COMMON GOOD FUNDS WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS AREA CRITERIA

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