

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS	
From: HEAD OF SOCIAL WORK DEVELOPMENT			
Date: 20 AUGUST 2008	Ref: GF/DM		

1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform Committee on current applications for funding and other issues relating to the management of the Section 10 Grants programme.

2. Background

2.1 The Council is empowered under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to make grants or payments to voluntary organisations whose sole or primary purpose is to promote social welfare.

2.2 The criteria applied to applications have been previously endorsed by Committee and are detailed below:-

- **Performance / Quality, Value for Money:** consideration of quality services which represent good value for the Section 10 monies provided to the organisations concerned.
- **Direct Services:** recognising the need to support voluntary organisations that provide direct services to individuals and care groups which would otherwise require the Social Work Department to provide substitute services.
- **Provision of Local Services:** continued support to local organisations that provide worthwhile local services which benefit individuals and local communities.
- **Continuity:** providing ongoing support to organisations which are currently funded through Section 10.
- **Scope for Growth:** recognising the opportunities for creating new and meaningful provisions for the citizens of North Lanarkshire in the field of social welfare.
- **Overall Funds:** taking account of the total money which is available to the Social Work Department for Section 10 funding.

2.3 The overall Section 10 Budget for 2008/09 is £475,626. At previous meetings Committee this year has awarded funding of £418,517 this now leaves a budget of £57,517 to meet any further applications this financial year.

3. Proposals/Considerations

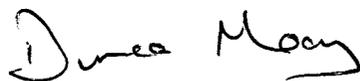
- 3.1 Committee is being asked to consider a further seven applications for Section 10 funding. Two of the organisations have previously received funding through Section 10 grants and the other five organisations are new applicants. Information on the applicant organisations and a summary of the assessment and recommendations are outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

4. Financial/Personnel/Legal/Policy Implications

- 4.1 The remaining Section 10 funding available this financial year for any new applications is £57,517. If the recommendations for funding totalling £28,446 are approved this will leave a balance of £29,071 for any further applications during 2008/09.

5. Recommendations

Committee is asked to approve the recommendations contained in Appendix 1 of this report.



Duncan Mackay
Head of Social Work Development
8 August, 2008

For further information on this report please contact Gus Ferguson on telephone 01698 332560

APPENDIX 1

RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Summary of Assessment and Recommendation
36a/2008	Parkinson's Self Help Group Motherwell	£6,796	This organisation has previously received section 10 funding. Their current application is to support their core costs including accommodation. The organisation provides a valuable support service for people with Parkinson's and their carers. Recommendation is to award in full £6,796
50/2008	Relate Lanarkshire (formerly Lanarkshire Couple Counselling)	£3,500	This organisation has been regularly supported through Section 10 Grants and provides marital and relationship counselling services. The organisation is now part of the new Family Support Partnership for Lanarkshire. The funding sought is a contribution to core costs helping to meet training and accreditation costs of new volunteer counsellors. Recommendation is to award in full £3,500
51/2008	Northern Corridor Befriending Project	£79,546	This organisation previously funded through the Big Lottery provided a befriending service to older people and people with a disability within the Chryston Kilsyth area. The organisation is now seeking to replace this funding. Although the organisation has applied for core funding they have applied to other external sources as well. Given the availability of other befriending initiatives in the area it is recommended that only a partial award is made as a one off contribution. Officers will provide advice and guidance on securing the alternative sources of funding which the organisation is currently pursuing. Recommendation of a partial award of £3,000
52/2008	First Step (community counselling service based in Carfin but taking referrals from elsewhere)	£117,501	This organisation is seeking to replace lottery funding which is coming to an end and also to expand their service on a North Lanarkshire basis. They currently offer a generic counselling service with particular reference to addiction, stress, anxiety and bereavement. The Council through its mainline services and grant streams already fund a substantial range of counselling and emotional support services. The organisation is currently applying to other external funding sources. Although the organisation undoubtedly provides a locally based service it is not one which we would consider core funding. However a small contribution to bridging funding would be appropriate. Recommendation of a partial award of £5,000
53/2008	Scottish Marriage Care	£3,500	This organisation is a first time applicant for Section 10 Grants. Similar to Relate Lanarkshire it provides marital and relationship counselling services. The organisation is also now part of the new Family Support Partnership for Lanarkshire. The funding sought is a contribution to core costs helping to meet training and accreditation costs of

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Summary of Assessment and Recommendation
			new volunteer counsellors. Recommendation is to award in full £3,500
54/2008	North Lanarkshire Access Panel	£6,650	North Lanarkshire Access Panel is a group of disabled people trained in access issues who offer advice to public agencies on the design or refurbishment of public buildings and spaces. The Panel was formally launched in March 2007 with the support of North Lanarkshire Disability Forum and officers from North Lanarkshire Council who provide technical and development assistance and advice. The establishment of the Panel was a key objective within the Council's Disability Equality Scheme. Recommendation is to award in full £6,650
55/2008	Afton Gardens & Associates Social Club	£1,000	This organisation provides social activities for the residents of Afton Gardens sheltered housing complex. It is the view of officers that the activities requested could more appropriately be met through other means with the support of the Locality Link Officer and advice on more appropriate sources of funding. Recommendation to refuse this application
Totals		£218,493	£28,446