

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM No. 16

REPORT

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: TRAINING RESOURCE BANK
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 23 April 1998	Ref: FM/Rep403	

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the grants allocated through the Training Resource Bank in 1997/98.

2 Introduction

- 2.1 The purpose of the Training Resource Bank is to provide a funding contribution towards innovative or pilot training programmes for unemployed people in the community throughout North Lanarkshire. The project was previously funded through the urban programme (central area) and was recently mainlined by the Council, to be implemented across North Lanarkshire. Applications are invited from organisations with a recognised training remit or community groups who have formed partnerships with training organisations.
- 2.2 Summerlee Training Resource Unit manages the project and operate a very rigorous selection process, according to criteria set by the Economic Development Unit (see appendix one). Recommendations for approval were submitted to the Economic Development Unit, which supervises the project.

3 Background

- 3.1 It is proposed that in future, recommendations for funding will be submitted to the Economic Development Committee for approval; it was not possible to do so in this financial year given the late decision to mainline this previously urban programme funded project and the requirement to spend the budget within this financial year.
- 3.2 The project will continue to be managed by Summerlee Training Resource Unit who will promote the project and assess applications for funding and recommendations will be made to the Council by the Economic Development manager.

4 Selection Process

4.1 These recommendations have been arrived at using the following process:-

- mailshot to potential bidders
- an Information Session held at STRU for interested parties
- distribution of Application Forms on disc with guidelines
- 10 bids received by deadline.
- preliminary assessment of bids against agreed criteria by STRU and EDU.
- further information requested on selected bids
- final recommendations from STRU to EDU

4.2 After due consideration the following bids were recommended for funding from the Training Resource Bank.


- CARTE (Coatbridge Adult Returners to Education)
HNC Project - £12,000
- Scottish Conservation Projects Trust
Conservation/Countryside Skills Project - £4,231
- Youth United
Youth United Video/Film and Media Training Project - £8,470
- Caldercruix Countryside and Nature Park
Children's Play Area - £11,500

4.3 In all cases funding will be subject to the beneficiaries agreement to comply with specified conditions of grant.

5 Recommendation

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report and the action taken.



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SUMMERLEE TRAINING RESOURCE UNIT

TRAINING RESOURCE BANK

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

BACKGROUND

The Training Resource Bank is an Urban Programme funded project approved by the Scottish office for a two year period beginning in the financial year 1995/96. Funding for one further year has now been secured.

The project provides capital resources to encourage and support innovative training programmes and pilot training schemes in North Lanarkshire with a view to attracting longer-term support for quality training from a wide variety of sources.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The project is managed by Summerlee Training Resource Unit and supervised by the Planning and Development Department of North Lanarkshire Council.

ELIGIBILITY

Training Criteria

Projects:-

- should demonstrate innovative elements and/or be a pilot scheme within the area
- should not be short term taster courses unless they provide training not otherwise provided and meet the other eligibility criteria
- must be sponsored by organisations with recognised training remits. Community groups may form partnerships with training organisations if they do not have a training remit within their constitution
- should provide good quality training in key sectors of the labour market

Financial Criteria

Projects:-

- must show evidence of commitment of financial resources from at least one other organisation
- may apply for up to 100% of capital costs. Revenue costs must be obtained from other sources

Local Priority Criteria

- projects will be assessed against:-
 - geographical location
 - profile of target groups
 - input to existing local initiatives
 - level of local support (for community based proposals)

Economic Development Criteria

Projects will be assessed against the sectors designated as a priority for the area by the key economic development agencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Applications for funding should be submitted to Summerlee Training Resource Unit.

The Unit will:-

- conduct a preliminary assessment of the proposal's eligibility
- comment on the proposal's rating in relation to the above criteria
- seek comments from other organisations as appropriate
- approve, reject or seek amendments to the project subject to homologation by the Council
- monitor the implementation of the project
- evaluate the project on its completion