

To: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: ESF RECHAR, Shotts: NLC public match funds
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT		
Date: 23 April 98	Ref: REP405	

1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks to:

- a) advise members of the bid by MEDCO for RECHAR funding for a training project in Shotts; and
- b) recommend approval for the proposed NLC match funding arrangements (Economic Development budget).

2. Considerations

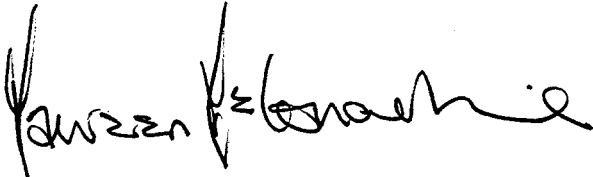
- 2.1 MEDCO has been successful in its recent bid for European funding (ESF) through the RECHAR programme to fund an information technology training programme for unemployed people in Shotts and the surrounding areas.
- 2.2 As members may know, the Policy and Resources (Community Development) sub committee approved at a meeting of 26 February 1998 a proposed match funding package from the Council as undernoted:

Total costs	£72,221
NLC	£10,000
NLC "in kind"	£10,000 (existing Urban programme funding)
LDA	£15,000
MEDCO "in kind"	£4721
ESF	£32,500

- 2.3 The Council will offer £10,000 in cash (£5,000 from the Chief Executive's budget and £5,000 from the Economic Development budget) and will allow the match funding of £10,000 of the existing urban programme funded Information Technology centre budget (currently managed by MEDCO).

3 Recommendation

Members are asked to note the arrangements and to approve the allocation of £5000 from the Economic Development budget towards this project, subject to appropriate implementation and management procedures being in place.



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF POLICY AND RESOURCES (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) SUB-COMMITTEE OF 4 MARCH 1998

MOTHERWELL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (MEDCO) - REQUEST FOR MATCH FUNDING

15. There was submitted a report dated 26 February 1998 by the Chief Executive (1) advising that Motherwell Enterprise Development Company (MEDCO) had been successful in gaining approval for European Social Fund - Rechar II funding of £32,000 to provide short employment access courses targeted at labour market returners in the Shotts area; (2) intimating that a request for financial assistance in the sum of £5,000 for match funding had been received from MEDCO, and (3) providing details of the total match funding required which included £5,000 from the Department of Planning and Development.

Decided:

- (1) that £5,000 be awarded to Motherwell Enterprise Development Company (MEDCO) to be funded from the Chief Executive's Payments to Agencies and Other Bodies' Budget;
- (2) that the report be referred to the Economic Development Committee, and
- (3) that otherwise the contents of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub Committee	Subject: MEDCO - Request for Match Funding	
From: Chief Executive		
Date: 26 February 1998	Ref:	

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Sub Committee to consider a funding request from Motherwell Enterprise Development Company (MEDCO) for match funding towards this successful ESF Rechar II Bid.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 MEDCO have recently been successful in gaining approval for European Social Fund - Rechar II funding of £32,500.
- 2.2 The funding approved is to provide short employment access courses targeted at labour market returners in the Shotts area. The participants will secure the RSA Computer Literacy and Information Technology qualification and will receive guidance, job seeking and communication skills. It is envisaged that approximately 60 participants will be involved in the project over the next 12 months.

3.0 Funding

- 3.1 Discussions have been ongoing with MEDCO and Economic Development staff within the Planning and Development Department and the following funding package is proposed:-

<i>Funding Secured - ESF Rechar II</i>	£32,500
Funding Required	£39,721
<i>North Lanarkshire Council Chief Executive's Department</i>	<i>£5,000</i>
North Lanarkshire Council Planning and Development Department	£5,000
Urban Programme (Information Technology Centre)	£10,000
Lanarkshire Development Agency	£15,000
MEDCO	£4,721
Total	£72,221

4.0 Conclusion


- 4.1 If the Sub Committee agree to contribute to the funding package as outlined, this report will be required to be remitted to the Economic Development Committee to consider their proposed £5,000 contribution.

4.2 The Chief Executive's Department £5,000 contribution can be accommodated from the Payments to Agencies and Other Bodies Budget.

5.0 Recommendations

The Sub Committee is requested to

- (a) approve the £5,000 contribution to the funding package from the Chief Executive's Department Payments to Agencies and Other Bodies Budget;
- (b) remit this report to the Economic Development Committee; and
- (c) otherwise note the contents of this report


Chief Executive