

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES (GRANTS) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING: LANARKSHIRE SOCCER SEVENS ASSOCIATION
From: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES	
Date: 22nd APRIL 1998	Ref: PJRS\SR

Report on Application

The application for grant funding is submitted by the Lanarkshire Soccer Sevens Association whose annual 'Davie Cooper' Sevens Festival attracts up to 2000 young footballers from 7 to 14 years of age.

For the last 3 years of its existence, Strathclyde Regional Council, as part of its Social Strategy Initiative, supported this event in the form of a waiver of charges for facilities.

The aim of the festival is to encourage and provide opportunity for participation by local youth teams in the Soccer 7's concept with the objective of raising the standard of basic football skills. It is strongly supported by the Scottish Football Association and local teams from throughout Lanarkshire often field 6 or 7 teams from different age groups.

The event is organised as a round-robin tournament with the emphasis on taking part and improving skills rather than on winning.

It is considered that the Council, in supporting this event, can demonstrate its commitment to the rationale of the leisure service as a provider and enabler and achieve the aims of the Service Plan by ensuring equality of access, by fostering and encouraging personal development and by providing sporting opportunities for young residents and visitors.

Grant Requested

A grant of £1,108.00 is requested to contribute to the staging of the event at Strathclyde Country Park.

Additional Information

The festival takes place on the 2nd and 3rd May this year. Each child participating will receive a pennant on which the Council's name will appear as a sponsor.

Recommendation

That Committee agree to a grant of £1108.00.

