

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>	<b>£32,500</b>
<b>Funding Required</b>	<b>£39,721</b>
<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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£72,221</b>

**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

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