

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Section 10 Funding
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 30 March 1999	
REPORT AUTHOR: George McNally	
REF: JD/GMCI/JMCF	

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Social Work Committee of the applications received from Voluntary Organisations requesting funding under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and to recommend payments to the organisations concerned.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Social Work Department of the local authority has power to provide a grant aid to voluntary organisations which are active in promoting social welfare.
- 2.2 The budget which is available to the Department in the year 1999/2000 remains at the same level as last year, namely £226,000.
- 2.3 Section 10 grants are normally provided on an annual basis for a period of one financial year. Organisations requesting financial assistance are required to complete a proforma application form which provides details of their activities, organisational arrangements and financial assistance. An assessment of each application is undertaken by officers of the Social Work Department.

3 APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 For the coming financial year 1999/2000, the Social Work Department has received 58 applications for Section 10 funding. These are derived as follows:
- ◆ 36 organisations which are presently funded. The value of the requests is £328,702.
 - ◆ 12 organisations which were supported last year, but not funded due to budget limitations. The amount requested by this group is £26,988.
 - ◆ 9 organisations which were not previously funded have submitted new applications. The sum sought by these groups is £29,413.
- 3.2 The overall value of the section 10 requests for 1999/2000 is £385,103. This exceeds the available budget by £159,103.

- 3.3 Two organisations which were funded in 1998/99 have not submitted funding applications for the coming year. These were:
- Women into Self Help (WISH)
 - CSV Give and Take

4 CRITERIA

- 4.1 Funding recommendations to the Social Work Committee are based on the Social Work Department's consideration of the following factors:
- ◆ **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 which provide direct services to individuals and client groups. These would otherwise require the Social Work Department to provide substitute services.
 - ◆ **Provision of Local Services:** continued support to local organisations who 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 desirability of having some opportunity 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.
- 4.2 The applications which are listed for support scored highly in each of the five main headings, i.e. performance/quality, value for money, direct services, provision of local services and continuity of funding. In the light of the officers' detailed consideration of each of the applications, recommendations are set out in the Appendix to this report for the Committee's consideration and approval.

5 FUNDING PROPOSALS

- 5.1 In recommending the award of Section 10 funding, the Social Work Department has sought to maintain grants at an equivalent level to the existing funding arrangements. However, there are a number of exceptions to this rule.
- ◆ **Community and Voluntary Organisations Council:** currently in receipt of £30,000 Section 10 grant. The organisation has been encouraged to investigate other potential sources of funding and is in the process of submitting an application to the National Lotteries Charities Board. It is proposed that pending the outcome of the lotteries application, the award to CAVOC, be restricted to £10,000.

- ◆ **CRUSE Bereavement Care Strathkelvin:** this organisation provides a service across two local authority areas East Dumbarton and North Lanarkshire. In the current financial year the group receives £6000 from North Lanarkshire Council, it is proposed that this be reduced to £2000 which will match the funding input being considered by East Dumbarton Council.
- ◆ **Lanarkshire Marriage Counselling Service:** were awarded £400 in March in 1998/99. The organisation is struggling financially with the cost of training volunteer counsellors. It is therefore proposed that the award be increased for the coming year to £1000.
- ◆ **The Sparky Project:** the organisation has submitted a reduced request from £6000 to £3000.
- ◆ **Craigneuk and Wishawhill Credit Union:** this is the only Credit Union which currently receives assistance through Section 10 grants. The organisation is seeking £350 to replace a printer which was stolen in a break in. The Department is of the view that this is a matter which should be pursued with the organisation's insurers.

5.2 In an effort to obtain maximum effect from the Section 10 budget, it is proposed that three of the applications which have been received should be redirected to other potential sources of funding. The applications concerned are from the Scottish Child Law Centre, SACRO and Muirhouse Good Neighbours Association.

5.3 Whilst the Section 10 application requests exceed the budget, there are limited opportunities to provide assistance to a small number of organisations who meet the Section 10 criteria and who are engaged in the promotion of social welfare. It is therefore proposed that the following groups are awarded grants.

- ◆ **CRUSE Bereavement Care Lanarkshire:** provides a counselling service to people in the North Lanarkshire area who are affected by bereavement.
- ◆ **Monklands Family Support:** this organisation provides support to families and individuals who are affected by drugs.
- ◆ **Strathclyde Carers Forum:** this group was previously funded by North Lanarkshire Council, but funding was withdrawn following a cut in the Section 10 budget. The Carers Forum has strong links with North Lanarkshire and provides support and advice to a range of carers and organisations in the area.
- ◆ **Ozanam Club Carfin:** provide activities for adults and children with special needs. The work of this group was recognised by a Caring Cup Award in 1998.

- ◆ **Partners in Advocacy:** this group provides an advocacy service for people with learning disabilities in the North Lanarkshire area.
- 5.4 The level of recommended Section 10 grant for each of the organisations concerned is recorded in schedule 1 of this report.
- 5.5 The recommended grants total £170,411 leaving a balance of £55,900.
- 5.6 It is recommended that this balance should not be allocated for the moment. The Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 16 March 1999, agreed that a review of Womens Aid Organisations should be carried out within the authority. Depending on the outcome of the review, it may be necessary to increase the level of funding currently provided to Womens Aid Organisations. In addition, if the lottery application submitted by CAVOC is unsuccessful, the funding requirements of this organisation will also have to be reconsidered.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Committee is requested to:
- i) approve the funding recommendations set out in the Appendix to this report;
 - ii) request the Director of Social Work to bring forward a further report once the outcome of the Womens Aid review is complete, and when the CAVOC lottery application is determined; and
 - iii) otherwise note this report.

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24 March 1999

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Recommendation for Funding

Ref No	Organisation	Recommended Amount
01/99	Partners in Advocacy	£400.00
06/99	Motherwell Disability Forum	£1,000.00
09/99	Anstruther Holiday Project	£1,000.00
11/99	Who Cares? Scotland	£6,500.00
12/99	SCUDA	£9,500.00
14/99	One Plus	£10,000.00
15/99	Cruse Bereavement Care Lanarkshire Branch	£2,000.00
17/99	Parkinson's Self Help Group	£2,500.00
19/99	Rape Crisis Centre	£4,511.00
20/99	Kilsyth Old Peoples Welfare Committee	£1,000.00
22/99	People Experiencing Trauma and Loss (PETAL)	£6,000.00
24/99	Phace West	£6,800.00
25/99	Mental Health Users Helpline	£1,000.00
26/99	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre	£9,800.00
27/99	Bellshill & District Victim Support	£1,000.00
28/99	The Sparky Project	£3,000.00
29/99	Family Mediation	£10,300.00
31/99	Jack 'N' Jill Support Group	£2,500.00
32/99	Motherwell and District Women's Aid	£7,200.00
33/99	Age Concern Scotland	£3,600.00
34/99	Monklands Council on Addictions	£4,500.00
35/99	Strathclyde Carers Forum	£5,000.00
36/99	Community And Voluntary Organisations Council (CAVOC)	£10,000.00
38/99	Monklands Elderly Asian Group	£3,100.00
39/99	Monklands Family Support Group	£600.00
40/99	North Lanarkshire Women's Aid Ltd	£31,600.00
41/99	Samaritans of Lanarkshire	£700.00
42/99	Victim Support North Lanarkshire - Wishaw	£1,000.00
43/99	Victim Support Scotland (Glasgow Office)	£5,000.00
44/99	Ozanam Club (Bellshill)	£500.00
45/99	Lanarkshire Marriage Counselling	£1,000.00
47/99	North Lanarkshire Carers Support Group	£10,400.00
48/99	Airdrie Helping Hands	£1,500.00
49/99	Scottish Old Age Pensions Association	£100.00
50/99	Headway (Monklands)	£450.00
53/99	Motherwell & Clydesdale Headway Group	£450.00
54/99	Motherwell Victim Support	£400.00
57/99	Scot. Cncl. for Single Homeless	£2,000.00
58/99	CRUSE Strathkelvin	£2,000.00
59/99	Ozanam Club (Carfin)	£500.00

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07/99	SACRO	£6500.00
30/99	Scottish Child Law Centre	£2300.00

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04/99	Lesbian & Gay Switchboard
05/99	Enable
08/99	Deafblind UK
10/99	British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society
13/99	Dementia Services Development Centre
16/99	Mobile Play in Action
18/99	Body Positive Strathclyde
21/99	Craigneuk & Wishawhill Credit Union
23/99	Scottish Women's Aid
37/99	Say Women
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