

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject: Section 10 Funding
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Social Work Committee of the balance of the Section 10 budget for 1999/2000 which is available due to prudent management and to make recommendations for the utilisation of the remaining part of the budget.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 When the Section 10 report was submitted to the Social Work Committee in March 1999, it was reported that the overall budget available to the Department for Section 10 grants was £226,000.
- 2.2 The amount of funds recommended to be allocated to organisations totalled £170,411, leaving a budget balance of £55,589.
- 2.3 The budget balance primarily resulted from changes in funding decisions concerning two organisations; Community and Voluntary Organisations Council (CAVOC) and the Community Service Volunteers Give and Take Project.
- 2.4 CAVOC normally received funding in the region of £30,000. However, at the point of their Section 10 application, they were in the process of applying to the National Lotteries Charity Board for funding. The application for lottery funding was not expected to be known before the autumn. Therefore it was recommended that the grant awarded to CAVOC should be restricted to £10,000 pending the outcome of their application. In the event that this was unsuccessful, the opportunity existed to pay the organisation their normal level of grant.
- 2.5 Committee will be pleased to note that CAVOC have been successful with their application to the National Lotteries Charity Board. Therefore there is no requirement to increase the original allocation of £10,000. Equally, the funding which the organisation has been awarded means that there will be no need to provide them with Section 10 funding in the next financial year 2000/2001.

- 2.6 As far as the payment to Community Service Volunteers Give and Take Project was concerned, it was felt that any services obtained from this organisation should be purchased on a contractual basis, this resulted in a further saving of £36,700.
- 2.7 The Section 10 Report to the Social Work Committee in March 1999, highlighted that a review of Women's Aid services in North Lanarkshire was about to be undertaken by the Council, and this could result in a need to allocate additional Section 10 monies to fund these particular services.
- 2.8 The review of Women's Aid services has now been completed. A report of the review findings was approved by the Social Work Committee at its meeting on 5 October. This report recommended the suitable funding arrangements for Women's Aid organisations which would be met through a combination of Section 10 grants and income from rents of Women's Aid refuges. Therefore the increased demand on the Section 10 budget was not as much as had originally been anticipated.
- 2.9 In consequence of the events outlined there is an unallocated balance of £55,589 remaining in the current Section 10 budget.

3 BUDGET PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The unallocated budget arising from the events outlined at section two of the report provides the opportunity to revisit the Section 10 applications and the requests received from organisations for funding in the current financial year.
- 3.2 As was indicated in the report to the Social Work Committee in March 1999, the level of financial requests which were received for Section 10 grants was £385,103. The overall budget allocation was £226,000, therefore the requests exceeded this figure by £159,103.
- 3.3 Given the upper level of demand and the actual budget balance, it is still not possible to meet the requested level of grants sought by all of the various organisations concerned.
- 3.4 The Social Work Department on examining the individual applications would however recommend that the sum of £8,850 be allocated to ten individual organisations as detailed in appendix 1 of this report. This action will serve to increase the level of grants to organisations who did not fare well in the original allocation of monies, and at the same time offer some assistance to a limited number of groups who were originally unsuccessful in their request for funding.

- 3.5 In consequence of the review of Women's Aid services in North Lanarkshire, it is proposed that the Social Work Department should provide the funding to each of the Women's Aid organisations for the information and advice element of their service. In essence, this is for an AP III post for each of the three organisations. Currently both Monklands and North Lanarkshire Women's Aid Ltd (Cumbernauld) have full time employees undertaking this role. Motherwell Women's Aid's present level of funding prevents them from being able to engage a full-time employee for this purpose. It is therefore recommended that their existing Section 10 grant be increased to enable them to employ a full time member of staff with effect from 1 January 2000. The cost of this proposal to the end of the financial year equates to £4,565.
- 3.6 The allocation of a further £8,850 between the organisations outlined at appendix 1 plus the additional funding of £4565 to Motherwell Women's Aid. This reduces the current budget balance from £55,589 to £42,174.
- 3.7 The Department would welcome the opportunity to utilise this balance to fund new developments for carers services or carers support. To this end the Department is engaged in discussions with a number of carer organisations in North Lanarkshire who are involved in the planning of the Carers Strategy for the authority. These discussions will result in firm proposals to develop improved services and better support for the carers in North Lanarkshire. It is therefore recommended that the Social Work Committee agree in principle that the remaining balance, of £42,174, be set aside to fund the cost of the forthcoming proposals.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 There is a balance of Section 10 monies amounting to £55,589 which is due to be spent before the end of the financial year.
- 4.2 The opportunity exists to improve the funding to a number of groups who are currently supported through Section 10 and to fund other organisations for the first time.
- 4.3 Money can be allocated to Motherwell Women's Aid which is in line with Council policy to improve services to women who experience violence and abuse.
- 4.4 The opportunity exists to use the balance of Section 10 to develop services for carers within the North Lanarkshire area.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Committee requested to:

- i) Approve the recommendations contained in this report.
- ii) To request the Director of Social Work to bring forward a further report which details the nature and cost of services which will be developed on behalf of carers in the North Lanarkshire area.
- iii) To otherwise note the report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 i) Social Work Committee Report on Section 10 Funding 30 March 1999.
- ii) Review of Women's Aid Services P & R Committee 7 September 1999.



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Organisation	Objectives and activities in North Lanarkshire	Request 1999/ 2000 £	Paid 1999 /2000 £	Extra Award £
Craigneuk Benefits Group	Provides welfare benefits advice, information and advocacy for the people of Craigneuk and Wishawhill area.	1,000	Nil	500
Motherwell Disability Forum	To promote the benefit of all people with a physical, sensory or mental impairment or with learning difficulties who are inhabitants of the former Motherwell district wards. Organisation potentially serves the needs of an estimated 28,000/29000 people (Approx 9%) of the population claiming some sort of disability benefit	3,784	1,000	1,000
Deaf Blind UK	To further the interests of the deafblind by every means and in every way open to it. To help them live as useful members of any community in which they may find themselves and encourage and support wherever possible contact and friendship between the deafblind and sighted hearing persons. To provide and encourage provision of facilities for the help, comfort and instruction of the deafblind and their families. The group supports over 4 people, their families and carers in this catchment area to deal with the social exclusion experienced by people suffering this double sensory impairment.	1,000	Nil	250
Who Cares? Scotland	Independent voluntary organisation covering Scotland. Exists to provide a "user voice" for young people with experience of Local Authority Care (looked after). Aims to enable young people who are in, or have been in care to come together at a local and national level in order to discuss issues of relevance to them and to become involved in contributing to the development of policy and practice in relation to residential and foster care. Quantifying level of usage in NLC area is difficult as apart from formal contact with S/W department many clients contact, and are assisted by, this organisation directly without any departmental contact.	13,900	6,500	1,500
Dementia Services Development Centre	Exists to facilitate the development of appropriate services for people with dementia and the people who care for them. The Social Work Department utilises the research information generated by this centre and supports its work in this field. The centre researchs the medical causes, social consequences and impact of this distressing condition.	2,750	Nil	1,000

Parkinsons Self-help Group	The objectives of the group are to relieve the distress and sickness of persons within North Lanarkshire district who are affected by Parkinsons condition and generally to promote the welfare of such persons and the carers of those affected by the condition.The group provides direct support to 25 sufferers, and their families and carers in the NLC area.	5,131	2,500	1,500
Mental Health Users Helpline	To promote the welfare of people who suffer from varying degrees of mental illness and their carers. To provide a permanent out of hours service, weekend support and advice service. To continually monitor and assess the service through consultation with service users and their carers.Potentially this group could service 800/900 people with mental health issues in NLC catchment area.	4,432	1,000	1,000
Headway Monklands	To offer support, advice and help to any person suffering the after effects of a head injury and living in the Monklands/ Cumbernauld area. To offer similar support to the relatives or carers of such a person. To offer similar support to interested professionals. To educate and inform the public, the Social Services, Health Board, and other organisations of the needs of the head injured and their carers. To offer support, advice and help to any person suffering the after effects of a head injury and living in the Monklands/Cumbernauld area. To offer similar support to the relatives or carers of such a person. To offer similar support to interested professionals. To educate and inform the public, the Social Services, Health Board, and other organisations of the needs of the head injured and their carers.	1,000	450	550
Headway Motherwell	As per Headway Monklands covering the Motherwell Area..	1,200	450	550
Strathclyde Elderly Forum	Umbrella organisation with 6 active forums in NLC area. Provides information, support and assistance in their activities. Also helps with administration and publication costs Promotes awareness and understanding of the needs and problems of older people. Provides substantial support to pensioner/elderly groups across the NLC catchment area.	10,000	Nil	1,000
TOTAL				8,850