

NORTH LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM No. 12

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS
From: JIM DICKIE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

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

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council is empowered under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to make grants or payments to voluntary organisations whose sole or primary purpose is to promote social welfare.
- 2.2 The Departmental budget for Section 10 grants for the period 2003/2004 is £354,390.
- 2.3 The Department issued over 93 Section 10 applications to a range of organisations, to date 66 groups have submitted completed applications, although two of the applications were received too late to be assessed and considered by committee within this cycle,. The value of the grants requested to date totals £505,462, this figure will obviously increase if other applications received during 2003/2004. The criteria applied to applications have been previously endorsed by Committee and are detailed below:-
- **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 who provide direct services to individuals and care groups which 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 opportunities 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.

- 2.4 The Committee in December 2002 received a report on a review of Section 10 processes and procedures. The outcomes and recommendations of the review accepted by the Committee will have an impact on this current round of applications and management of the grants process. In particular:
- A new corporate application form and new assessment procedures
 - The development of formal funding/monitoring agreements to include performance indicators
 - To introduce improved procedures and mechanisms for the supervision of projects and the release of grant.
- 2.5 During the course of the coming year, performance information in respect of services and value for money will enable the Department to evaluate the effectiveness of those organisations which receive a grant in excess of £10,000.

3 PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 As noted above, the Section 10 budget for 2003/2004 is £354,390, the value of the requests received to date is £505,462, a difference of £151,072. It is not possible to meet all of the funding requests which have been received.
- 3.2 Recognising that the budget resources are not able to meet the specific funding requests of the individual organisations, it is therefore proposed that Committee should maintain continued support to currently funded organisations at a level no less than the grants figure awarded for the current financial year. The recommendations contained in the appendix 1 take account of this and where a limited level of increased operational costs require to be met, such as a consequence of the Public Sector pay settlement which takes effect in April 2003.
- 3.3 In recognition of the new application and assessment processes 4 training sessions attended by 38 staff, who had been identified to carry out the assessments, were held during December and January, 64 of the applications for Section 10 funding were then subject to detailed evaluations.
- 3.4 Among the 64 applications which have been assessed for funding, 13 of the applications were from organisations seeking funding for the first time.
- 3.5 In line with the agreed recommendations of the Section 10 Review regarding the introduction of more formal monitoring or funding agreements for projects performance indicators were requested within the application process. These have been refined as part of the assessment process and will be used alongside a service specification as a basis for a funding/monitoring agreement for projects receiving funding of £10,000 and above.
- 3.6 The Committee also agreed to implement 3 year funding agreements in line with the Council's Voluntary Sector Strategy. The agreements will be subject to annual review.

4 FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Of the 66 applications received 55 have been recommended for approval (Appendix 1), 8 recommended for refusal (Appendix 2A) and 3 applications have been continued for further consideration and assessment (Appendix 2B). The total value of the payments recommended at Appendix 1 is £368,538. The available funding for 2003/04 is £354,390 which would leave a short fall of £14,148.
- 4.2 The introduction of Transitional Housing Benefit in 2002 has now replaced Section 10 as an alternative source of funding for the 3 Women's Aid projects. These savings and other unallocated funds for 2002/03 have resulted in uncommitted funds within the Section 10 Budget of £74,332.
- 4.3 It is proposed to utilise the remaining 2002/03 budget of £74,332 by meeting the cost of any capital items or works within current recommendations for funding (to the value of £13,400) and approve the early release of revenue grant (to the value of £60,932) to maximise the amount of grant aid available for 2003/2004. If the uncommitted funds for 2002/03 of £74,332 are used in conjunction with the budget for 2003/04 of £354,390 the approval of the recommendations (totaling £368,538) would leave a balance of £60,180 for the consideration of the three continued applications and any new applications for funding received during the year.
- 4.4 Projects which receive an allocation of money from the 2002/2003 budget to meet capital bids will require to submit evidence of appropriate expenditure to the Department. Should difficulties arise in this connection there will be the facility to reduce the level of any monies recommended for the period 2003/2004.
- 4.5 Inflationary aspects of three year funding agreements should be dealt with as part of the annual review of each agreement. In the first instance only those projects in receipt of funding of £10,000 and above will be considered for a three year agreement. Also projects and organisations recommended for funding of £30,000 will receive more formal contracts.
- 4.6 As part of the rationalisation of grants to voluntary organisations administered by the Chief Executives Department, it is proposed that the responsibility for funding REALM, a furniture initiative, should transfer to the Social Work Department. Monies previously paid to REALM will also transfer. It is proposed that Committee give approval for the payment of the appropriate grant to REALM following the necessary administrative transfer of the function and responsibility and receipt of the current assessment and recommendation from the Chief Executive.
- 4.7 In line with the recommendations contained in this report, the Director of Social Work will appoint relevant staff to undertake the supervision and monitoring role appropriate to the organisation.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee is requested to:-

- i Approve the funding recommendations set out at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report.
- ii Approve the implementation of monitoring/funding agreements for projects receiving £10,000 and above and contracts for organisations receiving £30,000 and above.
- iii Acknowledge the disaggregation of the Chief Executive's Central grants programme and authorise the Director of Social Work to ensure appropriate payment of grant to REALM and include details in the Section 10 budget once transferred.
- iv To otherwise note the report



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15 February 2003

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APPENDIX 1

Grant Requests and Recommendations for 2003/2004

Grant Requests and Recommendations for 2003/2004					
No.	Organisation	Request 2003/04	2002/03 Grants	Recommended 2003/04	Comments
1/2003	Yorkhill Family Bereavement	£3,110	£250	£250	In line with previous award
2/2003	West Lothian Retired Miners Association	£3,240	£0	£1,000	New Application
3/2003	Pain Association Scotland – North Lanarkshire	£1,000	£600	£600	In line with previous award
4/2003	Partners in Advocacy	£500	£400	£400	In line with previous award
5/2003	ChildLine Scotland	£3,162	£2,000	£2,000	In line with previous award
6/2003	Scottish Pensions Association	£200	£100	£100	In line with previous award
7/2003	Anstruther Holiday Project	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
8/2003	Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland Lanarkshire Branch	£4,015	£2,500	£2,500	In line with previous award
9/2003	Beulah Scotland	£17,400	£8,000	£17,400	In line with previous award and a one-off capital element of £9,400
10/2003	Watch Us Grow	£15,305	£11,050	£11,050	In line with previous award
11/2003	Family Mediation West	£10,500	£10,000	£10,000	In line with previous award
12/2003	Newmains Community Advice Centre	£45,300	£42,385	£46,900	Allows for inflation and a one-off capital element of £1,615
14/2003	PHACE	£7,315	£7,000	£7,000	In line with previous award
15/2003	Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland (Strathkelvin)	£4,500	£2,000	£2,000	In line with previous award
16/2003	West of Scotland Seniors Forum	£6,860	£7,120	£6,860	In line with previous award
17/2003	Parkinson's Self Help Group (Cumbernauld)	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
18/2003	Scottish Council on Deafness	£2,500	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
21/2003	Parkinson's Self Help Group (Motherwell)	£2,500	£1,500	£2,000	Allows for some growth
22/2003	Multiple Sclerosis Society (Cumbernauld & District)	£650	£650	£650	In line with previous award
23/2003	The Spark Initiative	£4,500	£2,000	£3,000	Allows for growth
24/2003	Age Concern Scotland	£28,420	£5,000	£5,000	In line with previous award
25/2003	Dementia Services Development Centre	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
26/2003	British Retinitis Pigmentosa	£100	£50	£50	In line with previous award
27/2003	Samaritans of Lanarkshire	£900	£500	£900	Allows for some growth
28/2003	Parkinson's Self Help Group (Monklands)	£10,552	£5,000	£6,500	Allows for some growth
29/2003	Craigneuk Benefit Group	£38,843.20	£21,494	£38,843	Allows for full year's costs
31/2003	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre	£24,211	£10,300	£11,000	Allows for inflation
32/2003	Motherwell Headway	£4,000	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
35/2003	Motherwell Disability Forum	£8,951	£2,000	£2,000	In line with previous award
37/2003	Monklands Council on Addictions	£8,400	£7,000	£8,400	Allows for some growth
38/2003	Arthritis Care 401 Cumbernauld	£2,000	£600	£1,000	Allows for some growth
39/2003	Shotts & District Volunteer Addiction Group	£4,850	£0	£2,500	New Application

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No.	Organisation	Request 2003/04	2002/03 Grants	Recommended 2003/04	Comments
40/2003	TIAC – Tannochside Information & Advice Centre	£76,663.49	£72,330	£79,000	Allows for inflation and a one-off capital element of £2,336.51
41/2003	Sandra McKay Out of School Care	£4,188	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
42/2003	One Plus: One Parent Families	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	In line with previous award
43/2003	Headway Monklands	£1,200	£1,150	£1,150	In line with previous award
44/2003	Kilsyth Old Peoples Welfare Committee	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
45/2003	Jack & Jill Support Group	£4,135	£2,500	£3,500	Allows for some growth
46/2003	Scottish Spina Bifida Association	£2,200	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
47/2003	Scottish Care & Information on Miscarriage(SCIM)	£4,209	£0	£1,000	New Application
48/2003	Glenboig Neighbourhood House	£4,642.40	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
49/2003	Lanarkshire OAP Club for the Deaf	£1,500	£100	£100	In line with previous award
50/2003	Victim Support Scotland	£10,127	£7,256	£7,256	In line with previous award
51/2003	Lanarkshire Couple Counselling	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	In line with previous award
52/2003	Cumbernauld & Lanarkshire Counselling Services	£23,739	£19,000	£23,739	Allows for inflation and to meet a short fall in core costs.
53/2003	Rape Crisis Centre	£6,371	£5,500	£6,000	Allows for some growth
54/2003	Ozanam Club	£1,000	£500	£500	In line with previous award
55/2003	Victim Support North Lanarkshire	£6,000	£5,000	£6,000	Allows for some growth
56/2003	P.E.T.A.L. People Experiencing Trauma and Loss	£18,000	£10,000	£10,000	In line with previous award
57/2003	Monkland Family Support Group	£1,035	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
58/2003	Chryston District Carers Support Group	£11,640	£14,400	£11,640	In line with previous award
59/2003	Monklands Elderly Asian Women's Group	£3,746	£3,500	£3,500	In line with previous award
61.2003	Body Positive Strathclyde	£3,250	£0	£1,000	New Application
63/2003	Airdrie Helping Hands	£1,500	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
64/2003	Caldercruix Food Co-op	£1,410	£0	£1,250	New Application
		£466,340.09	£313,735.00	£368,538.00	

FUNDING NOT RECOMMENDED**APPENDIX 2A**

Ref No	ORGANISATION	FUNDING REQUESTED	REASON FOR DECISION
13/2003	MASA (Men Against Sexual Abuse)	£1000	The effectiveness and impact of the organisation in promoting the social welfare and social inclusion of the residents of North Lanarkshire is not clear.
19/2003	Deafblind Scotland	£5,880	Such services if required on behalf of Lanarkshire residents should be on a commissioned basis rather than provided through grant aid.
20/2003	Crossline Central Charitable Trust	£4,500	The Department already funds a number of specialist helplines and generic and specialist advice services. Some concerns were also identified regarding the organisations' equal opportunities policy which conflicts with the Council's newly approved Race Equality Scheme.
30/2003	Glasgow and West of Scotland Society for the Blind	£4,452	Such services if required on behalf of Lanarkshire residents should be on a commissioned basis rather than provided through grant aid.
33/2003	Viewpark Family Centre Association	£1,750	Application to support out of school care activities through purchase of equipment and cleaning costs. Directed to other more appropriate sources of funding.
36/2003	Utheo Ltd.	£4,500	Application to support out of school care activities. Other more appropriate sources of funding available through Council. Social Work already funds organisation's Elderly Day Care provision.
60/2003	CSV	£13,750	Project applied to Section 10 in error. Application passed to Community Services for consideration.
62/2003	T.O.S.S. Theatre	£2,290	Innapropriate application to Section 10 for web site development. Directed to other more appropriate sources of funding.

APPENDIX 2B

FUNDING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONTINUED FOR CONSIDERATION

Ref No	ORGANISATION	FUNDING REQUESTED	REASON FOR DECISION
34/2003	Wishaw Stroke Group	£5,000	Requires further discussion regarding assessment
65/2003	Central NLC Befriending Project (Older People)	£5,000	Late application, still being assessed
66/2003	Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired	£4,750	Late application, still being assessed.