

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

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 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee on current applications for funding and other issues relating to the management of Section 10 grants.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Social Work Committee received and agreed a report in February 2003, which outlined recommendations on applications for Section 10 support during 2003/04. A total of 55 projects received funding, committing £327,716 from this year's Section 10 Budget of £416,112 leaving a balance of £88,396 to fund any new applications received during the year.
- 2.2 The criteria applied to funding new 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.

- 2.3 The Committee noted at its meeting in February 2003 the disaggregation of the Chief Executives Grants programme in relation to the REALM project to be included within the Section 10 budget.
- 2.4 Committee also agreed to specific recommendations from the Review of Section 10 Processes and Procedures in relation to the implementation of Funding Agreements for projects in receipt of Section 10 Funding of £10,000 and above.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are three applications currently seeking Section 10 funds.
- Firstly an application from Wishaw Stroke Group for a revenue application of £5,000, which was continued at the February meeting for further consideration.
 - Secondly an application from Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired for £4,750 – This groups application had been received too late to complete an assessment prior to the previous Committee meeting and was continued.
 - The third is a new application from Aid to the Needy for £4,900, which has been received in the intervening period.
 - A fourth application from Central North Lanarkshire Befriending Project for Older People continued by the Committee in February 2003 has been withdrawn. A brief project description and assessment recommendation for each project being considered for funding is contained in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 3.2 As reported at Committee in February 2003 following the disaggregation of the Chief Executive's Grants Programme in November 2002 Social Work Section 10 took on responsibility for grant funding the REALM (furniture recycling) project. A joint assessment has now been carried out by staff from the Chief Executive's office and Social Work and a recommendation of a grant award of £32,000 has been made within the limits of the disbursed budget due to the project carrying over a surplus of funding into 2003/04.

4 FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Departmental budget for Section 10 grants for the period 2003/04 is £416,112. This figure differs from the figure previously reported in February 2003 due to Council agreeing a grants budget increase of £17,000 and the disbursed grant allocation for REALM of £44,722 from the Chief Executives grants budget. Committee has already committed expenditure of £327,716 leaving a balance of £88,396 for new applications this financial year.
- 4.2 If the current recommendations for funding from the Wishaw Stroke Group and the Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired totalling £3,800 are approved, this will leave a balance of £84,596 uncommitted.
- 4.3 Following Committee's agreement to the recommendations within the Review of Section 10 Processes and Procedures carried out in 2002, formal funding agreements have now been drawn up for the 11 Section 10 funded organisations which receive funding of £10,000 and above. A list of the organisations where a formal funding agreement is being put in place is attached as Appendix 2. Each agreement spells out :
- the conditions of funding attached to the grant,
 - a specification of the service to be provided
 - and details of how the grant will be monitored

4.4 The template or model which has been developed by Social Work for formal Grant Funding Agreements is being adopted by the Councils Value for Money Grants Group for future application across other Council grant streams.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee is requested to:

- i To note the implementation of formal funding agreements for projects in receipt of funding of £10,000 and above.
- ii Agree to the recommendations for the provision of Section 10 funding for Wishaw Stroke Group and Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired as outlined in appendix 1.
- iii Agree to the recommendation to refuse the application for funding from the organisation "Aid to the Needy".
- iv Note the grant awarded to REALM following the disbursement of grant funding from the former Chief Executive's Grants Programme.
- v To otherwise note the report



Jim Dickie
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24 July 2003

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APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Project	Purpose of Grant Requested	Assessment and Recommendation
Wishaw Stroke Group – providing short periods of respite to carers	(£5,000) – To meet basic running costs of project from the end of Lottery funding and to secure the current level of provision.	The Community based group affords carers a short period of respite and provides basic advice and links to other agencies. <i>It is recommended that the group be awarded a grant of £3000.</i>
Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired – providing information, benefits advice, social and recreational activities.	(£4,750) – To promote the social welfare and social inclusion of North Lanarkshire residents who have visual impairment	The group provides an educational and awareness raising forum for many people. Also provides social and recreational activities to prevent social isolation. <i>It is recommended that the group be awarded a grant of £800.</i>
Aid to the Needy – charitable organisation in Bellshill providing recycling of clothing, furniture and white goods.	(£4,900) – To provide locally the opportunity of purchasing low cost clothing furniture and white goods and to fund local community groups, projects and to continue to fund some overseas projects.	The organisation functions as a charity shop with no referral system or priority allocation for low income families and therefore does not meet the Section 10 criteria. <i>It is recommended that this application be refused.</i>

APPENDIX 2

List of organisations being provided with a formal Funding Agreement.

Beulah

Chryston District Carers Support Group

Craigneuk Benefit Group

Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre

Cumbernauld & Lanarkshire Counselling Services

Family Mediation West

Newmains Community Advice Centre

One Plus: One Parent Families

P.E.T.A.L. (People Experiencing Trauma and Loss)

R.E.A.L.M. (Real Emergency Action Line Motherwell)

T.I.A.C. (Tannochside Information & Advice Centre)

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