

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK			
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1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the applications received from voluntary organisations requesting Section 10 funding under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and to seek approval for payments, where appropriate, to the organisations concerned as detailed in the attached appendices.

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 2005/2006 is £430,653.

2.3. 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. In February 2003 the Committee agreed the introduction of 3 year funding agreements for 10 projects receiving funding of £10,000 and above in line with the Voluntary Sector Strategy and the Department's review of Section 10 processes and procedures. Each agreement details performance information in respect of services and value for money enabling the Department to evaluate the effectiveness of those organisations as part of the review process of each funding agreement. These projects are now at the end of the 2nd year of their funding agreement.

- 2.5. During September and October 2004 the Department issued over 68 Section 10 applications to a range of organisations. To date 51 groups have submitted completed applications, which have now been fully assessed. Two applications were received too late to be assessed for this Committee cycle and will be presented at a later date. The value of the grants requested to date totals £600,962. This figure will obviously increase if other applications are received during 2005/2006. The figure also takes account of the 9 organisations who are due to receive their final year's instalment of their three year funding agreement. As noted above, the Section 10 budget for 2005/2006 is £430,653. With the value of the requests received to date (£600,962) being substantially in excess (£170,309) of the available budget it will not be possible to meet all of the funding requests, which have been received.
- 2.6. The above figures takes account of the closure of Craigneuk Benefits Group which was in receipt of a three year funding agreement and has in light of the closure of its parent body, the Craigneuk Development and Support Unit, decided to wind up its activities. The Benefits Group formally closed on the 28th January 2005.
- 2.7. Of the 59 organisations being considered for funding in 2005/2006 9 are in receipt of 3 year funding agreements, 44 are existing annual grant holders and 6 are new applications not previously funded.
- 2.8. The 9 organisations which have 3-year funding agreements are not required to submit annual applications for funding. However an annual review process for each project is in place to monitor the performance of each project against agreed indicators. The outcome of the annual review process will be reported to the next Social Work Committee.

3. **Financial/Personnel/Legal/Policy Implications**

- 3.1. Of the 51 applications received (excluding the 3 year funded projects) 42 have been recommended for approval (Appendix 1), 3 are recommended for refusal (Appendix 2) and 6 have been continued for further discussion and assessment (Appendix 2). The list of organisations in receipt of three year funding agreements, and the level of grant awarded, is shown within Appendix 1. The total value of the payments recommended in Appendix 1 is £353,714. The available funding for 2005/06 is £430,653 which will leave a balance of £76,939 for any new applications received during the year.
- 3.2. During 2005/06 9 projects will be at the end of their 3 year funding agreements. A more formal evaluation will require to be undertaken. The process and timescale for this is currently being drawn up and will be reported to the next Social Work Committee.
- 3.3. In the coming financial year the Department intends to look closely at a number of funding areas to ensure that the use of Section 10 funds represents the best value for money given the limited budget available. This will involve producing more explicit criteria on eligibility and reviewing the benefits of funding certain types of initiatives on a thematic basis. In the first instance the Department will look at the support provided to the various furniture re-cycling initiatives.

- 3.4. The Department along with other grant funding Departments has participated in an Audit Scotland survey relating to grants appraisal, awarding and monitoring. The purpose of the audit is to examine the nature and extent of council's financial involvement with arms-length organisations and external organisations. The audit has two main elements. Firstly, the Council's External Auditors are looking to gather financial and other information to provide an overview of Council's arrangements which fall within the scope of the "Following the Public Pound" guidance. Secondly they are looking to have the Council self-assess its arrangements against good practice criteria drawn from the relevant COSLA/Accounts Commission Guidance. It is likely that following the Audit, which covers all Councils in Scotland, further guidance will be offered regarding the management of grants processes and procedures.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. The committee is asked to:

- i. Approve the funding recommendations set out at Appendix 1 of this report.
- ii. Approve the recommendations outlined in Appendix 2 regarding refusal of grant and continuation for further assessment.
- ii. Note the closure of Craigneuk Benefits Group.
- iii. Request that the Director of Social Work bring forward a report to a future Committee on issues relating to the annual review and formal evaluation of three year funding agreements.
- iv. Note the Department's participation in the Audit Scotland survey and request that the Director of Social Work bring forward a report to a future Committee on any relevant issues which may arise from subsequent guidance.
- v. To otherwise note the report.



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GRANT REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2005/2006

Ref. No.	Organisation	Request 2005/06	Recommended 2005/06	Comments and any suggested conditions of award
01/2005	Airdrie Helping Hands	£2,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
03/2005	Parkinsons Self Help Group (Motherwell)	£3,000	£2,000	In line with previous award
04/2005	Pain Association Scotland	£750	£600	In line with previous award
05/2005	PHACE Scotland	£7,500	£7,200	In line with previous award
06/2005	The Spark Initiative Honeypot Befriending Service	£7,000	£3,000	In line with previous award
07/2005	Monklands Council on Addictions	£9,000	£9,000	In line with previous award
08/2005	Dementia Service Development Trust	£1,080	£1,080	In line with previous award
09/2005	Headway Motherwell	£4,000	£1,500	In line with previous award. The Department is currently reviewing support for brain injury services
10/2005	St. Patrick's Furniture Project	£26,400	£9,000	In line with previous award. The Department in 2005/06 will be examining the support provided to furniture recycling projects.
11/2005	British Retinitis Pigmentosa Soc.	£100	£100	In line with previous award
12/2005	Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland – Lanarkshire	£3,080	£3,000	In line with previous award
13/2005	Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland – Strathkelvin	£3,000	£1,500	In line with previous award
14/2005	Arthritis Care 401	£2,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
15/2005	Airdrie Self Help Group for the Visually Impaired	£2,000	£800	In line with previous award
16/2005	Yorkhill Family Bereavement Service	£3,500	£500	In line with previous award
17/2005	Anstruther Holiday Project	£1,000	£1,000	In line with previous award
19/2005	Samaritans of Lanarkshire	£3,000	£1,200	In line with previous award
20/2005	Childline Scotland	£2,926	£2,000	In line with previous award
21/2005	Age Concern Scotland	£33,307	£5,000	In line with previous award
22/2005	West Lothian and North Lanarkshire Retired Miners Association	£5,000	£1,000	Award to be conditional on organisation providing appropriate monitoring information
23/2005	Lanarkshire OAP Club for the Deaf	£1,000	£100	In line with previous award
24/2005	Kilsyth Old Peoples Welfare Committee	£1,725	£1,000	In line with previous award
25/2005	Glenboig Neighbourhood House	£3,320	£3,000	Capital grant for Food Co-op equipment
26/2005	CSV–Clyde Action/Cash for Kids	£16,209	£11,000	In line with voluntary sector policy a 3-year funding agreement will be put in place for this organisation
27/2005	RECAP	£10,000	£10,000	In line with previous award
29/2005	North Lanarkshire Disability Forum	£72,586	£11,000	Increase in previous award of £1000

30/2005	Shotts & District Volunteer Addiction Group	£4,550	£2,500	In line with previous award
32/2005	SCIM (Scottish Care & Information on Miscarriage)	£6,178	£1,000	In line with previous award
33/2005	Lanarkshire Couple Counselling Service	£2,500	£1,000	Reduction of £1,000. This organisation has an identified surplus of £13,429 for 2003/04.
34/2005	Cumbernauld & Lanarkshire Counselling Service	£23,740	£23,740	In line with previous award
35/2005	MS Society Cumbernauld & District Branch	£900	£650	In line with previous award
36/2005	Victim Support North Lanarkshire	£7,000	£7,000	Increase of £1000 on previous award
37/2005	Headway Monklands	£1,350	£1,350	Award as requested. The Department is currently reviewing support for brain injury services
38/2005	Victim Support Scotland	£10,418	£9,000	Increase of £1,000
39/2005	Monklands Asian Elderly Project	£4,065	£4,000	In line with previous award
40/2005	Scottish Spina Bifida Association	£11,800	£2,000	Increase of £1,000
41/2005	Parkinsons Self Help Group – Airdrie	£13,590	£6,500	In line with previous award
42/2005	Body Positive	£1,800	£1,000	In line with previous award
43/2005	Scottish Pensions Association	£200	£100	In line with previous award
45/2005	Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre	£4,670	£4,670	First time application, award conditional upon receiving breakdown of Scottish Executive funding of £100,000
47/2005	Caldercruix Community Food Co-operative	£1,250	£800	Reduced grant level from previous award reflects need for organisation to become self-sustaining.
48/2005	Parkinsons Self Help Group – Cumbernauld	£1,500	£1,000	In line with previous award

ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE 3 YEAR FUNDING

09/2003	Beulah Scotland	£8,000	£8,000	Annual review next Committee
10/2003	Watch Us Grow	£11,050	£11,050	Annual review next Committee to include request for additional funds.
11/2003	Family Mediation West	£10,000	£10,000	Annual review next Committee
12/2003	Newmains Community Advice Centre	£46,954	£46,954	Annual review next Committee
31/2003	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Unemployed Workers Centre	£11,000	£11,000	Annual review next Committee
40/2003	T.I.A.C. – Tannochside Information and Advice Centre	£78,420	£78,420	Annual review next Committee
42/2003	One Plus: One Parent Families	£10,000	£10,000	Annual review next Committee
56/2003	PETAL – People Experiencing Trauma and Loss	£10,000	£10,000	Annual review next Committee
58/2003	Chryston District Carers Support Group	£14,400	£14,400	Annual review next Committee
			£353,714	

GRANT REQUESTS REFUSED

Ref. No	Organisation	Funding Requested	
18/2005	West of Scotland Seniors Forum	£5,500	This organisation has an identified surplus of £122,161 as well as receiving NLC funding via Chief Execs (£5,500)
28/2005	Deafblind Scotland	£6,936	The Department is exploring a more structured approach to funding the work of this organisation through contractual arrangements.
31/2005	Gypsy/Traveller Community Development Project	£24,422	The proposed activity duplicates existing provision by Social Work Department by the Gypsy Travellers Liaison Officer.

APPLICATIONS CONTINUED FOR ASSESSMENT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A number of applications were received too late to be assessed. A number of other applications, which have been assessed, require further information before a recommendation can be made. The outcome of these applications will be reported to a future Social Work Committee.

Ref. No.	Organisation	Funding Requested	
02/2005	North Lanarkshire Senior Citizens Asian Group	£2,000	Discussions to be held with Community Services regarding support for lunch clubs
44/2005	Jack & Jill Support Group	£4,000	Awaiting Assessment
46/2005	Interplay	£7,688	A number of factors arose during assessment which require clarification
49/2005	HOPE (Scotland) Ltd	£2,000	Application received too late for assessment for this Committee
50/2005	Watch Us Grow	£20,000	Organisation is in receipt of 3-year funding agreement has requested additional funds. Assessment will be dealt with as part of the annual review process and presented to the next Committee
51/2005	Wishaw Stroke Group	£2,602	Application received too late to process assessment for this Committee
		£38,290.00	