

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2005	Ref: GF/JD	

**1. Purpose of Report/Introduction**

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

**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 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.

2.3. The overall Section 10 Budget for 2005/06 is £442, 386. At its previous meetings this financial year the Committee has awarded funding of £372,517 leaving a budget of £69,869 to meet any further applications which may be received.

**3. Proposals/Considerations**

3.1 The Department has received 3 further applications for funding from:

- North Lanarkshire Forum on Disability
- North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance
- Monklands Council on Addictions

- 3.2 North Lanarkshire Forum on Disability is a current Section 10 Grant holder, which has already been awarded funding of £11,000 this year. The organisation is seeking an additional grant of £8,000 to meet a shortfall in revenue costs. The shortfall has arisen as a result of the organisations Lottery Funding coming to an end in April of this year. An extension application for this funding was refused by the Lottery in August. The lottery funding had previously subsidised the organisation's running costs.
- 3.3 Officers from the Department have been meeting with the organisation to examine the current situation and assist the Forum look towards its future. A grant at this stage would allow the organisation to meet its core commitments until the end of the financial year. It is recommended that an award of £8,000 be made, which would bring the organisation's funding from Section 10 up to £19,000 for 2005/06.
- 3.4 North Lanarkshire Muslim Women and Family Alliance is a well established organisation providing educational, social, cultural and welfare support to Muslim women and families in North Lanarkshire. The organisation recently organised a "Building Bridges" Seminar supported by the Council which attracted over 200 participants including council officers and local voluntary organisations. The organisation currently receives funding from Community Services to support its educational and youth work programmes and is seeking funding from Section 10 Grants to support its welfare related work. It is recommended that an award of £1,326 be made.
- 3.5 Monklands Council on Addictions is another existing grant holder having received funding from Section 10 in previous years. The Committee awarded the organisation £9,000 for 2005/06. The organisation has now made an additional application for Section 10 funds to provide for much needed clerical assistance. The current grant does not cover this type of support. It is recommended that an award of £3,000 be made.
- 3.6 Further details and a summary of each recommendation is contained in Appendix 1 to this report

#### 4. **Financial/Personnel/Legal/Policy Implications**

- 4.1. The remaining Section 10 funding available this financial year for any new applications is £69,869. If the recommendations for funding totalling £12,326 as outlined in Appendix 1 is approved this will leave a balance of £57,543 for any further applications during the year.

#### 5. **Recommendation**

- 5.1. The Committee is asked to:
- i. Approve the recommendations for funding as outlined in appendix 1



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**7 October, 2005**

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## RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Summary of Assessment and Recommendation
29A/2005	North Lanarkshire Forum on Disability - A developing umbrella organisation seeking to represent the interests of people with disabilities across North Lanarkshire	£8,000	<p>The organisation is going through a considerable period of change and development moving from a predominantly area based (Motherwell and District) organisation providing benefits advice and advocacy services to a more representative and campaigning role. The Department is keen to support the development of strong representative organisations that can effectively engage with partners and effectively represent the needs and interests of people with disabilities. This will be of particular relevance with the implications of the Disability Discrimination Act taking effect in 2006.</p> <p><b>Approve award of £8,000</b></p>
54/2005	North Lanarkshire Women and Family Alliance - provides support to a large number of women and families throughout North Lanarkshire	£1,326	<p>This is a well established organisation who provide welfare support to isolated families. Their activities currently based within the Alexander Resource Centre caters for over 140 individuals from children to older people. As well as the centre based activities the organisation delivers outreach work to isolated families and offer particular assistance to those experiencing long term illness, domestic abuse and stress.</p> <p><b>Approve Award of £1,326</b></p>
7A/2005	Monklands Council On Addictions - providing a voluntary counselling service	£3,000	<p>The application will provide much needed clerical support to assist the organisation deal with the increasing demand for its services and improve communication and links with addiction developments across North Lanarkshire.</p> <p><b>Approve Award of £3,000</b></p>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£12,326</b>