

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SECTION 10 GRANTS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 24 AUGUST 2006	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 2006/07 is £430,653. At previous Committees on the 9th March and 18th May funding of £388,421 was awarded leaving a budget of £42,232 to meet any new applications this financial year.

3. Proposals/Considerations

3.1 Committee is being asked to consider 3 applications for Section 10 funding:

- Lanarkshire Rape Crisis which is seeking funding of £10,136 to meet 50% costs of a Support Co-ordinator post. The recommendation of the assessment is to support the application.
- Lanarkshire Childcare Services seeking funding of £4,001 to provide an additional post to cover Social Work referrals. The recommendation of the assessment is to refuse the application as the cost of referrals are already met from other sources.
- And the Addiction Recovery Centre (Kirkintilloch) which is seeking funding of £21,914 to meet transport and other costs. The recommendation of the assessment is to refuse the application due to the overlap with existing public sector and community based services.

3.2 Further information on the assessments and recommendations in relation to the above applications is provided 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 £42,232. If the application from Lanarkshire Rape Crisis for £10,136 is approved and the applications by Lanarkshire Childcare Services and the Addiction Recovery Centre are refused this will leave a balance of £32,096 for any remaining applications during the year.

5. Recommendation

5.1. The Committee is asked to:

- i. Approve the recommendation to award the Lanarkshire Rape Crisis £10,136
- ii. Approve the recommendation to refuse the applications by Lanarkshire Childcare Services and the Addiction Recovery Centre.
- iii. Otherwise note the contents of the report.



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 27 July, 2006

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APPENDIX 1

RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS

Ref. No.	Organisation	Amount Requested	Summary of Assessment and Recommendation
37/2006	Lanarkshire Rape Crisis (formed in 2004 with funding from the Scottish Executive)	£10,136	Although still in the early stages of development the increase in workload has prompted the need for additional staff support to develop the telephone helpline and the support of volunteers. The grant will fund 50% revenue costs of a support co-ordinator post. South Lanarkshire Council is providing the remainder of funding. Recommend award of £10,136
53/2006	Lanarkshire Childcare Services (LCS) - provides Out of School Care services in a number of locations	£4,001	The application seeks to fund an additional post to cover referrals from Social Work. The cost of referrals has been previously met through Area Team budgets. While the service appears worthwhile, is valued and used by the Department it is not appropriate to pay for the departments use of it through Section 10, rather the service should be procured through a more normal route. Recommend refusal
58/2006	Addiction Recovery Centre - a voluntary self help organisation based in Kirkintilloch	£21,914	The organisation is seeking funding to meet transport and other costs to enable a service to be offered to North Lanarkshire residents. The Council in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire has just re-configured addiction services and supported the establishment of a North Lanarkshire wide Council on Alcohol developing and delivering community based services. The service offered by the Addiction Recovery Centre does not appear to have any links with local services and is not one which the Council would see funded through grant aid. If it wished to procure the service it would do so through other means. Recommend refusal
			Total Recommended £10,136