

# North Lanarkshire Council Report

## Youth, Equalities and Empowerment Committee

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## Grant Awards Programme 2019-2020

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### Executive Summary

The Grant Awards Programme seeks to support community and voluntary organisations' contribution towards achieving outcomes included in the *Plan for North Lanarkshire*.

As Committee is aware, 53 applications were considered by the Policy and Strategy Committee at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Youth, Equalities and Empowerment Committee with further recommendations for Grant Awards Programme funding allocations for 2019-2020.

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### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Youth, Equalities and Empowerment Committee approve the funding recommendations for the 2019-2020 Grant Awards Programme as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

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### Supporting Documents

**Plan for North Lanarkshire** The Council's Grant Awards Programme supports all five of the priorities together with the following high level ambition statements in particular:-

Ambition 19: Improve engagement with Communities and deliver their capacity to help themselves.

**Appendix 1** Discretionary Funding to Support Voluntary and Community Organisations – Annual Funding Recommendations 2019-2020

## **1. Background**

### **1.1 Grant Awards Programme**

At its meeting on 20 August 2013, the former Learning and Leisure Services Committee approved the arrangements for the introduction of the Grant Awards Programme together with an associated scoring system against which all applications are assessed.

### **1.2 Grant Awards Programme – Budget 2019/20**

At its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 the council approved a package of budget reductions across 5 grant award funding streams totalling £280,000 which equates to a reduction in the Grant Awards Programme funding stream of 20% (£162,169). The remaining budget available to support the 2019/20 programme is £648,678.

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## **2. Report**

### **2.1 Grant Awards Programme 2019/20**

At its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 the Policy and Strategy Committee approved funding recommendations for the Grant Awards Programme for 53 organisations. At that time a further 18 applications were awaiting further information to allow full consideration.

Grant Awards totalling £547,091 were agreed by the Policy and Strategy Committee.

This report now brings forward recommendations for funding a further 11 applications. The remaining 7 still await further information to allow consideration.

Applications have been split into two categories depending on whether the organisation is currently funded or whether they are a new applicant.

### **2.2 Applications from Currently Funded Organisations**

Recommendations for existing funded organisations have made on the following basis:-

- Scores of 1 to 3 – a reduction in their current funding of 22%
- Scores of 4 and above – a reduction in their current funding of 26%

Of the 9 additional applications in this category, 3 have scored 1 to 3 and 6 have scored 4 or more.

## **2.3 New Applicants**

Each year the Council receives applications from organisations which are new to the programme.

Recommendations for new applicants have been made as follows:-

- Scores of 1 to 3 – award 15% of request
- Scores of 4 and above – no award

The 2 additional applications in this category both scored more than 4.

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## **3. Equality and Diversity**

### **3.1 Fairer Scotland**

An integrated Fairer Scotland/Equality Impact assessment on the budget saving option to reduce the funding for the Grant Awards programme was carried out and published on the Council's website. Higher scoring applications as assessed have been prioritised in terms of the funding allocations.

### **3.2 Equality Impact Assessment**

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## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial Impact**

Details of the additional grant award applications assessed and recommendations totalling £51,822 is listed in Appendix 1.

This will bring the total awarded so far to £598,913 set against an overall budget for the Grant Awards Programme of £648,678.

### **4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact**

None

### **4.3 Environmental Impact**

Many of the organisations funded via the Grant Awards programme deliver programmes/services that impact positively on the environment of North Lanarkshire communities.

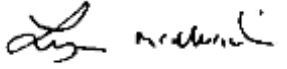
### **4.4 Risk Impact**

None

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**5. Measures of success**

- 5.1 Outcomes delivered by the Grant Funded Organisations meet those set out in their applications and assessed.
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## GRANT AWARDS PROGRAMME 2018-2019

## DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO SUPPORT VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS – ANNUAL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2018-2019

<b>Organisations currently funded or previous applicant</b>	<b>Area or Locality</b>	<b>2018-19 Award</b>	<b>2019-2020 Request</b>	<b>2019-2020 Recommendation</b>
Banton and Kelvinhead Community Centre Association	North	£1,763	£1,500	£1,305
Benhar Youth and Activities Club	Wishaw	£3,434	£8,010	£2,679
Cumbernauld YMCA-YWCA	North	£33,753	£37,500	£24,977
Deaf Services Lanarkshire	Coatbridge	£5,459	£48,000	£4,258
Friends of Airdrie and Coatbridge Islamic Centre	Airdrie	£3,369	£6,000	£2,628
LANDED Peer Education Service	Wishaw	£1,940	£1,800	£1,409
Terrence Higgins Trust Scotland	NL Wide	£4,997	£49,098	£3,698
The Health and Wellness Hub	Motherwell	£3,165	£50,000	£2,335
Victim Support Scotland	Motherwell	£11,531	£14,250	£8,553
<b>Total</b>				<b>£51,822</b>
<b>New Applicants</b>	<b>Area or Locality</b>	<b>2018-19 Award</b>	<b>2019-2020 Request</b>	<b>2019-2020 Recommendation</b>
Cool School Uniforms	Coatbridge	n/a	£2,000	Nil
People United for Banton	North	n/a	£50,000	Nil
<b>Total</b>				<b>Nil</b>