
To: **Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board**

On: **12 March 2019**

Report by: **Director of Communities, Housing and Planning**

Heading: **Voluntary Sector Grants**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the Council, through Communities, Housing and Planning, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations which offer or promote educational, social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.
 - 1.2 This report provides information on voluntary sector grant applications and makes a series of recommendations for grant support to voluntary and independent organisations for 2019/20. Currently a review of grants is taking place led by the Chief Executive's Service and it is intended that these grants will be included within the overall scope of this review.
 - 1.3 Acceptance of the recommendations contained within the report will result in £60,400 being disbursed in support of community groups and organisations.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board are asked to:
 - i) agree the recommendations as detailed in appendix 1 and appendix 2; and
 - ii) note that all grants awarded are subject to the Council's conditions of grant scheme.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the Council, through Communities, Housing and Planning, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations which deliver or promote educational, social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.
 - 3.2 The Council in conjunction with planning partners continues to support and develop educational, cultural and leisure opportunities in Renfrewshire. This is primarily achieved through the work and support offered to community groups. The specific activities recommended for funding support the outcomes of Renfrewshire's Community Planning priorities.
 - 3.3 Previously, Voluntary Sector Grants were approved through the Children and Education Policy Board. The application process continues to be managed by the Community Learning and Development Service which transferred to Communities, Housing and Planning on 1 July 2018. Future applications will now be presented to the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board for approval.
 - 3.4 The application process is open to groups offering a service to the local community with a focus on learning, sport or cultural activities. The application process is opened to groups each year in early December and closes late January with a final decision on potential grant awards taken at policy board in March. The application process supports organisations to apply for grant funding to support their organisation or a specific project being undertaken, or to apply for travel passes to support their activities and service provision.
 - 3.5 Grants under £5000 are distributed as a one-off payment in April/May with larger grants being distributed over two or four payments annually depending on the level of grant awarded.
 - 3.6 All grantees must abide by the Council's Conditions of Grants policy and sign an undertaking before the grant payment is made.
 - 3.7 Appendix 1 contains a list of recommended grants to be made to organisations in relation to specific areas of activity or projects – with a summary of the purpose for the grant noted.
 - 3.8 Appendix 2 contains a list of organisations where it is recommended that travel passes be provided to support their activities. Travel passes provide group leaders (adults) to travel with a minimum of 4 children on public transport and undertake trips, outings and visits over the school holiday periods. Freedom passes allow group leaders to take children with disabilities on similar outings where fewer children are required to travel i.e. one adult can travel with one child.
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Implications of this report

1. Financial

£60.510 will be disbursed during 2019/20 from the Communities, Housing and Planning budget.

2. HR and Organisational Development

None.

3. Community/Council Planning

Our Renfrewshire is thriving	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups enables communities to be active, engaged and thriving.</i>
Our Renfrewshire is well	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups recognises the key role individuals and groups make to community wellbeing and health.</i>
Our Renfrewshire is fair	- <i>The provision of community grants to local groups supports equity and fairness of opportunity for all.</i>
Our Renfrewshire is safe	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups contributes to the development of local communities.</i>
Reshaping our place, our economy and our future	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups supports individuals and groups to develop skills to improve personal achievements.</i>
Building strong, safe and resilient communities	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups supports communities to build capacity, build resilience and stay strong.</i>
Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups and effect governance ensures that community organisations meet legislative requirements for equality.</i>
Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire for all to enjoy	<i>The provision of grants to local groups supports community ventures which are sustainable.</i>
Working together to improve outcomes	- <i>The provision of grants to local groups supports community planning outcomes across the council.</i>

4. **Legal**
The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the Council to provide a range of grants.
 5. **Property/Assets**
None.
 6. **Information Technology**
None.
 7. **Equality and Human Rights**
None
 8. **Health and Safety**
None.
 9. **Procurement**
None.
 10. **Risk**
None.
 11. **Privacy Impact**
None.
 12. **Cosla Policy Position**
None.
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List of Background Papers

- (a) None
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Appendix 1

Grant Applicant	Purpose	Grant Awarded 2019/2020
Beechwood Management Board	General running costs	£21,000
Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	General running costs	£20,000
Right to Dance	Programme of high-quality dance classes throughout Renfrewshire.	£8,000
Glenburn Resource Centre	General running costs	£4000
Kilbarchan Athletic Association	Contribution to the Club Together Officer	£3000
Kelburne Hockey Club	Holiday Coaching Programme in partnership with Active Schools	£1000
Our Place Our Families	New IT equipment, volunteer expenses and accountant costs	£1000
Boy's Brigade Paisley	To prepare senior boys for the Queen's Badge.	£500
Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	To provide cricket sessions in partnership with Active Schools	£500
Paisley District School Football Association	Support general running costs	£400
Girl's Brigade	Lets for meetings and assist volunteers to deliver a varied programme.	£500
Greensyde Carers	To provide arts and craft activities to people with learning difficulties.	£500
		£60,400

Travel Passes Awarded

3 Bears
Bishopton Out of School Care
Cairellot
Child's Play
CK Out of School Care
Foxbar Out of School Care
Glencoats Lodge
Gryffe Manor
Hummingbird
Insafe Hands
Insafe Hands Newmains
Jennyswells Lochfield OSC
Jennyswells Todholm OSC
Johnstone Out of School Care
Kilbarchan Out of School Care
KLAS Care
Linwood Community Childcare
Momags Kids Club
Moorpark Community Association
Ralston Out of School Care
Renfrewshire Carers Centre
Renfrewshire Women's Aid
School's Out Summer Camp

Freedom Passes Awarded

Cairellot
Glencoats Lodge
Insafe Hands
Ralston Out of School Care