
To: Houston, Crosslee, Liwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

On: 5 September 2018

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Applications for Local Area Committee Grant Funding

1. Summary

1.1 The attached appendix details applications received for LAC grant funding.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the applications for Local Area Committee grant funding, as detailed in the appendix attached to this report, be considered.

Implications of this report

- 1. Financial Implications**
Any grant awards will be contained within the LAC's budget allocation for 2018/19.
- 2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**
None.
- 3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications** - The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.
- 4. Legal Implications**
Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants
- 5. Property/Assets Implications**
None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

12. COSLA Policy Position

None.

List of Background Papers

None

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	Ref. No.	Name of Organisation	Amount Requested	Number of Members/ users	Purpose of Grant	LACs applied to	Comments
	HOUSTON, CROSSLEE, LINWOOD, RIVERSIDE & ERSKINE LAC APPLICATIONS						
1	FR1212	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	£5,000	95 volunteers 72 members	Provision of activities for young carers	All five LACs	£1,000 per LAC
2	FR1219	Back to School Bank Paisley	£1,500	8 volunteers	Provision of new school uniform and sanitary products for those in need	All five LACs	£300 per LAC The group has confirmed that it has helped to provide school uniforms to families throughout all of Renfrewshire
3	FR1221	Erskine Youth Council	£2,530	10 members	'Erskine Escapes' event for young people	Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine	

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Reference		FR1212	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Renfrewshire Carers Centre	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	10
		Part Time	12
		Volunteer	95
		Member	72
Address/based	1.3	Unit 55 Embroidery Mill, Abbeymill Business Centre, Paisley PA1 1TJ	
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	The overall aims of our centre is to provide support, information and advice to carers giving them a life outside of caring. With our young carers our particular outcomes follow SHANARRI in getting it right for every child.	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrewshire Wide LAC Applying to: Renfrewshire Wide	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£5,000.00	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	The project provides information and advice to young carers in the Renfrewshire area as well as a network of support services to young people who are carrying out caring responsibilities. This environment provides peer support and creates a sense of belonging. It is an established forum for kids to tackle issues which may be affecting them and the opportunity to be children as often their caring role mitigates the chance of a childhood. We provide one to one support as well as group support. We also provide resources to schools. We sometimes have the opportunity to have social outings which provides a little respite in an often very hectic life. The young carers project was introduced due to a demand to provide a service for a marginalised, vulnerable group of young people. It was identified that young carers, were a hidden population, lacking in non-familial supports, who were socially and emotionally isolated. It was clear that many children in the area were providing care to a relative at home and that their rights were being ignored. Research at that time was limited on the needs of young carers but what quickly became apparent at a local level was that young carers needs were not being wholly met, thus impacting on all areas of their lives. The young carers project was borne out of this need and provided a safe, secure space for young people to come and offload and to be a child! The Young Carers Centre proposes working in partnership with Renfrewshire Leisure to offer a suite of leisure opportunities for young carers to participate in. This will lessen the impact that caring can have on children; will offer activities/leisure pursuits which the young person can look forward to. It will help to create a sense of belonging for the young person, it will promote healthy activity thus positively impacting on physical and mental wellbeing. With the implementation of The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, there is a duty on the local authority to carry out a Young Carer Statement in partnership with the young person. We are working alongside the local authority to carry out Young Carer Statements. It is	

		<p>anticipated that achieving outcomes for the young carers will involve participating in leisure activities. This will help the young person achieve their outcomes. It will give them a focus outside of their caring role and a chance at being a child first and foremost. Ability to offer young carers an opportunity to meet their desired outcomes, now enshrined in law. The suite of opportunities discussed with Renfrewshire Leisure will promote improved physical health of young carers. The demands of caring can affect both physical and mental health, it is anticipated that the introduction of participating in new activities will lessen the impact caring can have on both physical and mental health. The demands of caring can limit a young carers free time and the chance to meet up with friends. This will promote social as well as physical activity and provide the opportunity for young carers to meet regularly other young people experiencing similar situations as themselves.</p>		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	22,960.28		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	<p>Yes</p> <p>Funding is for wages and general running costs of the Carers Centre</p>		
<p>Have you applied for funding from any other sources?</p> <p>(This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)</p>	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	<p>Ability to offer young carers an opportunity to meet their desired outcomes, now enshrined in law. The suite of opportunities discussed with Renfrewshire Leisure will promote improved physical health of young carers. The demands of caring can affect both physical and mental health, it is anticipated that the introduction of participating in new activities will lessen the impact caring can have on both physical and mental health. The demands of caring can limit a young carers free time and the chance to meet up with friends. This will promote social as well as physical activity and provide the opportunity for young carers to meet regularly other young people experiencing similar situations as themselves.</p>		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months <i>(for office use only)</i>	2.13	Service Contract	546,414.00	Core funding for Centre
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Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00			
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	<p>Staffing costs based on two members of Staff from the Renfrewshire Leisure & one from Renfrewshire Carers Centre. All staff fully trained, PVG checked & all excursions & Activities will be fully risk assessed by Renfrewshire Leisure.</p>		<p>£3500</p> <p>£500</p> <p>£1000</p>
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		<p>Equipment & Clothing will be provided.</p> <p>Activities that will be on offer will include but will not be exhaustive basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, archery, fitness class, zumba, Football, hockey, kayaking, mountain biking, abseiling, raft building & Orienting.</p> <p>There will also be the opportunity for young carers to complete training with qualification if they want to pursue a carer in training.</p> <p>For equipment</p> <p>Transport costs @ £40 per day for 25 trips</p>		
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)				
Lead Officer Recommendation <i>(for office use only)</i>				

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Reference		FR1219		
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Back to School Bank Paisley		
How many members?	1.11	Full Time		
		Part Time		
		Volunteer	8	
		Member		
Address/based	1.3			
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	We aim to provide brand new school uniforms and other school essentials to children who need it from P1-S6. We want all children to feel the same pride, self respect and dignity as their peers.		
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrewshire Wide LAC Applying to:		
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£1,500.00		
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	We would like to continue the work of the uniform bank for as long as there is a need for it. We are inundated with referrals, especially at this time of year having provided almost 200 children with full, brand new school uniforms since 1st May 2018. We rely solely on donations from the public and local business to keep us afloat and really require significant funds at this time to ensure we can continue to fulfil the growing number of referrals that we are receiving. I am a primary teacher in Paisley and myself and colleagues see daily the children who come ill-prepared for school and the impact that this then has on their self esteem, confidence and also most importantly their learning. We decided to set up the uniform bank to service the Paisley area. We contacted local schools and local services to introduce ourselves and very quickly we were receiving referrals from across Renfrewshire. We now provide hundreds of referrals to families across the Renfrewshire Area. This project hopes to alleviate some of the financial pressure that families find themselves in when trying to provide school uniforms for their children. We source and buy new items only so as to ensure that all children feel the same sense of pride and self respect as theirs peers. We hope that with this funding we are able to continue to support the families of Renfrewshire. We would like to reach as many children as we can that need our help.		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	4,377.54		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	Yes Large uniform order being placed 6/8/18		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured

Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	We hope that with this funding we are able to continue to support the families of Renfrewshire. We would like to reach as many children as we can that need our help.		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months <i>(for office use only)</i>	2.13	None		
		None		
		None		
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00			
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Coats/Jackets	£300	£300
		School Shoes	£300	£300
		School Skirts & Trousers	£100	£100
		School Jumpers & Cardigans	£100	£100
		School Shirts & Polo Shirts	£100	£100
		P.E Kits & Stationery	£100	£100
		Uniforms for Secondary Pupils	£300	£300
		Sanitary Products	£200	£200
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Reference		FR1221	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Erskine Youth Council	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	1
		Part Time	2
		Volunteer	
		Member	10
Address/based	1.3	Renfrewshire Youth services, West Primary School/Newton St, Paisley PA1 2RL	
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	Erskine Youth Council is a youth voice group made up of youth members who work together to get young people's voices heard within their community and across Renfrewshire. Erskine youth voices main aim to offer more opportunities for their fellow young people in Erskine by planning and organising events within Erskine and the surrounding areas.	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	<p>Geographical Area: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine</p> <p>LAC Applying to: Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine</p>	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	£2,530.00	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3 2.9	<p>The purpose of the project is to involve young people in planning and participating in their own event and encouraging them to lead and deliver this project to other people in the community. Also to create an alternative activity that will allow disengaged young people to get involved with EYC and their future events.</p> <p>Erskine youth council was previously successful in gaining LAC funding to hold 10 youth friendly events within Erskine. From the success of the events young people have identified the need to continue to hold exciting and new youth friendly events within their area. Erskine youth council have achieved project planning experience holding these events and wish to continue to develop and use these skills to offer new activities and experiences to young people and their community. One of the events that EYC members planned was a team building day at Glasgow Escape rooms for other young people and group members. This inspired young people to want to create their own escape room in their local area to provide a Free event that hasn't been done before and will cater to people of all ages. This event will be known as Erskine Escapes. Depending on the success of this event it may later be delivered to other areas of Renfrewshire.</p> <p>Erskine Escapes event will be held during the October week holidays to tie in with the Halloween festival, the room will be Halloween themed. This will be a 2-day event. The venue Erskine Escapes will be Bargarran community centre, main hall. Young people will be at the forefront for planning and organising this escape room event and will be delivering the experience to other people with the support of youth services staff. This event will be advertised via social media and community pages along with posters and leaflets that are designed by EYC members. EYC will also be outreaching to other local youth voice groups create stronger partnerships with other young people in their local area.</p>	

		<p>Young people are designing the games and will build the set for The Erskine Escape's room prior to the event. Some materials will be transported such as furniture and rented media equipment. There will be two-day event. Each escape room experience will last around one hour long with 15-minute breaks to allow the rooms to be reset. The Escape room will be closed over but will be not be locked and there will be two staff members present in the room to monitor young people</p> <p>young people and their families can book online using Eventbrite. The escape room will be adapted throughout the day to cater for different ages and abilities; there will be children's room (10-12 years old), teenager's room (13-16 years old) and young adult's room (17-25 years old). Slots can also be booked for Youth groups and Families using the youngest members age as the ability (aged 10+ only).</p> <p>To create partnerships with other local youth groups within Renfrewshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building confidence to deliver an event • Increasing communication skills when working with other groups • Young people will gain experience planning an event, these skills can be transferred to many future work place situations • Young people will learn skills from developing an idea, to planning it and bringing it into fruition • To create a unique event that will leave a lasting impact • Young people will have a sense of achievement seeing their ideas and vision become reality • To feel more connected to the community • Spread awareness of Erskine Youth Council 		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	1,846.63		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	<p>Yes</p> <p>This money is remaining from previous LAC funding to carry out a 10 month Saturday club events within Erskine. There is still two Saturday club month events remaining and an EYC Junior trip to Heads of Air that require this remaining funding . £2435.20 has been spent in July for Youth voice residential since current bank statement leaving a remainder balance of £1846.63- this is stated in our attached 2017-2018 accounts spreadsheet.</p>		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	<p>To create partnerships with other local youth groups within Renfrewshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building confidence to deliver an event • Increasing communication skills when working with other groups • Young people will gain experience planning an event, these skills can be transferred to many future work place situations • Young people will learn skills from developing an idea, to planning it and bringing it into fruition • To create a unique event that will leave a lasting impact • Young people will have a sense of achievement seeing their ideas and vision become reality • To feel more connected to the community • Spread awareness of Erskine Youth Council 		

Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months <i>(for office use only)</i>	2.13	LAC funding		Group trip to the London Parliament.	
		LAC funding	6,070.00	Raising group profile to gain new members. holding 10 youth friendly Saturday club events within Erskine and a Youth voice residential. To buy laptop, equipment and uniform to carry out event planning duties.	
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00				
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Venue £22 per hour x 8 hours per day One day set up with trial group + 2 day event Staffing 4 staff x £12 per hour Escape Room Set and puzzles Advertising Film and editing Skills workshop for young people learn and create the projected film Projector and screen hire Music and sound equipment hire	528 1152 300 50 200 100 200	528 1152 300 50 200 100 200	
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