

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Name of Committee	:	Resources Management
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Title of Report	:	Applications for Funding from the Youth Activities Small Grant Budget 2007/2008
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Consultation undertaken with	:	The Joint Elected Member and Youth Action Committee Youth Activities Small Grant Funding Group; City Solicitor; City Chamberlain; Principal Solicitor, Resources Management; Senior Assistant Accountant, Resources Management

Summary of Report

The report sets out the following:

1. Recommendations made by the Youth Activities Small Grant Funding Group for the first round in the financial year 2007/2008 –Closing Date 28 August 2007 and
2. Details of the groups that have received awards and the numbers of young people who have benefited during the annual year 2006.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the summary of applications and ratify the Funding Group's recommendations;
2. Instruct the Head of Community Planning and Regeneration to arrange for the distribution of funds and
3. Note the detail of the evaluation and analysis.

Links to the Community Plan and to Vibrant, Dynamic & Forward Looking

- The report supports priorities of a Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward-looking Aberdeen, and the Council's and Partner's commitment to develop integrated services for children and young people. It links to the Strengthening Local Democracy Strategy, Getting Involved and Neighbourhood Action Challenges of the Community Plan. It links to the Community Safety Strategy and the Action Plan for Crime Reduction.

Implementation

Staff in Strategic Leadership, Community Planning and Regeneration administer the Youth Activities Small Grant Fund. Applications are invited up to five times in the year to coincide with Committee dates. The invitation to apply depends on there being money remaining in the budget. Representatives of the Youth Action Committee and nominated elected members consider and make recommendations to the Resources Management Committee.

Resource Implications

People : As per Implementation. A Development Officer manages the operation of these grants.

Finance : The Council approved the Youth Activities Small Grants Budget for 2007/2008 at the Finance Monitoring Sub Committee meeting of 6 March 2007. The approved budget earmarked £50,000 in grants available for financial year 2007/2008.

Systems & Technology : None

Property : None

Other Equipment : None

Other : None

Other Implications

Health & Safety : None

Risk Management : The main risk is that the small grant fund is managed and co-ordinated appropriately, and that grant use is monitored.

Human Rights/ Equalities/Diversity : The grant fund will be openly and widely publicised. No applications will be considered after advertised closing dates.

Equalities Impact Assessment : An Equalities Impact Assessment has not yet been carried out on the Youth Activities Small Grant budget guidelines. This will be carried out prior to the next committee cycle.

Sustainability : None

Environmental : Young people may apply for funding for environmental activities.

Social : The Youth Activities Small Grant Funding offers young people opportunities to contribute to the life of the city and to their communities. Young people receiving funding are likely to benefit in terms of experience, confidence and skills.

Economic : None

Construction : None

Signature :

Main Considerations

	Balance of Budget available 2007/2008	£52,000
	Total Budget available 2007/2008 (A group that were earlier awarded funding (£2,500) returned it to the budget, as they were no longer in a position to use it.)	£52,500
	First round of applications (closing date 28 August 2007) for the Youth Activities Small Grant Budget 2007/2008. 25 awards made.	
	Total Awarded	£24,908
	Amount remaining in budget	£27,592

- 1 Representatives from: The Council's Youth Action Committee, the Convenor of Resources Management, the Chair of the Aberdeen Children and Young People's Services Strategic Planning Group or their nominated representatives and one other elected member consider the applications on behalf of the Resources Management Committee and are known as the Funding Group.
 - 1.1 The closing date for the first round of funding was 28 August 2007. The Funding Group considered the applications on 5 September 2007.
 - 1.2 36 applications were considered in this round, 37 were received initially. One applicant withdrew their application request prior to the closing date. 25 awards were made, 8 applications were deferred for further information to be provided and 3 applicants were not awarded funding principally because they were seeking retrospective funding. Appendix 1 holds the detail of applications received and the decisions made.
 - 1.3 The total sum awarded in this round is £24,908. The total budget remaining £27,592. As is usual a folder containing the full copies of all the applications received will be available in the Member's Lounge. The Funding Group has also requested that a copy of the reports provided by groups, following the spending of their award, is also made available for Councillors.

- 2 **Evaluation of the groups awarded funding in the annual year 2006 from the Youth Activities Small Grant Funding.**
 - 2.1 The total awarded to groups during rounds six to ten (inclusive) was £104,928. 88 groups benefited from funding. Appendix 2 gives a breakdown of the amount of individuals benefiting, the nature of the groups and also the activities supported.

**Youth Activities Small Grants Fund
Applications Received For 28 August 2007 Closing Date**

Appendix 1

Group Name and No	Summary of Application	Requested	Decision & Comment	Amount Awarded	Balance
					£52,500.00
YAG 07/1 Torry Academy Radio Station Group	Funding requested to buy specific equipment to enable the group to record and then play material through existing school speakers.	£300.00	This is a good application which demonstrates that the young people have worked well to find the best cost effective way to meet their aims.	£300.00	
YAG 07/2 Grampian Youth Darts	Funding requested to support this group to travel to competitions.	£1,500.00	More information is required before a decision can be made. This application has been deferred to the next round.	£0.00	
YAG 07/3 Torry Academy Puzzle Club	Funding requested to buy equipment for this after school activity	£300.00	This is a nice idea that means that a 10 week programme can be run for a reasonable cost.	£300.00	
YAG 07/4 Scottish Business in the Community - Community Sports Challenge	Funding requested to support this charitable group to provide further opportunities for young people including in Regeneration Areas to participate and compete in various sporting activities in August, September and early October.	£1,500.00	Funding cannot be awarded retrospectively. The timing of this application means that most of the activities will have taken place before the Committee can take a decision.	£0.00	
YAG 07/5 Torry Academy Campaigns and Fundraising Group	Request for funding to allow the group to continue their work in the school and the local community.	£85.00	This is a developing group that is very well worth supporting. They have made a wide range of networking links that will be useful.	£85.00	
YAG 07/6 Dee Boys' Club U16's Football Club	Request for funding to cover costs of hire of all weather pitch and also some specific equipment.	£1,000.00	This is a good well detailed application that meets all our criteria.	£1,000.00	

YAG 07/7 Bankhead Academy Senior Pupils Outdoor Education Group	Funding towards the cost of an outdoor activities programme.	£1,270.00	This award is made to support this activity but not for the cost of tutors. The idea of various tasters covering a thirty week programme is a good one.	£1,050.00	
YAG 07/8 Channel Five Theatre Company	Funding requested to help with staging a rock musical "Tommy"	£1,500.00	There are a lot of young people involved in this project doing various activities. People are given good opportunities to discover their talents.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/9 Marpool Special School - Huntly, Glamis, Edinburgh, Fyvie and Stirling classes	Funding requested to buy fitness equipment	£518.00	This is a good detailed application telling the story of exactly what the young people involved want to do. There is a real need for young people to experience many different activities.	£518.00	
YAG 07/10 Aberdeen Children's Young Volunteers	Funding requested to enable a production to be staged at a conference in August 2007	£500.00	It is unfortunate that the timing of this application and its consideration means that this event has already taken place. Retrospective funding is not given.	£0.00	
YAG 07/11 Bramble Brae Pupil Council	To buy disco equipment.	£1,000.00	This application shows great initiative by this young Pupil Council. The application is very well presented and clearly laid out with all the information required.	£1,000.00	
YAG 07/12 Ashgrove Children's Centre	To fund parent and child play sessions and outings.	£1,500.00	More information is required before a decision may be made. Deferred to next round.	£0.00	
YAG 07/13 The Leadside Trust	Funding requested for decorating meeting space and for some equipment.	£1,475.00	There is a fairly large amount of young people involved in this group. The group themselves will be carrying out some of the work they have identified as needing done.	£1,475.00	

YAG 07/14 Girls Group Cults Academy World Challenge	Funding requested towards a community development project in Zambia and Botswana	£1,500.00	More information is required before a decision may be made. Deferred to next round.	£0.00	
YAG 07/15 Child and Family Service	Funding for expenses in relation to fun days during October 2007	£500.00	Deferred. Awaiting a report from previous funding awarded.	£0.00	
YAG 07/16 Inchgarth Community Centre Youth Club	Funding is requested to allow the group to organise and attend an Outdoor Residential Centre.	£1,500.00	This is again a good idea from Inchgarth. Young people appear to be very involved in making this application and in developing activities for themselves with the help of staff and volunteers.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/17 The Gallowgators	Funding requested for various activities and equipment, including snowboarding and computer equipment.	£1,490.00	The award made reflects the fact that staff costs cannot normally be funded from this budget.	£1,130.00	
YAG 07/18 The Alex collie Short Mat Bowling Club	Funding requested to meet the costs of young people representing Scotland in the British Short Mat Bowling Championships.	£900.00	The award is made as a contribution towards the costs for 3 young people to attend	£500.00	
YAG 07/19 Aberdeen and District Motor Club	Request for funding to support 16 young people in taking part in a new initiative - Young People in Motorsport	£506.00	Unfortunately this opportunity has already taken place according to the timetable provided. Funding is not awarded retrospectively.	£0.00	
YAG 07/20 The Group- A Voice of Reason	Funding requested to allow the further development of this fairly new group.	£1,000.00	It is agreed to support this group in their further development. It is hoped that they are successful in finding sustainable funding to support the good work that they have undertaken.	£1,000.00	
YAG 07/21 Torry Youth Karate Club	Funding requested towards the cost of young people travelling to and attending a residential for training and grading.	£1,500.00	This is a good activity which the young people are obviously very involved in.	£1,500.00	

YAG 07/22 Templar's Park Scout Campsite	Funding requested to buy various equipment for use at Templar's Park	£1,485.60	This award reflects the fact that this facility is well used by many children and young people from across the city and attending many different groups. The funding will enable activity to continue for many years.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/23 Torry Youth Cafe	Funding requested to employ IT tutor and for some equipment.	£1,500.00	This funding is not normally available for staff costs and the award made reflects this.	£500.00	
YAG 07/24 Aberdeen and NE Scotland Wing Air Cadets	Request for funding towards the cost of sporting activities.	£900.00	More information is needed before a decision may be made. Deferred to next round.	£0.00	
YAG 07/25 Aberdeen Wing Air Training Corps	Funding requested towards the provision of climbing equipment.	withdrawn		£0.00	
YAG 07/26 Bucksburn Novice Juvenile Pipe Band	Funding requested to buy capes for band members.	£1,400.00	Funding may only be used for children and young people who live in the city. This award is for the 8 young people from the group that live in Aberdeen.	£400.00	
YAG 07/27 Torry Youth Project	Funding requested for week end residential in 2008	£1,800.00	Deferred to next round for more information.	£0.00	
YAG 07/28 Special Needs Youth Group	Funding requested to allow the young people to plan organise and enjoy a Christmas party	£350.00	Funding agreed. The group meets all criteria.	£350.00	
YAG 07/29 Teenage Mums' Group	Funding requested to allow the group to travel to London and to present a workshop about their work highlighted in a booklet they have produced. Also to receive a presentation from the London group.	£1,805.00	This group have done a great deal of useful work and have been commended on that. This is a very good piece of work they are now undertaking. The award is the maximum available under the agreed criteria for this funding.	£1,500.00	

YAG 07/30 Vintage	Funding requested to support a young Enterprise Project.	£1,500.00	It is good that young people are getting involved in raising funds for charity while at the same time learning a great deal and having fun. This application supports citizenship.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/31 Aberdeen Oilcats Flag Football Club	Funding to assist the current youth and senior squads to travel to away games.	£1,500.00	This is a very clear and well documented application and reflects the young people's determination to continue and develop this activity in Aberdeen.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/32 Charleston Netball Club	Funding to assist the team to take part in a netball tournament in Malta.	£1,500.00	Funding agreed towards the cost of the team travelling to Malta to compete. This is apparently a first for Aberdeen.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/33 Music 4U	Funding towards hire of rehearsal venue and basic costume items.	£1,500.00	This group continues to develop and as well as providing fun and learning for many children and young people of differing abilities they also take their talents to other groups in Aberdeen and provide entertainment and fun for them.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/34 Torry Academy	Funding requested towards the cost of 84 pupils travelling to Paris.	£1,500.00	The award is made toward the cost of the children and young people travelling to Paris to provide concerts whilst there.	£1,500.00	
YAG 07/35 Senior Youth - Youth Achievement Group Award Bronze and Silver	Funding requested to buy resources to allow the group to evidence their work.	£294.96	This is a good application fully involving young people. The request they have made will allow them to progress through these awards and will enable them to put something into their community.	£300.00	

YAG 07/36 Senior Youth Music Development	Funding requested for PA equipment.	£1,400.00	More information is needed before a decision may be made. Deferred to next round.	£0.00	
YAG 07/37 The Breakfast Club	Funding requested towards the cost of costume, set, props and script hire.	£1,500.00	More information is needed before a decision may be made. Deferred to next round.	£0.00	

Total Requested £41,279.56 Total Awarded This Round £24,908.00 £27,592.00

Youth Activities Small Grants Funding

Successful Applications Rounds 6-10
Closing Dates– 7 February 2006 – 14 November 2006.

Amount in fund in January 2006	£104,928
Amount in Fund at 30 December 2006	Nil

Evaluation of awards that have been made.

From the information given on the application forms and on the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Forms completed by all groups the following information is available:

- **Number of awards made** 88
- **Number of groups awarded** 88
- **Groups funded for the first time** 69

- **Number of individuals directly benefiting** 4456

The number of people benefiting is likely to be greater than this due to:

- members of the wider community are also benefiting
- equipment bought is likely to benefit children and young people for several years.
- some applicants are involved in putting on entertainment and events that in turn benefit many people.

- **Types of Groups receiving awards**

School	29	Community	49	Uniformed	10
TOTAL	88				

- **Types of Activity**

Sport	19	Dance/Drama	7	Music	8
Environmental	3	Out of city (trips)	9	Other	46
TOTAL	92	(some groups have more than one type of activity, for example: sport and out of city)			

- **Groups that include young people with support needs** 33
- **Groups that include young people from minority ethnic communities** 16

Areas of the City covered

North	29
South	19
Central	12
City-wide	32
TOTAL	92

(4 applications covered more than one area)

Groups by Gender

Male	9
Female	5
Mixed	74
TOTAL	88