

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE	18th November 2010
DIRECTOR	Annette Bruton
TITLE OF REPORT	Sports Grants
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/10/085

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report brings before the Committee applications for financial assistance from sports organisations and makes a recommendation for each application. There has been 1 funding applications received.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee considers the applications and approves the recommendations:

2.1 The Royal Life Saving Society – Scottish Northern Branch	£662.60
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3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Assistance sports budget for the year 2010/11 is £69,000. Assuming that the recommendations are approved there will be £31,501.90 funding available for the remainder of the financial year.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The local sports groups and organisations adopt a variety of methods to attract funding, however, some groups would be unable to host an event or develop further without the financial assistance from this grant. Groups who do not meet the criteria will be assisted by officers to source alternative solutions.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

The Financial Assistance budget for 2010/11 has been set by the Council at £69,000. A copy of the guideline notes for sports organisations is included in the City Council Funding Pack sent to potential applicants. In addition a copy of the new sports grants criteria approved at the Education, Culture and Sport Committee on the 8th of October 2009 is provided outlining the assessment process.

The new criteria are directly linked to the five key objectives of Fit for the Future, the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for Aberdeen. Applicants are assessed against the criteria and recommendations made for Committee approval.

The Royal Life Saving Society - Scottish Northern Branch

This funding application is to support a Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) awareness day in Aberdeen. This awareness day has been provisionally scheduled for March 26th 2011 at the Beach Leisure Centre.

The primary purpose of the event is to raise children's awareness of the danger in and around water. The RLSS also aim to use the awareness day to strengthen the existing Rookie Lifesaving based at Hazlehead Swimming Pool and also look to establish new Lifesaving clubs throughout the city.

The event will be open and free to the public and will be advertised within all schools, clubs, afterschool clubs and community centres.

In order to enhance the event, the RLSS have also invited other services to attend the awareness day. This includes the Fire Service, Grampian Police, Coast Guards, Ambulance, Aberdeen Aquatics and Beach lifeguards and each service will be given a promotion stand and an opportunity to present.

The RLSS Scottish North Branch is run exclusively by volunteers from the area with the Branch Committee consisting of fully qualified Trainers in both Lifesaving and Lifeguarding. The amount requested in this application is a maximum of 50% of the total cost of the day and the Scottish Northern Branch have committed to meet the remaining costs through fundraising and other means.

Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
£662.60	£662.60

6. IMPACT

The report relates to the Arts, Heritage and Sport strand of the Community Plan, specifically in relation to the Sports, Leisure and Recreation vision of developing Aberdeen as an "Active City".

The report also links to Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking through Culture, Arts and Sport:

- Increase participation in sport, provide support for athletes and reward excellence
- Recognise the contribution of Sport, Culture and Arts to promoting the area as a tourist destination
- Recognise the role of Sport and Arts in tackling anti-social behaviour

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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