

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Finance and Resources
DATE	15 March 2012
DIRECTOR	Stewart Carruth
TITLE OF REPORT	Applications for Financial Assistance 2011/12
REPORT NUMBER	CG/12/006

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present applications for financial assistance which have recently been received by the Head of Finance and to allow Members to make a decision on providing funding from the financial assistance budget.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee review the applications and suggested funding levels and approve:-

- i) £440 towards coach hire, in support of the annual bowling competition between Aberdeen and Dundee for the Meff-Spence Trophy.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial assistance budget for 2011/12 was originally £54,140. Prior to this Committee, approvals for support to partner organisations, affiliation fees and grants have amounted to £46,630. If approval were given to the suggested funding levels detailed in this report then a balance of £6,582 will be available for future applications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

If the proposed assistance is not provided it may raise issues on the sustainability of organisations or their ability to hold specific events which will bring or provide benefits to the City of Aberdeen and its citizens.

5. BACKGROUND

In considering ad-hoc applications for grants or donations the following general criteria are applied:-

- a) applications from individuals seeking sponsorship, for taking part in fundraising events abroad or for placements with charitable organisations or trusts in developing countries, are declined.
- b) applications from individuals or groups seeking assistance towards costs of excursions outwith the City are declined.

- c) applications which tend not to be supported are those from national organisations unless there was some clear and measurable local benefit, and health related applications which are seen as the clear responsibility of the health authorities.
- d) on a number of occasions assistance is provided to both local and national organisations, either in whole or in part, with the costs of hiring accommodation such as the Beach Ballroom for various fund-raising events and gatherings.

Applications

5.1 Bon-Accord Bowling Association – Meff-Spence Trophy (letter attached)

A request has been received from Bon-Accord Bowling Association to consider paying the cost of hiring a coach from Aberdeen to Dundee to take part in the annual bowling competition for the Meff-Spence Trophy. It should be noted that date of the competition is 20th June rather than 13th June per the attached letter.

Whilst the criteria for financial assistance of this nature do not normally obtain approval, there is a history of support being provided by the Council for this event which alternates between Aberdeen and Dundee for its location. In 2010, there was an approved budget of £400 towards the cost of transport.

The Association has sought two quotes for the transport which shows the lowest price being £440.

It is suggested that this funding should be approved.

6. IMPACT

The City Council will within financial constraints seek to support the voluntary sector and partnerships with the local community. All applicants will be given equal consideration within the general criteria for the disbursement of grants and donations from this budget.

Financial support from this budget can provide beneficial impact to those citizens and local organisations that make application and provide an opportunity to support the objective within the vision of being a Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking council.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Attached letter

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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BON-ACCORD BOWLING ASSOCIATION
(Instituted 1934)

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MEFF-SPENCE

Mr Peter Stephen,
Lord Provost,
Aberdeen City Council,
Town House,
3 Broad Street,
ABERDEEN.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Association the Annual fixture between the two Councils Aberdeen and Dundee for the year 2012 is on Wednesday 13th June and the venue is at Broughty Bowling Club, Broughty Ferry

I have been instructed to request that the Council consider paying the cost of the coach for this match, as it is an Inter City competition started by two Lord Provosts.

I have enclosed two quotes from reputable coach companies for your perusal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Archie Watt,
Honorary Secretary,
14th December 2011



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Archie Watt
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14th December 2011

Dear Mr Watt,

Thank you for your coach hire quotation request, please find details as follows:

13th June 2012

- Collect from Aberdeen at 1030hrs and travel to Dundee.
- Depart Dundee at 1900hrs and return to Aberdeen.
- The cost for a 49-seater coach is £440.

If you have any further queries, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Jen Burns
Burns Coaches

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F.A.O: Aileen Watt.

As per telephone conversation today 14th Dec 2011

- Please find attached the quote for the hire for Wed 13th June 2012 from Aberdeen to Dundee. Leave Summerhill Indoor bowling Club @ 10.30 Arrive Dundee approx 11.45/12 noon & return from Dundee @ 19.00 to Aberdeen.
The cost for a 49 seat coach to do the run would be £475.00.
- Please contact me if & when you want to go ahead with this hire.

Regards



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