

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Finance & Resources
DATE	12th November 2009
DIRECTOR	Annette Bruton
TITLE OF REPORT	Application for Funding from the Youth Activities Small Grants Fund 09/10
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/09/051

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report sets out the recommendations made by the Youth Activities Grant Funding Group for the third round of funding for the financial year 2009/10, closing date 18 September.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The committee is asked to:

- a. consider the summary of applications and ratify the Funding Groups recommendations and
- b. Instruct the Head of Service, Community Planning and Regeneration to arrange for distribution of the funds.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The council approved the Youth Activities Grant Budget for £50,000 for the year 2009/10 at council on 12 February 2009.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The report supports priorities of a Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking Aberdeen, and the Council's Partner's commitment to develop integrated services for children and young people. In the policy statement "Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking" the Council sets out its aims to make Aberdeen an even better place to live and work. The Youth Activities Small Grant Funding by promoting the involvement of young people contributes to this aim. It links to the Strengthening Local Democracy Strategy, Getting Involved and

Neighbourhood Action Challenges of the Community Plan. It also links to the Community Safety Strategy and the Action Plan for Crime Reduction.

The Youth Activities Small Grants Fund contributes positively to equal opportunities. In particular, clear positive impacts have been identified for the following groups:

Young People in general; young people with disabilities both in terms of the impact of the activities funded and in terms of involving young disabled people; (there is a requirement under the Disability Equality Duty to encourage participation by people with disabilities in public life); young Gypsy/Travellers; and Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual young people.

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, and therefore contribute to Single Outcome Agreement 4.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. REPORT

- a. Representatives from: The Aberdeen City Youth Council, 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 Finance and Resources Committee and are known as the Funding Group.
- b. The closing date for this round of funding was 18th September 2009. The Funding Group considered the applications on 29th September 2009.
- c. **17** new applications were received for this round and **2** deferred from round 3 were also considered by the Funding Group. It is recommended that **14** awards are made, **4** are deferred pending further information and **1** award is not made due to not meeting criteria. Appendix 1 holds the detail of applications received and the recommendations made.
- d. The total sum recommended for approval in this round is **£13679.00**. The balance after the last round was **£18140.00**: if the recommendations outlined are approved there will be an uncommitted budget of **£4461.00** remaining. As is usual, a folder containing the full original copies of all the applications received will be available in the Members' Library. The Funding Group has also requested that a copy of all reports provided by groups, following the spending of their award, is also made available in the Members Library as and when the reports are available.

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – shows the detail of received applications and recommendations being made to committee regarding funding.