

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: **Education, Culture and Sport**

DATE: **24 November 2009**

DIRECTOR: **Annette Bruton**

TITLE OF REPORT: **Sports Grants**

REPORT NUMBER: **ECS/09/057**

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 have been two funding applications received.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee considers the applications and approves the recommendations:

2.1	St Machar School of Football	£1400
2.2	Granite City Badminton Club	£ 500

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Assistance sports budget for the year 2009/10 is £69,000. Assuming that the recommendations are approved there will be £37,526 funding available for the remainder of the financial year, as detailed in Appendix 1.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY 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

5. 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.

6. REPORT

The Financial Assistance budget for 2009/10 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 outlining the assessment criteria in place. Applicants are assessed against the criteria and recommendations made for Committee approval. The increase in funding available provides the opportunity for partnership working with Governing Bodies and the neighbouring local authorities of Aberdeenshire and Moray, with regards to potential sports development.

St Machar Academy School of Football

This request is for funding in support of the cost of swimming pool hire for the provision of hydrotherapy sessions once a week as part of the school of football programme. These sessions are an essential requirement of the School of Football programme and compliment the football activity, helping to aid recovery from muscular pain and possible swollen joints. The programme aims to deliver an athlete development programme which will recruit disadvantaged young football talent at age 12 and provide an individualised programme that will enhance the young players' educational, physical, psychological and social development through the focus of football. There are currently 25 boys and 3 girls on the programme, which is delivered and managed by the Player and Coach Development Officer, funded by the Proceeds of Crime Act Funding in partnership with the school through the Deputy Head teacher. This is the second year of the funding and the outcomes for the first year with regards to the young peoples' confidence and self esteem have been very positive.

Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
£1400	£1400

Granite City Badminton Club

This request is to offset some of the costs incurred in the development of the youth section of the badminton club, which has increased significantly over the last season. The funding will contribute to additional facility hire costs and enable youth players of different levels to receive coaching appropriate to their stage of development. This will ensure that there is dedicated time and space available for both junior and adult club members to participate.

Funding Requested	Funding Recommendation
£500	£500

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Aberdeen City Council Funding Pack

Appendix 1

Summary Table of Financial Assistance Sports Awards 2009/10

Sports Organisation	Funding Awarded	Committee Approval
Aberdeen Churches League	£500	Resources Management 5/05/09
Aberdeen Primary Schools Netball Association	£500	Resources Management 5/05/09
City of Aberdeen Gymnastics	£3000	Resources Management 5/05/09
North East of Scotland Tennis	£2000	Resources Management 5/05/09
Scottish School Gymnastics	£1500	Resources Management 5/05/09
Torry Youth Karate Club	£1500	Resources Management 5/05/09
Sub total	£9000	
Scottish Disability Sport	£1200	Resources Management 16/06/09
Aberdeen Lacrosse Club	£1874	Resources Management 16/06/09
Scottish Rugby Union	£3000	Resources Management 16/06/09
Sub total	£6074	
Aberdeen Secondary Schools Football	£1000	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Aberdeen Sports Council	£7000	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Chris Anderson Trust	£2500	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Aberdeen Synchronised Skating	£2000	Education, Culture and Sport 27/08/09
Sub Total	£12500	
Hazlehead Academy Climbing Club	£500	Education, Culture and Sport 08/10/09
Aberdeen Dolphin Swimming Club	£1500	Education, Culture and Sport 08/10/09
Sub Total	£2000	
Total funds disbursed to 08/10/09	£29574	