

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE Finance, Policy and Resources

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REPORT TITLE Small Financial Assistance Grants and Gala Funding 2017/18

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-**

1.1 To present application(s) for financial assistance and/or community gala grants to allow a final funding decision to be made.

**2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee consider the application(s) received, summarised in the table below, and agree that no grant award be made.

Grant Requests for Consideration (Greater than £2,500 or recommended for refusal)							
Requests received :							
From	For	Requested Amount £	Recommended Amount £	Financial Assistance £	Community Gala Grants £	Total £	More Detail
Community Gala Grants							
Austin MacAulay Publishers Ltd	contribution towards book publication - "The Aberdeen Volunteers Fighting in the Spanish Civil War"	1,300	0	-	-	-	Appendix 1

### 3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

3.1 At the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting of 9 March 2017 the Committee agreed that grant applications for more than £2,500 or applications which the Head of Finance recommended for refusal be presented to this Committee for consideration and final decision.

3.2 The grant criteria were also updated and are summarised below:

<b>Small Financial Assistance Grants</b>	
Who Can Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One-off requests which arise from time-to-time and do not fall within the assessment criteria of another established Council funding budget will be considered</li> <li>• Only one application per individual/group/organisation will be considered in any financial year</li> </ul>
How Much is Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fund has limited resources. Applications can only be considered whilst budget remains available</li> <li>• The maximum grant that can be awarded for any individual application is £2,500.</li> </ul>
What We Will Not Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects/events already being funded from another Council Budget</li> <li>• Projects/events which secured a small financial assistance grant in the previous 12 months</li> <li>• Applications which do not demonstrate a clear benefit to the City or its residents</li> </ul>

<b>Community Gala Grants</b>	
Who Can Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One application per community group in each financial year for events within the City will be considered</li> <li>• Events should be for the benefit of the community as a whole or which the inhabitants at large may share</li> </ul>
How Much is Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fund has limited resources. Applications can only be considered whilst budget remains available</li> <li>• The maximum grant that can be awarded for any individual application is £2,500</li> </ul>
What We Will Not Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events outwith Aberdeen City Council Boundaries</li> <li>• Alcohol</li> <li>• Personal gifts</li> </ul>

3.3 An application has been received from Austin MacAulay Publishers Ltd for a contribution towards the publication of a book with the title “The Aberdeen Volunteers Fighting in the Spanish Civil War”. The application fails to demonstrate any clear benefit to the City or its residents and so does not meet the small financial assistance grant criteria above. It is therefore recommended that this grant application be declined.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The cost of any small financial assistance/community gala grant awarded can be met from the existing budget for this purpose. The total of grants approved to date and the budget remaining is shown below:-

Grants Approved						
				Financial Assistance £	Community Gala Grants £	Total £
2017/18 Budget				45,000	10,000	55,000
Grants Approved to Date				8,250	13,947	22,197
Budget Remaining						32,803

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### 6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

##### 6.1 Financial

6.1.1 There is a low risk that if funding is provided it will not be used for the purpose for which it is awarded.

##### 6.2 Other

6.2.1 Consideration has been given to employee; customer/citizen; environmental; technological; legal and reputational risk. No risk or impact was identified.

#### 7. IMPACT SECTION

##### 7.1 Economy

7.1.1 There are no direct implications on the economy arising from the recommendations of this report.

##### 7.2 People

7.2.1 By awarding grants the Council supports individuals, groups and organisations within the city and broadens the experiences available to the citizens of Aberdeen.

7.3 All applicants will be given equal consideration within the criteria for the award of grants from Council budgets.

7.4 Only reporting grant applications which are recommended for refusal or are for more than £2,500 should lead to an improvement in both staff and customer experience by reducing the administrative burden and shortening response time.

#### **7.5 Place**

7.5.1 There are no direct implications on the environment arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### **7.6 Technology**

7.6.1 There are no direct implications on technology arising from this report.

### **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None

### **9. APPENDICES (if applicable)**

9.1 Appendix 1 – extract from grant application form.

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**Project/Event Details**

Name of Project/Event: 'THE ABERDEEN VOLUNTEERS FIGHTING IN THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR'

Location: ABERDEEN (LONDON)

Date: A.S.A.P.!

Brief description of proposed project/event:

TO PUBLISH A BOOK ON THE ABOVE SUBJECT MATTER.  
(PROPOSED COVER ENCLOSED.)

**Financial Information****Total Cost of Project/Event**

Please provide details of total planned expenditure

Type of Expenditure	Amount
Eg hire of venue; food/drinks; travel; accommodation etc	£ 1,900.00
PRINTING, ETC	
Total (A)	

**Any Other Sources of Funding**

Please provide details of any other funding already secured for the project/event

Type of Funding	From	Amount
Eg grant; donation; fundraising event	Eg individual; other organisation (name)	£
PERSONAL PAYMENT	GEORGE SCOTT (SELF)	600.00
Total Other Funding (B)		

**Total Financial Assistance Requested**

Please provide a summary of the amount of funding being requested

Details	Amount
Usually Total (A) less Total (B).	£ 1,300.00
Total Amount Requested (C)	1,300.00

Proposed Book Cover

