

Education, Children and Families

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Children and Families Grants to Third Parties 2015/16

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Executive summary

This report details the awards of grants to organisations following the budget setting process for 2015/16.

The report also outlines a number of procedural changes to support the identification of the budget for the new Children and Families grants approach for 2016/17 onwards.

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Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1.1 Notes the 2015/16 budget approved by Council on 12th February which agreed an allocation of £2,437,426 for grants to third parties
- 1.2 Notes the awards to organisations outlined in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Notes the procedural changes outlined in paragraph 3.3
- 1.4 Notes that a further report in May will outline the results of the coproduction process to redesign the approach to grants for 2016/17 onwards.

Background

- 2.1 On 11 February 2014, the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee agreed “The transfer of responsibility for developing future grant programmes and making grant awards to executive committees and policy development sub-committees”.
- 2.2 The Committee also agreed that all grant programmes should be aligned to meet strategic plans, commissioning and capital coalition pledge priorities. The Review of Grants to Third Parties set out a requirement that all grant award recommendations should be co-produced with service users, carers and third sector organisations by April 2016. The review also recommended that co-produced grant programmes should ideally be funded for a period of three years to provide financial stability for recipient organisations.
- 2.3 In addition, the Better Outcomes Leaner Delivery (BOLD) workstream on third sector expenditure set out a recommendation to reduce third sector spend by 10% over three years. Service departments were instructed to decide how best to implement these proposals.
- 2.4 Given the pressures on the grants budget and the new approach being designed for 2016/17, Children and Families restricted access to the 2015/16 round to existing award holders.

- 3.1 A closing date of 5 December 2014 was set for award holders to apply for funding in 2015/16. Applications were received from all bar one of the existing award holders. The organisation concerned, Edinburgh Pre Nursery Services, ceased operations in June 2014
- 3.2 Children and Families then applied a 3.3% reduction to all organisations requesting funding with some organisations, following assessment, being subject either to a greater percentage reduction or, in the case of 6 organisations, no award being made. All organisations were notified of these funding intentions prior to the Council budget setting process in February of this year.
- 3.3 There are 76 awards reported in Appendix 1 for 2015/16 totalling £2,437,426
- 3.4 Within these awards there are four organisations that were not named in the 2014/15 grants report. These organisations were previously in contractual arrangements with the Council and it was decided that a grant arrangement for 2015/16 was the most suitable method of supporting the activity undertaken by these organisations
- 3.5 To enable a smooth transition to the new grants approach for 2016 and beyond there are a number of procedural changes being put in place as follows;
 - Of the awards reported in Appendix 1, nine meet the costs of services provided directly by the Council. These budgets will be transferred to the relevant service area along with the requirement for making savings of 3.3% for years 2016/17 and 2017/18
 - The budgets for existing funds that award to individual young people involved in sporting or cultural activity will also be transferred to the relevant service area along with the requirement for making savings of 3.3% for years 2016/17 and 2017/18
 - The award to LAYC for the development of childcare cooperatives, whilst reported in the grants' report, has been set up as a contract. This budget will be transferred to Schools and Community Services along with the requirement for making savings of 3.3% for years 2016/17 and 2017/18
 - The award to Aberlour is for 6 months only without any saving requirement in that period as it will be part of a wider redesign process of CAPSM (Children Affected by Parental Substance Misuse) services which is being undertaken. It is expected that the new citywide service will start on 1st October following a procurement process and the savings required from this award will be applied when it is transferred to the CAPSM Services budget

- 3.6 The above changes will clarify the level of resource that will be available through the new 2016/17 grants approach which will only be open to applications from voluntary organisations
- 3.7 Work has started on developing the new Children and Families approach to grants for 2016/17 onwards. This work is being guided by the principles of coproduction albeit within a tight timescale and has involved ongoing dialogue with existing award holders as well as with organisations that have not previously been in receipt of a Children and Families award. A further report on this process will be presented to Committee in May.

Measures of success

- 4.1 Each grant recipient is required to complete a funding agreement that details SMART targets to be achieved by the organisation within the funding period. The achievement of these targets contributes to departmental objectives and service plan.

Financial impact

- 5.1 The total figure for the grant awards recommended in Appendix 1 is £2,437,426 which is the allocation agreed by Council on February 12th 2015.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 This report is compliant with the recommendations of the Review of Grants to Third Parties and will be complemented by a further report to Committee in May which will outline the results of the coproduction process to redesign the Children and Families approach to grants for 2016/17 onwards.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 The funding of activity by third parties through grant aid contributes to the Council's delivery of its Equality Act 2000 duty to seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality and foster good relations.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The awarding of grants to third parties enables the Council to meet Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies Duties as well as contributing to the city's Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 objectives.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 There was engagement involving stakeholders to review the third party grants process throughout 2013. Specifically this includes:
- Council Review of Grants to Third Parties – Discussed by the Compact Partnership Board on 1 March 2013.
 - Discussion at Communities and Neighbourhoods Policy Development Meeting and Review Sub Committee on 4 June 2013.
 - Meetings of the Compact’s Council Grants to Third Parties Reference Group from June to October 2013.
 - Release of approved Council Grants to Third Parties Review Scope and Remit on the Council website and linked to the Compact and Third Sector Interface websites in early July 2013.
 - Grants Review Survey for current and potential grant recipients issued in July/August 2013.
 - Update report to the meeting of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee in 24 September 2013.

Background reading/external references

[Review of Council Grants to Third Parties 2013-14, Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee, 11 February 2014](#)

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Links

Coalition pledges	P6 - Establish city-wide co-operatives for affordable childcare for working parents P12 - Work with health, police and third sector agencies to
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expand existing and effective drug and alcohol treatment programmes

P36 - Develop improved partnership working across the Capital and with the voluntary sector to build on the "Total Craigroyston" model

Council outcomes

CO1 - Our children have the best start in life, are able to make and sustain relationships and are ready to succeed

CO2 - Our children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens making a positive contribution to their communities

CO3 - Our children and young people at risk, or with a disability, have improved life chances

CO4 - Our children and young people are physically and emotionally healthy

CO5 - Our children and young people are safe from harm or fear of harm, and do not harm others within their communities

CO6 - Our children's and young people's outcomes are not undermined by poverty and inequality

CO10 - Improved health and reduced inequalities

CO11 - Preventative and personalised support in place

CO12 - Edinburgh's carers are supported

CO14 - Communities have the capacity to help support people

CO20 - Culture, sport and major events – Edinburgh continues to be a leading cultural city where culture and sport play a central part in the lives and futures of citizens

CO23 - Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community

CO25 - The Council has efficient and effective services that deliver on objectives

CO26 - The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnership to improve services and deliver on agreed objectives

Single Outcome Agreement

SO2 - Edinburgh's citizens experience improved health and wellbeing, with reduced inequalities in health

SO3 - Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential

Appendices

Grants to Third Parties 2015/16 – Proposals for Expenditure

Appendix 1

Children & Families Grants to Third Parties 2015/16

Applicant Organisation	Award
Aberlour Outreach Project	32,314
Action Group - Family Support Project	29,461
Adult Learning Link (East CLD) (internal)	39,301
Bingham and District 50+ Project	12,934
Broomhouse Centre	16,637
Buckstone Youth Club & Project	484
Cafe K	71,116
Canongate Youth Project	13,125
Cavalry Park Sports Club	4,535
CHAI	34,164
Children 1st - Family Support	49,792
City of Edinburgh Guides	10,105
CLD East Early Intervention (internal)	32,997
Corstorphine Youth and Community Centre	13,003
Couple Counselling Lothian	16,462
Craigmillar Community Arts	39,363
Craigmillar Summer Childcare (internal)	16,439
Craigmillar Summer Projects (internal)	46,845
Cruse	13,715
Currie Youth Club	5,299
Dr Bells Family Centre	49,603
Drylaw/Telford Community Association	39,163
Dunedin Canmore (Youth Project)	7,027
Early Literacy (Integrated Literacy Strategy) (internal)	37,230
Edinburgh Womens Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	7,377
EVOC	8,896
FABB Scotland	37,048
Family Group Decision Making (internal)	88,964
Family Mediation	35,000
Fet-Lor Youth Centre	4,662
Friends of the award	14,505
Gingerbread	14,886

Girl's Brigade	2,901
Gorgie/Dalry Community Association	29,003
Granton Youth Centre	112,849
Health Opportunities Team	145,541
HMP Edinburgh (Salvation Army)	4,835
Home Link	46,777
Inverleith CLD - Open Air Club (internal)	3,055
Kindred	13,581
LGBT - Youth Scotland	28,981
Lothian Association of Youth Clubs	5,512
Lothian Association of Youth Clubs (Childcare Cooperatives)	22,241
Muirhouse Youth Development Group	86,216
Multi-Cultural Family Base (4-2-7 Project)	7,414
Munro Community Centre	11,040
NKS	46,377
North Edinburgh Arts	3,707
North Merchiston Club	15,714
Northfield Community Centre (The BUZ)	8,777
Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre	40,006
Parenting Skills Programme (Parent and Carer Support) (internal)	136,023
Pilmeny Development Project	33,957
Pilmeny Youth Centre	22,842
Pilton Community Health Project	3,641
Pilton Youth and Children's Project	82,217
Play-Base Project	18,647
PRePare	38,566
Royal Zoological Society	34,735
Russian Edinburgh	1,837
RUTS	12,075
Sense Scotland	1,667
South East Scotland Regional Scout Council	21,758
Sports Award Fund	1,257
Stepping Stones (North Edinburgh)	11,990
Tall Oaks Youth Club	749
The Citadel Youth Centre	3,500
The Junction	98,107

The Ripple	106,534
The Yard	30,147
Venchie Children & Young Peoples Project	95,805
Wester Hailes Youth Agency	36,096
Workers Educational Association	25,640
Working with Men (Safer Families Edinburgh) (internal)	59,606
Youth Fund	44,371
Youth Work Strategy (internal)	38,680
	2,437,426