

# Education, Children and Families Committee

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## Communities and Families Small Grants to Third Parties 2016/17 – Proposals for Expenditure

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### Executive summary

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This report details the recommended awards to organisations submitting small grant applications to Communities and Families for 2016/17. The awards are made for one year and are for a minimum of £1,000 and a maximum of £10,000.

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| Coalition pledges        | <a href="#">P6</a> , <a href="#">P12</a> , <a href="#">P36</a>  |
| Council outcomes         | <a href="#">CO1</a> , <a href="#">CO2</a> , <a href="#">CO3</a> , <a href="#">CO4</a> , <a href="#">CO5</a> , <a href="#">CO6</a> , <a href="#">CO10</a> , <a href="#">CO11</a> , <a href="#">CO12</a> , <a href="#">CO14</a> , <a href="#">CO20</a> , <a href="#">CO23</a> , <a href="#">CO25</a> , <a href="#">CO26</a> |
| Single Outcome Agreement | <a href="#">SO2</a> , <a href="#">SO3</a>   |

## Communities and Families Small Grants to Third Parties 2016/17 – Proposals for Expenditure

### Recommendations

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Committee is requested to:

- 1.1 Note the 2016/17 Small Grants budget approved by Committee on 11 February 2016 which agreed an allocation of £108,000 for small grants to third parties
- 1.2 Approve the awards to organisations outlined in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 Note that support would be offered to unsuccessful applicants to discuss what additional internal and external assistance could be provided.

### Background

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- 2.1 On 11 February 2014, the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee agreed “To approve 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 has also agreed that all grant programmes should be aligned to meet strategic plan, commissioning and capital coalition pledge priorities. The Review of Grants to Third Parties also set out a requirement that all grant award recommendations should be co-produced with service users, carers and third sector organisations by April 2016.
- 2.3 In addition, the Council’s Transformation 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 This is the first time that Communities and Families has offered a Small Grants Programme. The recommendation to introduce this programme was made by the Member Officer Working Group set up to review the Main Revenue Grants Programme and reported to Committee on 19 May 2015, 6 October 2015 and 11 February 2016.
- 2.5 At its meeting on 11 February 2016, the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to reconvene the Third Party Payments Short Life Working Group to discuss lessons learned. EVOC and other groups will be co-opted onto the group as appropriate. This group will also consider the Small Grants Programme.

## Main report

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- 3.1 A closing date of 6 January 2016 was set for applications to the Small Grants Programme. A total of 40 applications were received with a total value of £357k. The total budget available is £108,000.
- 3.2 The Small Grants Programme will make awards of between £1,000 and £10,000. These awards are made for one year.
- 3.3 The Small Grants Programme can be used for revenue funding, project funding, testing new approaches, and capacity building for organisations. An evaluation report, recording the outcomes achieved with supporting evidence, is required for all awards.
- 3.4 Applications were assessed against agreed criteria and according to an approved assessment process. The guidance for applicants is less prescriptive than the Main Grants Programme but still retains a focus on outcomes.
- 3.5 Following the assessment of Main Revenue Grants and the external scrutiny of that process by Inspiring Scotland, the main recommendations resulting from that scrutiny have been taken into account when assessing the Small Grants applications. In particular, fewer assessors were involved and more time was allowed for assessments; and, overall and individual scoring for applications were checked.
- 3.6 The organisations recommended to receive awards, and the corresponding amounts, are listed in Appendix 1. In summary, the recommended award to each organisation is:
- **Barnardos** – parenting support project at HMP Edinburgh Visitor Centre. It will provide support to children and their families prior to and during visits to HMP Edinburgh - **£10,000**
  - **Capability Scotland** – Leisure 4 All. This will support children with additional support needs to access mainstream leisure services - **£9,997**
  - **Children 1<sup>st</sup>** – East Early Years Parent Group. To pilot a young parents group with Greendykes Early Years Centre - **£9,483**
  - **Clan Childlaw** – United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child for Looked After Children. This will promote and raise awareness of the rights of the child amongst professionals working with Looked After Children to ensure they can fully participate in decisions involving them - **£9,797**
  - **Edinburgh Community Food** – Food, Health and My Child. Providing intensive food and nutrition support to parents, addressing health inequalities with regards to infant nutrition - **£9,835**

- **Friends of the Award** – Raising attainment for positive futures. Extending the reach of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award to benefit young people in socially deprived areas, particularly marginalised young people - **£8,550**
- **Green Team** – discover, learn, connect project. This project will work with young children to introduce them to a wide range of fun and informative outdoor learning - **£9,855**
- **Girl Guiding Edinburgh** – to increase opportunities for girls and retain volunteers - **£10,000**
- **Jack Kane Community Centre** – The Drop In. Increase opportunities for children with multiple support needs to participate in positive, inclusive play - **£9,771**
- **Pilton Community Health Centre** – Young People’s Service. Providing counselling to young people experiencing stress and difficulty - **£7,398**
- **Shelter Scotland** – Edinburgh Gypsy/Traveller Children and Families Project. A targeted service that meets the unique needs of gypsy/travellers and improves the quality of life - **£9,989**

3.7 A range of support measures will be offered to those organisations which were unsuccessful in this round of funding. This will include workshops focused on building the capacity of organisations to identify alternative funding opportunities and develop applications more likely to succeed.

## Measures of success

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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 Council objectives and service plans.

## Financial impact

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5.1 The total figure for the grant awards recommended in Appendix 1 is £108,000 which is the allocation agreed by Committee on 11 February 2016.

## Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

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6.1 This report is compliant with the recommendations of the Review of Grants to Third Parties, which were accepted by the Education, Children and Families Committee.

## Equalities impact

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- 7.1 The funding of activity by third parties through grant aid contributes to the Council's delivery of its [Equality Act 2010](#) duty to seek to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality and foster good relations. An Equalities and Rights Impact Assessment has been carried out.

## Sustainability impact

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- 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

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- 9.1 There was engagement involving stakeholders to review the third party grants process throughout 2014 and 2015. Specifically this includes:
- The Elected Members Working Group met on seven occasions from October 2014 to June 2015.
  - Events with local organisations were held on 11 December 2014, and in February 2015. Over 120 people attended these.
  - An on-line survey elicited responses from 47 organisations
  - A mailing list of approximately 110 groups was used to keep organisations up-to-date.
  - Briefings were held for Children and Families staff in March 2015 and to the Payments to Third Parties Officers' Group.

## Background reading/external references

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## Links

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| <b>Coalition pledges</b>        | <p>P6 - Establish city-wide co-operatives for affordable childcare for working parents</p> <p>P12 - Work with health, police and third sector agencies to expand existing and effective drug and alcohol treatment programmes</p> <p>P36 - Develop improved partnership working across the Capital and with the voluntary sector to build on the “Total Craigroyston” model</p>  |
| <b>Council outcomes</b>         | <p>CO1 - Our children have the best start in life, are able to make and sustain relationships and are ready to succeed</p> <p>CO2 - Our children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens making a positive contribution to their communities</p> <p>CO3 - Our children and young people at risk, or with a disability, have improved life chances</p> <p>CO4 - Our children and young people are physically and emotionally healthy</p> <p>CO5 - Our children and young people are safe from harm or fear of harm, and do not harm others within their communities</p> <p>CO6 - Our children’s and young people’s outcomes are not undermined by poverty and inequality</p> <p>CO10 - Improved health and reduced inequalities</p> <p>CO11 - Preventative and personalised support in place</p> <p>CO12 - Edinburgh’s carers are supported</p> <p>CO14 - Communities have the capacity to help support people</p> <p>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</p> <p>CO23 - Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community</p> <p>CO25 - The Council has efficient and effective services that deliver on objectives</p> <p>CO26 - The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnership to improve services and deliver on agreed objectives</p> |
| <b>Single Outcome Agreement</b> | <p>SO2 - Edinburgh's citizens experience improved health and wellbeing, with reduced inequalities in health</p> <p>SO3 - Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential</p>  |



## Appendix 1

Small Grants to Third Parties 2016/17

| <b>Organisations</b>   | <b>Neighbourhood Partnership</b>   | <b>Recommended Award</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barnardo's - Parenting Support Project at HMP Edinburgh Visitor Centre     | City Wide                          | £10,000                  |
| Capability Scotland - Leisure 4 All  | City Wide                          | £9,997                   |
| Children 1st - East Early Years Parents Group                              | Portobello/Craigmillar             | £9,483                   |
| Clan Childlaw - UNCRC for Looked After Children                            | City Wide                          | £9,797                   |
| Edinburgh Community Food - Food, Health and My Child                       | City Wide                          | £9,835                   |
| Friends of the Award - Raising Attainment for Positive Futures             | City Wide                          | £8,550                   |
| Girl Guiding Edinburgh   | City Wide                          | £10,000                  |
| Green Team   | Leith/South West/Western Edinburgh | £9,855                   |
| Jack Kane Community Centre - The Drop In                                   | Portobello / Craigmillar           | £9,771                   |
| Pilton Community Health Project - YP Service                               | Forth Inverleith                   | £7,398                   |
| Shelter Scotland - Edinburgh Gypsy/Traveller Children and Families Project | City Wide                          | £9,989                   |
|  | <b>Total Allocation</b>            | <b>£104,675</b>          |
|  | <b>Total Available</b>             | <b>£108,000</b>          |
|  | <b>Balance</b>                     | <b>£3,325</b>            |