

# Education, Children and Families Committee

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## Communities and Families Small Grants to Third Parties 2017/18 – 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 2017/18. 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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### Recommendations

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The Education, Children and Families Committee are asked to:

- 1.1 Approve the awards to organisations outlined in Appendix 1.

### Background

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- 2.1 This is the second time that Communities and Families have offered a Small Grants Programme, following the first programme in 2016-17. The recommendation to have a Small Grants 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.
- 2.2 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. EVOG was also co-opted onto the group. This group also considered the Small Grants Programme and reported to Committee on 11 October 2016.
- 2.3 A number of changes have been made to this programme based on the recommendations of the Third Party Payments Short Life Working Group. Two questions were added to take into account previous experience and efforts to seek funding from other sources. A third question was amended to ask for information about links to the local community and beneficiaries.
- 2.4 Another recommendation from the Third Party Payments Short Life Working Group was that a large majority percentage of the small grants fund be set aside for small organisations, where small is defined based on Charity Finance Regulations. In this programme small is set at under £500,000 turnover (for 2015-16) and the percentage set aside is 80%.

## Main report

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- 3.1 A closing date of 30 December 2016 was set for applications to the Small Grants Programme. A total of 50 applications were received with a total value of £430,316. 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 As with the first programme, the Small Grants Programme can be used for revenue funding, project funding, testing new approaches, and capacity building for organisations.
- 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. Each application was assessed by three officers from Communities and Families. Moderating of scores was undertaken by officers from Health and Social Care and Communities and Families.
- 3.5 The organisations recommended to receive awards, and the corresponding amounts, are listed in Appendix 1.

## Financial impact

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- 4.1 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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- 5.1 The grant process has been run in line with the previous Main Grants programme (2016-19) and changes as recommended in the [Lessons Learnt report](#) approved by Committee in October 2016.

## Equalities impact

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- 6.1 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.

## Sustainability impact

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- 7.1 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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- 8.1 There was engagement involving stakeholders to review the third party grants process throughout 2016. Specifically, this included reforming the Elected Members Working Group and an online consultation with third party organisations. This work resulted in the [Lessons Learnt report](#) approved by Committee in October 2016.

## Background reading/external references

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[Member Officers' Working Group – Lessons Learnt from Review of Revenue Grants Programme Education, Children and Families Committee 11 October 2016](#)

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<b>Council priorities</b>	CP1 - Children and young people fulfil their potential
<b>Single Outcome Agreement</b>	SO3 - Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Small Grants to Third Parties 2017/18

## Small Grants to Third Parties 2017/18

Organisation	Area Partnership	Project Description	Recommended Award
Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre	Citywide	The STAR project, part of Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre, provides emotional support, counselling, art psychotherapy and advocacy for young people aged 12-18 who have experienced rape, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse/exploitation.	£10,000
People Know How	Leith, Portobello/Craigmillar	Young people identified as disengaging or disengaged from learning at secondary school will be provided with person centred support for them and their family to "learn together". Supported by a volunteer befriender/mentor they will gain confidence, resilience, skills and maintain a positive relationship; toward improving their attainment and ensuring a positive destination.	£10,000
Canongate Youth	City Centre, Liberton/Gilmerton, South Central	To provide three weekly sessions of free outdoor "free" play using a Play Ranger model aimed at improving the physical and emotional wellbeing of 100 City Centre/Southside based children under 12.	£9,454
YMCA Edinburgh	Citywide	Plusone is an award winning early-intervention mentoring programme for young people at-risk of offending or school disengagement. Through matching young people with volunteer mentors to take part in weekly meetings over a one year period, goal setting and positive role modelling takes place in a supportive relationship accessing community resources.	£9,285
Citadel Youth Centre	Craightinny/Duddington, Leith, Portobello/Craigmillar	This is a new youth club for young people (11-18) in North East Edinburgh with an interest in gaming to meet each other in a safe space. The club will be open access, but we will also accept referrals for young people who are socially isolated, unemployed or not attending school.	£9,852
Multi-Cultural Family Base	Leith, Liberton/Gilmerton, Portobello/Craigmillar, Western Edinburgh	Community based support to children (7-9yrs) and families from Black and Minority Ethnic Backgrounds (BME) to encourage their use and inclusion in local services and youth provision. A small group work approach will be taken to combat barriers to access and lack of BME uptake identified by community based service providers.	£9,201

Positive Realities	Liberton/Gilmerton	The pilot project offers medium-term support to young care leavers from St Katherine's Centre to achieve sustainable, positive onward housing. A dedicated support worker will assist care leavers attain relevant independent living skills over a minimum 3-month period e.g. managing a household, paying bills and encouraging positive relationships and activities.	£9,984
Jack Kane Community Centre	Portobello/Craigmillar	Disability in Action – is a community led disability service which inspires and motivates children, young people and their families to learn through positive social interactions and play.	£8,649
Home-Start Edinburgh West and SW	Almond, South West, Western Edinburgh	Employ a Group Worker to manage and assist trained volunteers and staff to deliver 30 parenting groups in the existing area of service including Gorgie/Dalry/Drumbrae /South Queensferry Cluster. Courses include PEEP, baby massage and parenting support.	£9,492
Firsthand	Citywide	Support for families with child/ren with disability delivered in the family home and local community giving parents regular time away from their caring responsibility whilst their child is supported and encouraged to access/participate in activities in their local community. Sessions of 3-4 hours for a maximum of 75hrs per family.	£9,996
Broomhouse Centre	Citywide	To help establish a new children and youth service for looked after children and young people struggling to cope in kinship care across Edinburgh.	£9,557
<b>Total Allocation</b>			£105,470
<b>Total Available</b>			£108,000
<b>Balance</b>			£2,530