

# Education, Children and Families Committee

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## Communities and Families Small Grants to Third Parties 2018/19 – 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 2018/19. 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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### 1. 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.

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 This is the third 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. Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC) 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 to the questions asked of applicants were made to the Small Grant programme in 2017-18. In addition, a restriction on the amount that could be awarded to large organisations was brought in.
- 2.4 For this programme the only change has been the use of 0 - 4 scoring scale by assessing officers rather than the 0 – 3 scoring scale previously used. This brings the programme in line with practice in other grant programmes and scoring within tendering processes.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 A closing date of 15 December 2017 was set for applications to the Small Grants Programme. A total of 44 applications were received with a total value of £380,931. One application further application was deemed not valid as the applicant had not provided all the information required. 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 previous programmes, 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 other officers from Communities and Families.
- 3.5 The organisations recommended to receive awards, and the corresponding amounts, are listed in Appendix 1.

#### **4. Measures of success**

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- 4.1 Awards are made to the organisations listed in Appendix 1 in a timely manner.
- 4.2 The targets included in the funding agreement are achieved by each award holder in 2018-19 and reported to Communities and Families.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 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.

#### **7. 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.

#### **8. 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.

## 9. Consultation and engagement

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- 9.1 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.

## 10. Background reading/external references

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

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## 11. Appendices

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Appendix 1 – Small Grants to Third Parties 2018/19

## Appendix 1

### Small Grants to Third Parties 2018/19

Organisation	Area Partnership	Project Description	Recommended Award
Firsthand Lothian	Citywide	Support for families with children 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 70hrs per family.	9,699
About Youth	South West	The Saughton Mains and Stenhouse Youth Project brings much needed new youth work provision to the area for young people aged 11 to 19 in the form of an open access youth group, an outreach street work project and a programme of activities during school holidays.	9,706
Clan Childlaw	Citywide	A linked series of in-depth workshops (a 'school') on the rights of care leavers, to be delivered by lawyers to key workers who work with care experienced young people. Followed up with practical guidance on how to use the law to help young people they are working with, to embed knowledge.	5,954
The Green Team	Citywide	Wellbeing through Volunteering will recruit, train and support adults experiencing poor mental health as Green Team Project Leaders to deliver environmental volunteering projects in the local community with young people through our various programmes. We will particularly target people from areas of high deprivation dealing with disadvantage and social isolation.	9,318
Granton Youth Centre	Forth	The GoLone Parents Programme will enable Lone parents aged 15 – 26 years to develop and participate in peer mentoring and support programmes. A 3-day weekly programme addressing identified issues from participants will develop their life, social and family skills; supporting and enabling their children to have the best start in life.	9,900
Gorgie City Farm	Citywide	Youth work at Gorgie City Farm offers a rare chance to work with animals and make a valuable contribution to a much loved, free-entry community resource. Participants report improved self-confidence, learning new skills and being happier. We are seeking support to ensure these much-appreciated opportunities remain free and accessible to all.	9,833

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
BIG Project	South West	Investing in the young people of The Broomhouse Area; keeping them safe and building their future. The BIG Project supports them to learn, achieve, have fun and feel good about themselves through the provision of attractive/exciting educational opportunities. This proposed 'Girls Allowed' group will augment this programme.	9,876
Pilton Youth & Children's Project	Forth	PYCP is a registered Scottish charity formed in 1997, with roots going back to the early 1980's. We are based in the North-West Locality of Edinburgh. We work with children and young people from the ages of 5-18 years and also offer employment support and training for 15-24 year olds.	9,389
HomeStart Leith & North-East Edinburgh	Craigmillar/Duddingston, Leith, Portobello/Craigmillar	Big Hopes Big Future project which aims to target families experiencing disadvantage by engaging parents in their children's early learning and helping them to create a positive home learning environment. The project provides the foundation for children aged 3½ - 5 years to realise their potential when they start school.	9,907
Venture Scotland	Citywide	Venture Scotland plan to turn their personal development programme, based in the outdoors, into an accredited qualification through the SQA's custom award scheme. This will allow young people who complete ANY stage of our course, to gain a SCQF accredited qualification, further helping them gain employment, training or education outcomes.	9,897
Edinburgh Community Food	South West	The project will establish the Hailesland Families Food Partnership which will focus on all aspects of "food" within the centre, the impact it has on the health and wellbeing of children and families and will address issues of healthy food, nutrition, physical activity, diet and obesity.	5,872*
Total Budget			108,000

\* Partial award recommended to enable full balance of budget to be awarded (Request was for £9,518)