

# Education, Children and Families Committee

10:00am, Tuesday, 31 January 2023

## Third Party Revenue Grants Programme Extension

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Education, Children and Families Committee:
  - 1.1.1 Approves the extension of the Communities & Families 2020-23 Grants Programme, (referred to as the Third-Party Revenue Grants Programme) for 7 months up to 31 March 2024, with a total value of £2,224,308 as detailed in Appendix 1.

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## Third Party Revenue Grants Programme Extension

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report sets out the rationale for extending the current Education and Children's Services grant awards. It also notes the future activity required to publish a new programme that is aligned to the Council priorities.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Education and Children's Services Directorate has made grant awards to third sector organisations for many years. The aim is to deliver positive outcomes for children, young people and families across Edinburgh.
- 3.2 A new three-year programme and criteria was agreed by the Education, Children and Families Committee in August 2019. The new criteria (listed below) focussed on the priorities of the citywide Children Service's Plan, designed to best support children, young people and families impacted by poverty. Grants were awarded to services and activities that make a difference.
- 3.2.1 Improve learning and developmental outcomes for disadvantaged babies, infants, children, young people and their families including care experienced young people
  - 3.2.2 Improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and their families
  - 3.2.3 Support the personal and social development of young people through the delivery of effective universal youth work programmes
  - 3.2.4 Improve the level of participation in learning opportunities for all secondary school age young people and continue to increase positive destinations
  - 3.2.5 Ensure that children and young people's health and wellbeing are not damaged by alcohol and drugs through the delivery of effective drugs and alcohol prevention work and substance misuse service
- 3.3 The [2020/23 Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties Programme report](#) describes the work undertaken to develop the programme, the application and assessment process and contains recommendations for award.

- 3.4 A number of deputations were received by Committee, and it was agreed to set up a Short Life Working Group (SLWG) and report back in one cycle.
- 3.5 The SLWG considered how the programme was run. The previous grant process had been reviewed by Inspiring Scotland in 2016 when similar concerns were expressed. That review confirmed the assessment process and the validation of the applications as being in line with the agreed criteria. Although no major issues were found, several improvements were suggested, and the Grant Standing Orders were amended accordingly. Consequently, it was agreed it would not be beneficial to conduct another review, and the 2020/23 programme was delivered in line with the August 2019 report.
- 3.6 To ensure a proportionate distribution of funding, members felt there needed to be a more precise and quantifiable measure so that all the four areas received a level of funding that was commensurate with the numbers of young people living in both SIMD 1 and 2 areas. This was written into the funding agreements for all citywide organisations with data collected to evidence where services users are coming from/based.

## **4. Main report**

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- 4.1 The total value of the current Communities & Families 2020-23 Grants Programme (referred to as Third Party Revenue Grants) including Funding Priorities 1-5 and the Additional Awards is £11,439,297 with an annual value of £3,813,099.
- 4.2 The Communities & Families 2020-23 Grants Programme, including the 'Additional' Awards saw 75 awards made to 65 organisations.
- 4.3 The current Communities and Families 2020-23 Main Grant Programme expires 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.
- 4.4 Partnership working with the third sector, through a relationship-based approach, has supported the delivery of services during the pandemic. With the unprecedented crisis in the Health and Social care sector, providers' sustainability has been and is, a priority for the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 4.5 As services resume safely, in the spirit of mutual sustainability and in the best interest of the children, young people and families in our communities, Committee approval is sought to extend the current grant awards. This will ensure continuity of support in light of post Covid-19 circumstances, the escalating cost of living crisis and the emerging needs of children and young people.
- 4.6 From the grant funded organisations' perspective, an extension provides a degree of continuity in a time of rising costs and rising demand on services, the full effects of which are not yet fully known. It also gives them more time to plan for alternative sources of funding and to re-prioritise future plans based on current and emerging needs
- 4.7 The extension allows for much-needed financial stability and future planning. The extension also benefits children, young people and families for whom provision needs

to be stable, particularly for those individuals and communities most impacted by Covid-19, the rising cost of living and mental health concerns.

- 4.8 This extension ensures there is time for the design of the new grants programme to benefit from the increased joint working with Education. Learning from current work developing the Team around the Learning Community approach can also inform the design of the new grants programme
- 4.9 A 7-month extension would give time to explore further synergies and make the best use of available resources, with an expectation that partners jointly sign up to the defined set of principles at the heart of our commitment towards supporting the most vulnerable in society. This helps ensure Best Value in the use of public funding
- 4.10 Not to extend by 7 months runs the risk of organisations having insufficient time to plan. It also increases the likelihood of them making requests for funding that are out with the grants process. Not extending also risks the loss of services for communities, with insufficient time to support transitions where needed.

## 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 Subject to approval, the awards will be extended for 7 months from 1 Sept 2023 – 31 March 2024 and monitored in accordance with revised 7-month funding agreements, which will be negotiated with each organisation.
- 5.2 New Funding Agreements will be put in place to reflect the 7-month extension being offered to current grant funded organisations. These will reflect best value for the Council whilst ensuring a fair and transparent reflection on what is feasible for what is effectively a standstill budget.
- 5.3 An extension to the current grant awards with the current providers will ensure continuity of the service, provision, care and support made available to vulnerable children, young people and their families.
- 5.4 The new Third Party Revenue Grants programme (April 2024 – March 2027) will take account of changing local needs, feedback from organisations and stakeholders. Consideration will be given to learning from other emerging and new initiatives in line with the available budget and other community assets. The new grants programme will reflect the Council's Refreshed Business Plan and will be presented to committee for approval.

## 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 All proposed arrangements are within existing budgetary provision levels
- 6.2 The financial impact of the 7-month extension of the Third-Party Main Grants Programme will require £2,224,308 to be committed for grant funded organisations. There is no provision for inflationary uplifts with current grant funded organisations being asked to use revised Funding Agreements to set out what can be delivered within the existing value of awards.

6.3 The financial value of the grant programme is detailed in the appendix to this report.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Consultation with third sector partners to develop the 2020-23 Grants Programme was set out in the 2020/23 Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties Programme report.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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

## **8. Background/External Reading**

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[2020/23 Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties Programme report](#)

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1: Breakdown of Awards

### Breakdown of Awards for the Communities & Families 2020-23 Grant Programme

<b>Funding Priority 1 - Improve learning and developmental outcomes for disadvantaged babies, infants, children, young people and their families including care experienced young people</b>			
Organisation	Project Title	Yearly Award	Total 3-yr Grant Award
<b>Citadel Youth Centre</b>	Citadel Families Project	60,771	182,313
<b>People Know How</b>	Positive Transitions	30,190	90,570
<b>Cross Reach</b>	CrossReach Counselling Services East	62,259	186,777
<b>Pilmey Development Project</b>	PDP Youth Work Services – Improved Learning & Development	20,053	60,159
<b>Children 1st</b>	With Families	118,335	355,005
<b>ProjectScotland</b>	ProjectScotland Youth Engagement Volunteering Project	29,646	88,938
<b>Volunteering Matters</b>	Volunteers Supporting Families – North East Edinburgh	99,214	297,642
<b>Sleep Scotland</b>	Sleep Edinburgh	17,137	51,411
<b>CHAI</b>	Financial Capability and Health Visitors Project	32,667	98,001
<b>Smart Play Network</b>	Play Plus Toy Library	15,970	47,910
<b>YMCA Edinburgh SCIO</b>	Plusone Mentoring	50,726	152,178
<b>Pilton Youth and Children's Project</b>	Bridges to Learning	86,554	259,662
<b>Home Link Family Support</b>	Early Years Family Learning Opportunities	50,126	150,378
<b>Big Hearts Community Trust</b>	Kinship Care Programme	48,309	144,927
<b>Salvesen Mindroom Centre</b>	Direct Help and Support for families that have children and young people with learning difficulties	58,200	174,600
<b>Circle</b>	Haven Project	119,361	358,083
<b>Home-Start Leith &amp; North East Edinburgh</b>	HSLNEE Core Costs	98,913	296,739
<b>Tailor Ed Foundation</b>	Early Years Service	28,825	86,475
<b>LGBT Youth Scotland</b>	Getting it Right for LGBTI Young People in Edinburgh	43,560	130,680
<b>WHALE Arts</b>	Play, Create, Participate	31,852	95,556
<b>Venture Scotland</b>	The Journey to Change Programme - Edinburgh	101,921	305,763
<b>The Green Team Ltd</b>	Educational Support Programme	16,665	49,995
<b>Barnardos</b>	Caern Autism-Friendly Support	79,101	237,303
<b>The Yard</b>	Early Years and Families Service	113,299	339,897
<b>A Sure Start for Families</b>	Sure Start Edinburgh	115,740	347,220
<b>Edinburgh Leisure</b>	Looked After and Active	42,677	128,031
		1,572,071	4,716,213

<b>Funding Priority 2 - Improve mental health and wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and their families</b>			
Organisation	Project Title	Yearly Award	Total 3-yr Grant Award
<b>The Junction Young People Health and Wellbeing</b>	Nested Provision: One to One Support	49,944	149,832
<b>Edinburgh Rape Crisis</b>	STAR	50,000	150,000
<b>Rock Trust</b>	Youth Homelessness Health and Wellbeing	47,650	142,950
<b>Cruse Bereavement</b>	Bereavement support - Children and Young people	11,149	33,447
<b>Place2Be</b>	Whole School Mental Health Support	50,000	150,000
<b>Edinburgh Women's Aid</b>	CEDAR	49,500	148,500

		258,243	774,729
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<b>Funding Priority 3 - Support the personal and social development of young people through the delivery of effective universal youth work programmes</b>			
Organisation	Project Title	Yearly Award	Total 3-yr Grant Award
<b>Muirhouse Youth Development Group</b>	MY Youth	90,000	270,000
<b>Pilton Youth and Children's Project</b>	Universal Youth Work – Youth Zone	94,341	283,023
<b>Citadel Youth Centre</b>	Community Based Youth Work	100,000	300,000
<b>Venture Scotland</b>	The Etive Challenge Course	95,331	285,993
<b>Pilmey Development Project</b>	PDP Youth Work Services	21,766	65,298
<b>Lyra</b>	Young Artists	21,261	63,783
<b>LGBT Youth Scotland</b>	Getting it Right for LGBT Young People in Edinburgh	35,591	106,773
<b>Canongate Youth</b>	All About Youth	99,302	297,906
<b>Edinburgh City Youth Cafe</b>	6VT Drop In	81,865	245,595
<b>Granton Youth</b>	GY Works	49,032	147,096
<b>SCOREScotland</b>	Knots and Crosses Youth Club (KCYC)	35,350	106,050
<b>Wester Hailes Youth Agency</b>	Drop In Provision	48,420	145,260
<b>Friends of the Award (Edinburgh and the Lothians)</b>	Supporting young people to gain accredited awards	84,290	252,870
<b>Oi Musica CIC</b>	Brass Blast Beginners	26,416	79,248
<b>Jack Kane Centre Community Wing</b>	Youth State	64,725	194,175
<b>Lothian Association Youth Clubs (LAYC)</b>	Supporting Best Outcomes for Children and Young People	91,987	275,961
<b>People Know How</b>	Positive Transitions (All Aboard)	19,482	58,446
		1,059,159	3,177,477

<b>Funding Priority 4 - Improve the level of participation in learning opportunities for all secondary school age young people and continue to increase positive destinations</b>			
Organisation	Project Title	Yearly Award	Total 3-yr Grant Award
<b>Muirhouse Youth Development Group</b>	MY Youth & MY Time	46,883	140,649
<b>The Princes Trust</b>	Achieve – Developing the skills and confidence to Live, Learn and Earn	50,000	150,000
<b>Spartans Community Football Academy</b>	North Edinburgh Youth Work Academy	50,000	150,000
<b>Citadel Youth Centre</b>	Citadel Connect	14,634	43,902
<b>Rural and Urban Training Scheme Ltd.</b>	Road to Success	37,826	113,478
<b>Impact Arts</b>	CashBack to the Future; Creative Play	32,195	96,585
<b>Light Up Learning</b>	Student – Led Learning	40,413	121,239
<b>Lothian Autistic Society</b>	Basecamp2	25,120	75,360
		297,071	891,213

<b>Funding Priority 5 - Ensure that children and young people's health and wellbeing are not damaged by alcohol and drugs through the delivery of effective drugs and alcohol prevention work and substance misuse services</b>			
Organisation	Project Title	Yearly Award	Total 3-yr Grant Award

The Junction Young People Health & Wellbeing	Nested Provision: Outreach: Substance Use Prevention, Education and Support	39,963	119,889
Fast Forward	Going Forward	31,588	94,764
Hibernian Community Foundation	Don't Start It	13,000	39,000
Edinburgh Young Carers	Supporting young carers caring for a parent/s with addiction issues	28,456	85,368
Cross Reach	CrossReach Counselling Services East	39,910	119,730
		152,917	458,751

<b>Additional Awards</b>			
Organisation (FP)	Project Title	Yearly Award	Total 3-yr Grant Award
Broomhouse Centre (1)		15,805	47,415
Craigmillar Literacy Trust (1)	Craigmillar Books for Babies Talking Together	9,165	27,495
Dunedin Canmore (3)	Youth Project	6,676	20,028
EVOG (3)	East Holiday Programme	27,500	82,500
Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre (3)	Goodtrees Youth Project	5,000	15,000
Home Start - West & South West (1)	Early Years Family Support	48,145	144,435
Multi-Cultural Family Base (1)	Early Years Service	62,348	187,044
Multi-Cultural Family Base (2)	4 Corners Project	27,356	82,068
Sikh Sanjog (1)	Youth Work Provision	20,237	60,711
Stepping Stones (1)	Family Nurture	83,434	250,302
The Big Project (3)	Universal Youth & Children's work Programme	30,633	91,899
The Ripple (3)	Ripple Youth Services	101,207	303,621
The Venchie (3)	After School Provision	36,132	108,396
		473,638	1,420,914