
GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the applications to be considered for financial support in 2004/5. At Appendix 1 to this report is a list of grant applications from existing recipients, and at Appendix 2 a list of applications from new applicants.

2 CRITERIA

- 2.1 The criteria for the consideration of applications is set out below:-

Applications must be made each year. Any organisation not submitting an application will not receive funding.

(A) Service Delivery Priority

1. Provide a cost effective, community-focused service that complements the local authority's statutory priorities.
2. Provide a cost effective, community focused service that complements the local authority's discretionary priorities.
3. Provide a local service either solely or mainly for the following priority groups:
 - Elderly
 - People with disabilities
 - Children
 - Other groups identified through the Council's policies.

(B) Funding Priority

1. Totally dependent on Rochford District Council's funding.
2. Rochford District Council's funding represents greater than 50% of total funding.
3. Rochford District Council's grant is a valued contribution towards funding, and represents 10% or more of the organisation's total funding.
4. Rochford District Council's grant is notional funding towards the service and represents less than 10% of the organisation's total funding.

Any applications received during the year will be judged solely against the above criteria.

Some organisations may be selected to give a presentation to this Committee in support of their application.

3 YEAR 2004/2005

- 3.1 The current draft estimates for 2004/2005 in respect of grants and community support is:-

CAB	£ 74,900
General	£ 25,000

4 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)

- 4.1 Included at Appendix 1 is an application from Rochford and Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau. The table below shows the funding awarded for 2003/4 and details of the Bureau's 2004/5 application.

	2003/04	2004/05 Application	2004/05 Recom- mendation
	£	£	£
Rochford and Rayleigh CAB	70,000	73,850	72,100
Outreach	1,700	1,800	1,800
Mediation	<u>500</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	72,200	76,650	74,900

- 4.2 The application from the CAB is shown on the main agenda as it is by far the largest single application for support. It is the only service that is scored as a service priority 1 in that it complements the local authority statutory priorities. In the delivery of services, customers must feel that they have access to independent advice. Hence, in many of the Council's services, eg., council tax, housing benefits, housing and homelessness, the Council advises customers to contact the CAB for that independent advice.
- 4.3 The outreach and mediation payments are additional to the grant and are there to encourage the delivery of services in outlying areas of the District and, with regard to mediation, assist the Council in disputes.
- 4.4 The CAB believes it would be beneficial to enter a three-year agreement, based on a service level agreement rather than the annual award. To evaluate this, officers will work with the CAB to identify the benefits to the service, the Bureau and the Council and then report back during 2004. For 2004/05 the recommendations for grant are shown.

5 ESSEX SAVERS NET CREDIT UNION

- 5.1 The above organisation has approached the Council to see how a credit union partnership might be developed and resourced within this area. Their draft business plan shows costs for year 1 at £78,000 and years 2 & 3 around £20,000.
- 5.2 To obtain some initial views, the Head of Financial Services (HFS) requested comments from Rochford and Rayleigh CAB. In order to focus a response the HFS expressed the personal view that the Council may not view this as a priority because:-
- We have one of the highest rates of owner/occupiers in the country
 - We have already undertaken a campaign to encourage people to open bank accounts and this would be our preferred policy
 - The current economic data appears to suggest that there is no shortage of credit and savings opportunities
 - We would prefer to work with the Co-operative bank within their social inclusion products like Cash Minder
- 5.3 The response from the CAB is attached at Appendix 3. If Members agreed to further examine this issue arrangements would be made for the applicants to make a presentation to this Committee.

6 GENERAL GRANTS – PROPOSALS FOR 2004/5

- 6.1 In previous years a list of officer proposed grants relating to Appendix 1 & 2 has been made available to the Committee. This list is shown as Appendix 4.
- 6.2 The recommendations are based on the following basis:-
- Where grants are notional the figures remain the same
 - For the four strategically placed main old people's centres the grant is the same for each. Council funding is to recognise their service delivery and is not related to their net revenue position, premises costs, etc., of any centre.
 - The recommended funding for the Historical Society for Rayleigh is an interim award mainly for the third party insurance in respect of Rayleigh Windmill. The support should be considered after the renovation programme if additional public access is possible.

- The section marked ex hall hire relates to financial support that was linked to the cost of hiring halls from the leisure contractor. As such, the grants were regarded as out of proportion with other funded bodies. The link between hall costs and grants ended some years ago and now the grants are being eased back to a lower level. Previously Members have not applied this reduction to Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club.
- A higher level of funding is recommended for Rochford Sports Council as one of the Council's partners in the provision of the leisure service, an example of which is the Festival of Sport.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations as approved will be included within the budgets for 2004/2005.

8 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Applications have been received that affect most parishes in the District.

9 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To consider applications as shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 4 to this report.
- (2) To agree that officers enter into discussions with the CAB to report back on the possibility of a three-year service level agreement covering the service.
- (3) Whether to have a presentation in respect of Essex Savers Net Credit Union.

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Background Papers:

Application forms

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APPENDIX 1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING GRANT RECIPIENTS

	Organisation	Category A/B	2003/4 Grant	2004/5 Re-request	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2003/4 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2003/4 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2003/4 Grant	Use to which 2004/5 Grant would be put.	Remarks.
			£	£	£		£	£					
1	Barling Magna Evergreens Club	3 / 5	110	Not specified	1,700	45		No	No.	Towards the rental of the hall.	Club remained solvent. Replenished funds depleted by Christmas dinner.	Towards running expenses of Club.	The Club offers entertainment and social activities to the elderly, as well as holidays and daytrips.
2	Cruse Bereavement Care – Southend Branch	3 / 5	100	150	2,500	Approx. 60	4,100	100	Yes	Towards the hire of a hall for fortnightly meetings.	Enabled support to be given to bereaved residents of the District.	Towards expenses incurred by counsellors working in the Rochford district.	Provides advice, support and counselling to the bereaved from all sections of the community.
3	Essex Racial Equality Council	3 / 4	640	1,500	4,200	Approx. 35	25,000	No.	Yes	Towards running costs.	Enabled EREC to give advice and support to RDC and its residents on racial matters and community development.	Towards running costs.	EREC gives free advice to victims of racial discrimination, employers and the community.
4	Great Wakering OAP Club	3 / 5	100	100	1,800	80	9,000	No.	No.	Towards rent of hall and annual dinner.	Enabled costs to be kept down.	Towards cost of hall hire.	Fortnightly social meetings, occasional outings and functions for the elderly of Gt. Wakering.

	Organisation	Cate- gory A/B	2003/4 Grant	2004/5 Re- quest	Funds Held	No. Resi- dents Served	2003/4 Cost of Service	Parish Coun- cil Grant?	Regi- stered Chari- ty?	Use to which 2003/4 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2003/4 Grant	Use to which 2004/5 Grant would be put.	Remarks.
			£	£	£		£	£					
5	Historical Society of Rayleigh	3 / 5	210	230	700	121 mem - bers	1,400	No.	No.	Payment of third party insurance premium.	Meant that insurance premiums did not have to be met from members' subscriptions.	Towards insurance premium and electricity costs.	The Society holds meetings & outings for its members + voluntarily manning the mill when it is open to the public.
6	Hockley and Hawkwell Old People's Welfare Committee.	3 / 5	3,400	4,100	4,100 (sinking fund 68,600)	Approx. 70	63,000	No.	Yes.	Towards transport and staff costs.	Enabled services to be maintained.	Towards running, transport and salary costs.	The Day Centre provides hot lunches 5 days a week, a transport and visiting service and entertainment and outings for the elderly of Hawkwell and Hockley.

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			£	£	£		£	£					
7	Hullbridge Pensioners Fellowship	3 / 5	110	300	7,500	70/80	2,250	No	No.	Towards the cost of hall rent and entertainment.	Enabled the Club to keep members hip fees down.	Towards the cost of hall hire and entertainment.	The Club holds trips, holidays and functions for the elderly as well as weekly meetings with entertainment and refreshments and celebratory gifts for Christmas, anniversaries, etc.
8	Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council.	3 / 4	3,400	5,000	8,400	50-60	20,000	No	Yes	Towards cost of meals and improvements to Day Centre.	Rolling programme of maintenance continued.	To maintain low meal costs and upkeep of building.	The Welfare Committee runs a Day Centre 3 days a week lunches and social activities for the elderly.
9	Mayday Mobile	3 / 5	1,100	2,000	8,100	896 drives	12,000	No.	Yes	Towards office running expenses.	Enabled elderly and disabled to attend outings, clubs, etc.	Towards office expenses, maintenance of minibus and wheelchair and drivers' mileage claims.	Mayday provides a transport service for the elderly and disabled of the District for appointments, shopping, outings, etc. They also run a weekly club and a loan scheme for walking aids.

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10	Rayleigh Age Concern	3 / 4	3,400	3,300	23,400 (incl. Reserve of £9,700	30+	8,900	No	Yes	Towards running and transport costs.	Enabled service to continue.	Towards running and refurbishment costs.	The organisation provides lunches, light refreshments and some social functions for the elderly.
11	Rayleigh Friends of Southend Hospital Cancer Centre.	The Chairman of the organisation reports that it is very likely to close down due to lack of support.											
12	Rayleigh Good Fellowship Club	3/3	500	1,000	2,600	Approx. 70	1,800	No	No.	Towards cost of hall rent.	Enabled level of subscription to be maintained.	Mainly towards hall hire and entertainment.	The Club holds weekly meetings for Pensioners.
13	Rayleigh No. 1 Club.	3 / 4	400	1,000	2,900	Approx. 70	2,500	No.	Yes.	Towards the cost of hall hire and social activities.	Members remained satisfied with services provided.	Towards maintaining Club at present standards and cost of hall hire.	The Club holds weekly meetings, occasional trips and holidays for the elderly.

	Organisation	Cate- gory A/B	2003/4 Grant	2004/5 Re- quest	Funds Held	No. Resi- dents Served	2003/4 Cost of Service	Parish Coun- cil Grant?	Regi- stered Chari- ty?	Use to which 2003/4 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2003/4 Grant	Use to which 2004/5 Grant would be put.	Remarks.
			£	£	£		£	£					
14	Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club.	3 / 4	800	2,000	7,800	40-50	4,500	No.	Yes (Affili- ated)	Towards hall hire costs.	Able to devote higher proportion of funds to entertainment and transport	Towards hall hire and vehicle insurance costs.	The Club holds weekly social meetings and regular entertain-ment for disabled residents of Rayleigh.
15	Rayleigh Over 50 No. 2 Club	No application received.											
16	Rochford & District Access Committee for the Disabled.	3/2	160	160	520	Not known.	200	No.	No.	Towards running costs.	Enabled Access Committee to carry on its work for a further year.	Towards the annual running costs of the Committee.	The Access Committee liaises with organisations at District and County levels to promote disabled access issues.
17	Rochford & District Old People's Welfare Committee.	3 / 4	3,400	4,000	31,000	90 Member s	20,900	Yes	Yes	Towards general running costs.	Enabled Committee to continue its work.	Towards running costs.	The Welfare Committee provides day centre facilities including lunches, entertainment and other services for the elderly.

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			£	£	£		£	£					
18	Rochford & Rayleigh CAB	1 / 2	72,200	73,850	95,600	14,556	126,200	1,950	Yes	Salaries, overheads and running costs.	Enabled over 21,000 contacts to be made with clients.	To meet the cost of salaries, overheads and running costs.	The Bureau would be forced to close without the Council grant. It provides free advice and information on benefits, employment, legal matters, etc.
19	Rochford Sports Council.	2/2	3,000	4,500	6,600	Approx. 1,000	8,500	No.	No.	Towards cost of Festival or Sport; sponsoring and coaching athletes.	Enabled courses to be held and grants made towards children's expenses.	Towards admin. Costs, grants to County level athletes, sponsorship of coaching, staging of Festival of Sport and room hire for meetings.	The Sports Council gives monetary grants, training, support and liaison to local sports clubs and individuals and runs an annual Festival of Sport.
20	Royal Association for Deaf People	3 / 5	570	1,000	Branch figure not available	Approx. 4000	50,000	No.	Yes	To support new resource centre	Enabled equipment to be kept up to date.	Towards running costs.	The Association provides care and support at its Southend Centre for hearing impaired people.

APPENDIX 2

ORGANISATIONS NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING GRANT

	Organisation	Category A/B	2004/5 re-request	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2003/4 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2004/5 Grant would be put.	Remarks.
			£	£		£	£			
1	PDSA	3/5	600	Branch figures not available.	Service available to all housing and council tax claimants in District.	60,000	No.	Yes	Towards the provision of a free veterinary service for all benefit claimants in the District.	The PDSA has veterinary hospitals in Southend and Basildon which can provide a service to all benefit claimants in the District.
2	Relate	3 / 4	2,400	7,000	129 cases	375,000 for S.E. Essex.	No.	Yes	To enable the service to be offered to those unable to pay for it..	Relate offers counselling and support to anyone experiencing relationship problems. Previously RDC has given a grant which has been used towards the hire of a room in the District. No application received for 2003/04. Relate would rather use any money towards counselling Rochford residents at its Southend office.
3	St. Mary and All Saints Church, Stambridge.	3/-	Not specified.	Approx, £15,000 (£9,000 owed to Diocese)	Approx. 40	15,000	No.	Yes	Towards replacing the flooring in the church.	The church flooring requires replacing at a total cost of £12,000. There is around £6,000 in the Church Restoration Fund.



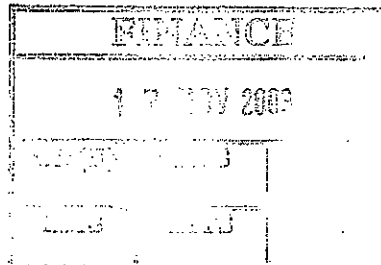
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13 November 2003

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Dear Dave

Credit Unions

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2003. I apologise for the delay in responding owing to the fact that I have been away on holiday and only returned at the beginning of last week.

We have also received correspondence from Essex Savers but more on the lines of practical support and referral. This request was considered at a recent Essex Managers' meeting when it was decided that, whilst we supported the concept of a Credit Union and recognised the benefits, we thought it inappropriate to be specifically linked with them as this might impair our impartiality when dealing with clients.

However, a large part of our workload is our debt casework and it has to be said that the demand for this service is certainly not diminishing. I agree with you that there is no shortage of lending/saving opportunities. However, on the lending side this is often at high rates of interest and some of the lending can be described as irresponsible. This is an area where Credit Unions can be a help in that they lend at lower interest rates and would look more closely at the applicants circumstances.

You are correct in stating that Rochford has one of the highest rates of owner/occupiers in the country. However, this can, in fact, work to the detriment of the most deprived families in that the impact on areas of deprivation in an otherwise affluent area can be more marked. In Rochford we have two particularly deprived wards, including the areas of literacy and numeracy, and it is perhaps these residents who could most benefit from a Credit Union.

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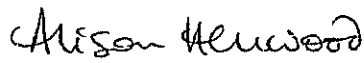
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Mr. D. Deeks
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Rochford District Council

13 November 2003

I hope these thoughts are of some benefit but if there is any aspect you would like to discuss please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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Alison Henwood
District Manager

APPENDIX 4

Proposals for grant awards 2004/05

				<u>2003/04</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2004/05</u>	<u>Notes</u>
				<u>Award</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	
<u>Existing Grant Recipients</u>							
1	2	CAB	Main grant	70,000	72,100	72,100	
		Outreach Service		1,700	1,800	1,800	
		Mediation		500	1,000	1,000	
				<u>72,200</u>	<u>74,900</u>	<u>74,900</u>	
<u>General Grants</u>							
1	3	5	Barling Evergreen Club	110		110	Notional
2	3	5	Cruse bereavement	100		100	Notional
			Canewdon Community Association	250			One off grant in 03/04
3	3	5	Essex Racial Equality Council	640		660	Plus 3%
4	3	4	Great Wakering OAP club	100		100	Notional
5	3	4	Historical Society for Rayleigh (Windmill)	210		230	Review after renovation
6	3	5	Hockley & Hawkwell Old Peoples Welfare	3,400		3,500	Main Old Peoples Club
7	3	5	Hullbridge Pensioners fellowship	110		110	Notional
8	3	4	Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council	3,400		3,500	Main Old Peoples Club
9	3	4	Mayday Mobile	1,140		1,180	Plus 3%
10	3	4	Rayleigh Age Concern	3,400		3,300	Main Old Peoples Club
11	3	4	Rayleigh Friends of Southend Cancer unit	110			Likely to close
12	3	3	Rayleigh Good Fellowship	500		450	Ex Hall Hire
13	3	4	Rayleigh No 1 Club	400		360	Ex Hall Hire
14	3	4	Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club	800		800	Ex Hall Hire
15	3	5	Rayleigh No 2 Club	230			No application
16	3	4	Relate South Essex				See below
17	3	2	Rochford & District Access Committee	160		160	Partner
18	3	4	Rochford & District Old Peoples welfare	3,400		3,500	Main Old Peoples Club
19	2	4	Rochford Sports Council	3,000		3,200	Partner (6%)
20	3	4	Royal Association for the Deaf	570		590	Plus 3%
21			Budget for year		25,000		
22			RAVS - funding under SLA			1,750	
			(Year 3 of the 3 year agreement)	<u>22,030</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>23,600</u>	
				Balance		1,400	
<u>New Applications</u>				Request		Proposal	
25			PDSA	600			
26			Relate	2,400		900	Not funded in 2003/04
27			St Mary and All Saints Church	not stated			
Total requests				<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900</u>	