
GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the applications to be considered for financial support in 2005/6. Appended 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 2005/2006

3.1 The current draft estimates for 2005/2006 in respect of grants and community support is:-

CAB	£ 76,400
General	£ 26,200

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 2004/5 and details of the Bureau's 2005/6 application.

	2004/05	2005/06 Application	2005/06 Recom- mendation
	£	£	£
Rochford and Rayleigh CAB	72,100	77,900	74,300
Outreach	1,800		1,800
Mediation*	1,000		
	<u>74,900</u>	<u>77,900</u>	<u>76,100</u>

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, e.g., council tax, housing benefits, housing and homelessness, the Council advises customers to contact the CAB for that independent advice.

4.3 The outreach payment is additional to the grant and is there to encourage the delivery of services in outlying areas of the District.

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. This work was planned for 2004/05 but owing to staff vacancies had to be deferred. To evaluate this, officers will work with the CAB during 2005/06 to identify the benefits to the service, the Bureau and the Council and then report back. For 2005/6 the recommendations for grant are shown.

4.5 No amount has been budgeted for a mediation service in 2005/6 due to the progression towards a new Mediation Service, as outlined through the 2005/2006 Budget setting process.

5 GENERAL GRANTS – PROPOSALS FOR 2005/6

5.1 In previous years a list of officer proposed grants relating to Appendices 1 & 2 has been made available to the Committee. This list is shown as **Appendix 3**.

5.2 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.
- 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 and Rochford and District Access Committee due to their position as partners to the Council in the provision of services.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The recommendations as approved will be included within the budgets for 2005/2006.

7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

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

8 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To consider the applications as shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of 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

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Background Papers:

Application forms

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APPENDIX 1

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING GRANT RECIPIENTS

	Organisation	Category A/B	2004/5 Grant	2005/6 Re-request	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2004/5 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2004/5 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2004/5 Grant	Use to which 2005/6 Grant would be put	Remarks
			£	£	£			£	£				
1	Barling Magna Evergreens Club	3 / 5	110	Not specified	2,365	40	2,000	No	No.	Towards the rental of the hall and running expenses.	Enabled Club to continue running for members' benefit.	Towards running expenses of Club.	The Club offers entertainment and social activities to the elderly, as well as holidays and daytrips.
2	Essex Racial Equality Council	3 / 4	660	1,500		Approx. 35	177,000	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.
3	Great Wakering OAP Club	3 / 5	100	100	5,600	96	7,500	No.	No.	Towards rent of hall.	The grant is a small proportion of the Club's income.	Towards cost of hall hire.	Fortnightly social meetings, occasional outings and functions for the elderly of Gt. Wakering.
4	Historical Society of Rayleigh	3 / 5	230	235	570	158 members	1,600	No.	No.	Payment of third party insurance premium and electricity bills	Meant that insurance premiums and electricity costs 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.

	Organisation	Category A/B	2004/5 Grant	2005/6 Re-quest	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2004/5 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2004/5 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2004/5 Grant	Use to which 2005/6 Grant would be put	Remarks
			£	£	£			£	£				
5	Hockley and Hawkwell Old People's Welfare Committee.	3 / 5	3,500	5,000	Not known	Approx. 70	68,000	No.	Yes.	Towards transport and vehicle maintenance costs and salaries.	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.
6	Hullbridge Pensioners Fellowship	3 / 5	110	130	7,300	110	3,000	No	No.	Towards the cost of hall rent and entertainment.	Enabled the Club to keep membership 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.
7	Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council.	3 / 4	3,500	5,000	3,750 (£3,570 committed to buying new doors	50-60	14,000	No	Yes	Towards cost of meals and improvements to Day Centre.	Improved security and access to Day Centre	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.

	Organisation	Category A/B	2004/5 Grant	2005/6 Re-quest	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2004/5 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2004/5 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2004/5 Grant	Use to which 2005/6 Grant would be put	Remarks
			£	£	£			£	£				
8	Mayday Mobile	3 / 5	1,180	2,000	10,000	916 drives	23,000	No.	Yes	Towards purchase of new computer equipment.	Improved running of office.	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. The Council will need to review this organisation during 2005/06 to ensure that it remains part of the overall transport strategy
9	Rayleigh Age Concern	3 / 4	3,500	3,400	27,700	30+	Unknown	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.
10	Rayleigh Good Fellowship Club	3/3	450	1,000	2,600	Approx. 70	3,000	No	No.	Towards cost of hall rent and to keep subscription levels down.	Enabled Club to run subsidised outings and functions.	Mainly towards hall hire and entertainment.	The Club holds weekly meetings, outings and holidays for Pensioners
11	Rayleigh No. 1 Club.	3 / 4	360	1,500	3,850	Approx. 70	3,000	No.	Yes.	Towards the cost of hall hire and social activities.	Increased membership.	Towards maintaining Club at present standards and cost of hall hire.	The Club holds weekly meetings, occasional trips and holidays for the elderly.

	Organisation	Category A/B	2004/5 Grant	2005/6 Re-quest	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2004/5 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2004/5 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2004/5 Grant	Use to which 2005/6 Grant would be put	Remarks
			£	£	£			£	£				
12	Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club.	3 / 4	800	2,000	12,000	40-50	6,000	No.	Yes (Affiliated)	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 entertainment for disabled residents of Rayleigh.
13	Relate	3 / 4	900	900	97,000	137 cases	370,000	No	Yes	To provide a bursary to clients in the Rochford and District area.	Enabled Relate to 668 hours of support to Rochford residents.	To give a service to Rochford residents who are unable to pay.	Relate offers counselling and support to anyone experiencing relationship problems.
14	Rochford & District Access Committee for the Disabled.	3/2	160	460	530	Not known.	500	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.
15	Rochford & District Old People's Welfare Committee.	3 / 4	3,500	4,000	37,300	600 meals per month	21,400	Yes	Yes	Towards general running and transport costs.	Enabled Committee to continue its work.	Towards running and transport costs.	The Welfare Committee provides day centre facilities including lunches, entertainment and other services for the elderly.
16	Rochford & Rayleigh CAB	1 / 2	74,900	77,900	85,800	19,080	130,000	2,300	Yes	Salaries, overheads and running costs.	Enabled over 25,000 contacts to be made with clients.	To meet the cost of salaries, overheads, training 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.

	Organisation	Category A/B	2004/5 Grant	2005/6 Re-quest	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2004/5 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2004/5 Grant was put	Benefits derived from 2004/5 Grant	Use to which 2005/6 Grant would be put	Remarks
			£	£	£		£	£	£				
17	Rochford Sports Council.	2/2	3,200	4,250	8,500	Unknown	3,500	No.	No.	Towards promotion of tournaments and grants.	Enabled courses to be held and grants made towards expenses.	Towards admin. Costs, grants 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.

APPENDIX 2

ORGANISATIONS NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING GRANT

	Organisation	Category A/B	2005/6 re-request	Funds Held	No. Residents Served	2004/5 Cost of Service	Parish Council Grant?	Registered Charity?	Use to which 2005/6 Grant would be put	Remarks
			£	£		£	£			
1	Essex Disabled People's Association Ltd. (EDPA)	3 / 4	1,962	294,500	30	500,000	No.	Yes	To set up 9 websites for member clubs in Rochford District. The organisation point out that internet and web based data is of key importance to the Disabled. Few clubs have the resources to keep all the data up to date. Therefore this Essex wide project will provide up to date information with the links to other areas to show services available.	Support for disabled people, carers and dependents and clubs for disabled people. The Grant application is towards the Essex wide set up and design costs. The cost for annual site maintenance would be part of EDPA core service provision.
2	Rayleigh Community Family Trust based at The Warehouse Centre	2 / 4	600	2,500	Approx. 50	Approx. £11,000	No.	Yes	Towards extending parenting training.	The Trust provides relationship education to help prevent family breakdown.
	Hullbridge Parish Council	2 / 4	Not specified	Not known	Population of Hullbridge + visitors to riverside	72,546	N/A	No	One off grant to help towards cost of specialist tree works in the park.	

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Appendix 3

<u>Proposals for grant awards 2005/06</u>		<u>2004/05</u>	<u>2005/06</u>	<u>2005/06</u>	<u>Notes</u>
		<u>Award</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	
<u>Existing Grant Recipients</u>					
1	2 CAB Main grant	72,100		74,300	
	Outreach Service	1,800		1,800	
	Mediation	1,000			
		<u>74,900</u>	<u>76,400</u>	<u>76,100</u>	
<u>General Grants</u>					
1	3 5 Barling Evergreen Club	110		110	Notional
2	3 5 Cruse bereavement	100			No application
3	3 5 Essex Racial Equality Council	660		680	Plus 3%
4	3 4 Great Wakering OAP club	100		100	Notional
5	3 4 Historical Society for Rayleigh (Windmill)	230		235	Meet request
6	3 5 Hockley & Hawkwell Old Peoples Welfare	3,500		3,600	Main Old Peoples Club
7	3 5 Hullbridge Pensioners fellowship	110		110	Notional
8	3 4 Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council	3,500		3,600	Main Old Peoples Club
9	3 4 Mayday Mobile	1,180		1,220	Plus 3%
10	3 4 Rayleigh Age Concern	3,300		3,400	Main Old Peoples Club
11					
12	3 3 Rayleigh Good Fellowship	450		400	Ex Hall Hire
13	3 4 Rayleigh No 1 Club	360		325	Ex Hall Hire
14	3 4 Rayleigh Physically Handicapped Club	800		800	Ex Hall Hire
15					
16	3 4 Relate South Essex	900		900	Meet request
17	3 2 Rochford & District Access Committee	160		300	Partner(key for Authority) + £140
18	3 4 Rochford & District Old Peoples welfare	3,500		3,600	Main Old Peoples Club
19	2 4 Rochford Sports Council	3,200		3,400	Partner + £200
20	3 4 Royal Association for the Deaf	570			No application
22	RAVS - funding under SLA	1,750		1,750	SLA to be renewed
21	Budget for year		26,200		
	Balance from CAB funding		300		
	(Year 3 of the 3 year agreement)	<u>24,480</u>	<u>26,500</u>	<u>24,530</u>	
				<u>1,970</u>	
<u>New Applications</u>		<u>Request</u>		<u>Proposal</u>	
25	3 4 Essex Disabled peoples association	1,962		1,962	
26	2 4 Rayleigh Community Family Trust	600			
Total requests		<u>2,562</u>	-	<u>1,962</u>	