REPORT TO: ALEXANDER TORRANCE CATHRO BEQUEST - 21 APRIL 2003

REPORT ON: APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS 2002-03

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

REPORT NO: 289-2003

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report gives trustees details of the Alexander Torrance Cathro Bequest grant distribution in 2002, together with reports from the various organisations which have applied for 2003.

2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Trustees are asked to approve the grants as shown in the attached report which amount to £1,350.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that the income from the above bequest in 2002-03 will be £1,500 and will therefore support the grant applications received giving a disbursement of £1,350.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None.

5 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None.

6 BACKGROUND

The Alexander Torrance Cathro Bequest was formed by the residue of an estate handed over to the former Corporation of Dundee in 1948, the free annual income therefrom to be used to give as many children as might have need an opportunity of enjoying an outing in the country or at the seaside.

The funds of the bequest have been invested in £14,500 7.5% Treasury Stock 2006 with the balance of £7,655 remaining with the City Council's Loans Fund. The interest on these funds gives a full year's income of £1,500 and this was the total of grants disbursed last year.

The applications received for 2003 are slightly less than for 2002 and should the Trustees decide to authorise the grants as shown in the attached report, this would amount to £1,350.

DAVID K DORWARD DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

2 APRIL 2003

Alexander Torrance Cathro Bequest Report on Applications received for 2003

Applicant	2002 Grant Paid £	2003 Grant Proposed £	Remarks
1.Dundee School Childrens' Holiday Fund	500	0	No application has been received this year and no holiday has been held since 2001. The grant authorised last year has been repaid.
2.The Salvation Army	250	300	A letter from the Scotland Trust Fund-Raiser states that the 2002 grant was used to subsidise the cost of sending young people from Dundee and District to a junior camp week held at Aberlour. This year it is intended to run a number of adventure camps and also a music school where the cost per child is £90 to £100.
3.The Boys' Brigade	150	200	A letter from the Battalion Secretary states that last year's grant was used to assist boys from the Dundee Battalion in attending camps and activity weekends. This year the annual camp at Killiecrankie and weekend activities outings to Scott Lodge, Lochearnhead and Bonaly are planned. The grant would be used to meet applications from disadvantaged boys to attend these activities. The Battalion made a deficit of £1,942 for the year to 31 August 2002.
4.Sense Scotland	75	100	Last years grant was used towards the cost of the association's annual holiday scheme for deaf-blind children and young people The 2002 holiday scheme involved taking over twenty young deaf-blind children with complex additional needs,including some from Dundee,to holidays at Edinburgh,Ayr and Prestatyn.A similar scheme is planned for 2003.To send a child with support needs on holiday costs from £900 to £1,500.
5.One Parent Families Scotland, Dundee Project	100	0	No application has been received this year
6.The Dundee Fair Play Training and Development Project and the Dundee Guide Association	120	150	A letter from the Project Co-Ordinator states that last year the grant received was used to provide a holiday for Dundee children mainly from single parent families to Netherurd House,the Guide Residential Centre in Peeblesshire.As in previous years the holiday for 2003 takes place in early April, again at the same venue. The accounts for 2002 show that the project is entirely dependant on Trusts and other donations.
7.The Trefoil Centre	85	110	A letter has been received from the appeals director of the centre for a donation to its Children's Holiday Fund. The Trefoil Centre was established to provide holidays and recreation facilities for disabled people of all ages and disability. The Children's Holiday Fund was established in 1988 and looks to raise approximately £12,000 in 2003 to subsidise holidays for children with disabilities. Last year's grant was used to subsidise the cost of providing 13 disabled children under 12 years of age from Dundee. This year the Association are organising breaks in Spring for approximately 12 children and 24 helpers at Trefoil House and the grant will help to subsidise these breaks.
8. Youthlink	60	90	Youthlink is a voluntary organisation in Dundee set up to assist young people from disadvantaged families in necessitous circumstances. A letter has been received from the Administrator reporting that year's grant was used to fund a trip to Crombie Country Park. This year funding of £90 is requested to meet the cost of a trip to Broughty Ferry.
9. Sargent Cancer Care for Children	60	100	A request has been received from the Fundraising Manager for a contribution towards the cost of providing respite breaks and theraputic holidays for children from Dundee with cancer at Malcolm Sargent House, Prestwick.
10. Tayside Council on Alcohol	50	100	A letter has been received from the Financial Administrator giving details of last years outing for 23 children to Crombie Country Park. The principal activity of the Council is the provision of a counselling service to anyone whose life is affected by alcohol misuse. This year an outing for 40 children is planned and a contribution towards the cost of £400 is sought. The accounts to 31 March 2002 show a surplus of £ 4,252.

11. Rollercoaster (Barnardo"s)	50	100	A request has been received from the Rollercoaster Bereavement Support group whose aim is to help children overcome bereavement by holding workshops,outings and group activities. Last year two trips were made to the megabowl involving 26 children and similar events are planned for 2003.
12.Fintry Community Playgroup	0	100	A letter has been received from the Secretary requesting a contribution towards the cost of a trip to Craigtoun Country Park. The group cater for up to 24 children aged 2 to 5 years old.
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