

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 10 APRIL, 2002

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: MORAY MARATHON, HALF MARATHON AND 10K COMMITTEE

BY: THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To invite the Committee to consider an application on behalf of the Moray Marathon, Half Marathon, and 10k Committee.

2. Background

2.1 The Moray Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Road Race were established in 1982. The former Moray District Council and The Moray Council have grant aided this event every year since the first event.

2.2 The Moray Marathon is included in the Scottish National Championships.

2.3 Over 600 runners take part in these events, many from outside Moray. This brings extra revenue to Moray through accommodation required for both participants and their supporters and families. Local sports people are also encouraged to take part, with personal benefits to their well being.

2.4 The Moray Council has grant aided these events in the past with an annual award of £3,500 towards the project costs of £9,000. The Moray Marathon Committee also receives sponsorship of £1,500 from The Macallan. Moray Council offered a guarantee against loss in 2001/02 of £3,500. Due to the increased number of entrants in 2001/02, the Marathon Committee required less than £1,000 of the award.

2.5 The Marathon and associated shorter races are of benefit to Moray through the tourism it generates and the encouragement it gives to local people to compete.

3. The Proposals

- 3.1 That the Committee considers the request on behalf of the Moray Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Committee for a financial contributions towards the 2002 Moray Marathon.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 In the current financial year, the Committee has approved £2,500 from a budget of £15,000 leaving a balance of £12,500. However, there are other requests for grant funding to be considered which are covered by other reports on the Agenda.
- 4.2 A summary of the grants awarded to date compared with those awarded in previous years is attached as **APPENDIX 1** to the Report.

5. Staffing and Environmental Implications

- 5.1 There are no staffing or environmental implications arising from this Report.

6. Consultations

- 6.1 Appendix 1 is maintained and provided by the Accountancy Section in Finance and ICT.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the Committee considers the request on behalf of the Moray Marathon, Half Marathon and 10K Committee for a financial contribution towards the 2002 Moray Marathon.**

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Background Papers:

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APPENDIX 1

Section 83 Donations (Voluntary Organisations)**BUDGET 2002/03 £15,000****Amounts Approved to Date**

	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2000/01</u>
Grampian Racial Equality Council		2,600	2,500
Scottish Human Rights Centre		850	
Sponsorship Elgin Rotary Club Marafun		500	
Shipwrecked Fishermen & Mariners Royal Benevolent Society		450	
Scottish Low Pay Unit		3,000	1,500
Jubilee 2000			250
Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty			870
Scottish Councils AGM			1,533
Moray Access Panel			200
Pipe Band 60th Anniversary Pilgrimage			1,050
Highlands & Islands - Hydrocarbons Action Group			500
The Prince's Scot Youth Bus Trust		250	250
Childline Scotland			877
Association of Speakers Club			200
Moray Jobs Fair		1,500	1,500
Aberlour Child Care Trust - Memorial Garden		2,624	
Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen		500	
MacMillan Moray Hospice Appeal - Hire of Elgin Town Hall		188	
Moray College Graduation & Awards Ceremony		200	
Stones of Scotland project		150	
Moray New Futures project		200	
Confederation of Scotland's Elderly		50	
Tour of Moray Cycle Race	2,500		
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>£13,062</u>	<u>£11,230</u>

*** An additional £20,000 was awarded this year for the Golden Jubilee celebrations*