



Direct Grants Annual Report 2003

**A different way
of doing things...
...better.**



Introduction



I have seen the Direct Grants Programme grow from a European Commission funded pilot to being a vital element in the funding environment for the Scottish voluntary sector.

Direct Grants are unique in being managed by the sector, appraised within the sector and delivered to grass roots groups and organisations for the benefit of local individuals. I am proud that the Direct Grants programme is clear evidence of SCVO in action, responding to the needs of the sector to achieve meaningful local impact in combating exclusion. I take this opportunity to formally thank our partners - the funders, CVS Scotland and individual colleagues within the 41 participating CVS, the Scottish Enterprise Network, colleagues from the Communities Scotland regional offices, Local

Authority officers and members and individuals from various voluntary organisations - all of whom have contributed time and energy to ensure that the programme is promoted and delivered where needed across southern, central and north east Scotland. More importantly I would also thank all the individuals in applicant organisations, for without the quality of local projects the Direct Grants programme would not be seen as the success it so clearly is. This annual report, I hope the first of a continuing series, is intended to identify the reach of the Direct Grants programme. It showcases just a sample of the successful projects from Lossiemouth to Galloway to encourage more applications from groups who can identify how relatively small sums can have immediate impact within local communities.

I hope you read this report with interest.

John Ferguson
Director Programmes and Development
SCVO



The contribution from
Direct Grants has
re-encouraged and
focussed our vision

Mothers Against Drugs



- > *The Direct Grants programme is proof that the voluntary sector can make a difference in our communities. The programme sets out a different way of doing things better” Andy Kerr MSP, Minister for Finance and Public Services*
- > *“Scottish Enterprise is delighted to be a partner in the Direct Grants Scheme. We believe that the Fund represents a real opportunity for local organisations to invest in the development of new and creative responses to the challenge of inclusiveness and prosperity in communities across Scotland” David Coulter SE*
- > *“The Direct Grants Programme has allowed small organisations and community groups to directly access European Structural Funds for the first time. Whilst it may still be too early to see the overall impact of the grants programme, at a project level, the benefits are very much in evidence. It is hoped that as a result of their experience of accessing and managing funds through the Direct Grants Programme and the high level of support offered by SCVO, these groups and organisations will go on to source other funding opportunities most appropriate to their needs in the future”
Brian Wright, Chief Executive Scottish ESF Objective 3 Partnership*

What are **Direct Grants**?



Direct Grants are part of a European Commission initiative to ensure a greater percentage of Structural Funds are made available to locally based voluntary organisations and community groups.

SCVO was pleased to manage one of the pilot schemes operated under the title of Local Social Capital. The pilot scheme distributed almost £750,000 to 173 groups from Ayrshire to Dumbarton.

Building on this model the Direct Grants programme aims to distribute over £3million across the Scottish European Social Fund Objective 3 area. Readers of this report will see progress in supporting grassroots activities since our approval in February 2002.



The objectives of the programme are to promote social integration, develop community regeneration and foster not for profit enterprise.



Direct Grants are targeted at new activities, managed by local groups responding to local needs. Although administered from SCVO's west of Scotland Office all applications are appraised locally by locally based agencies and individuals with a working knowledge of the local social sector.

Grants are available to organisations that have not previously benefited from significant funding from statutory agencies, the lottery or charitable trusts. Support of up to £10,000, or in exceptional circumstances £15,000, is available.

Further details of eligibility, the application process and approved grant awards is available on the Direct Grants web site (www.scvo.org.uk/direct_grants/default.htm) or from SCVO at 38 Queen Street Glasgow G1 3DX.

Case Studies 1,2,3...

Case Study 1

Auchencairn Post Office



At the end of March the village of Auchencairn, in the heart of Dumfries and Galloway, lost its post office and general store. But the villagers did not accept that they should have to travel to Castle Douglas to use services they consider they had a right to receive. Undaunted by the bureaucracy they knew they would have to overcome, having identified land in the village. An award of £7,000 from Direct Grants was used to draw up an action plan was drawn up to secure funding for a community managed Post Office, a small business centre a new village shop and housing for the post office operator. In early May the Initiative achieved its first milestone opening a new Post Office in a temporary building on vacant land in the village. At

the opening of the Post Office, George Brockbank, Chairman of the Initiative reiterated the community's commitment to seeing through the ambitious project. Undaunted by the budget figure of £160,000 George summed up the views of many who have successfully used a Direct Grant to progress the ambitions of a small community group saying, "if we don't change things for ourselves nobody will do it for you"



Case Study 2

Fife Men's Group

The Fife Men's Group is committed to combating Hate Crime and supporting individuals affected by violent crimes and the threat of violence motivated by homophobia. Fife Constabulary as part of their remote reporting scheme accredits the group. The Direct Grant funding of £9,000 has contributed to establishing a 24/7 remote reporting helpline, staffed by volunteers, to allow hate crimes to be reported confidentially and so contribute to a safer community.

Case Study 3

Hand In Hand

The Hand in Hand project brings together women, mainly of black and ethnic origin for both social events and to build confidence in their role within their community and the wider society. Based in west Edinburgh the group has participants from across the city. The group is the epitome of self-help. They originally set up, meeting informally, simply as a time for mums to get together. Increasingly they take these meetings as a way to share common concerns and provide mutual support. The group is also anxious to ensure that their children are aware of their cultural heritage and know how their ethnic identity is part of Scottish Society. The Direct Grant aims to support the structures of the group and secure a base of wider membership through facilitated discussion on future development plans and the structure of the group.

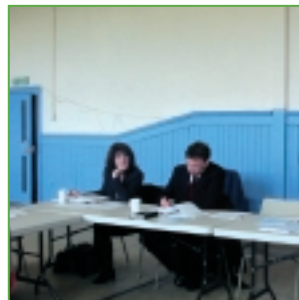
Infrastructure



Behind the informality and openness of the Direct Grants programme there is a need to meet the audit trail and procedural responsibility requirements of our funders. Our commitment to risk and trust needs to be supported and underpinned by robust systems that ensure that public expenditure is protected and due diligence evidenced.

The Direct Grants programme is supported through the Scottish European Social Fund Objective 3 Programme with co-finance provided by Communities Scotland and the Scottish Enterprise Network. In addition, as paying authority for all European Structural Funds in Scotland, the Scottish Executive have a fundamental interest in ensuring that SCVO

manages the programme and monitors expenditure in accordance with agreed accountancy norms. The linkage between SCVO and the funders is strengthened through their membership of and participation in the Programme Committee. This participation also strengthens the link from funding agency to delivery of grants to individual grant applicants. The Programme Committee meets quarterly and retains responsibility for strategic management of SCVO's programme delivery. As well



as senior representatives from the funding bodies the Programme Committee comprises representatives from CVS Scotland and COSLA (to ensure continuity of liaison with our key local implementation partners) and voluntary sector representatives from the three European Structural Fund Partnerships from Objective 2 areas across Scotland (Eastern, South and West) to oversee complementarity in programme delivery. The Programme Committee is invited to comment upon, and where appropriate endorse procedural and practice matters amending, extending or revising the Programme's Business and Operational Plans. As well as SCVO's development team, the work of the Programme Committee is informed by the Programme Network comprising two of the project appraisers from each of the 6 administrative sub regions.

The Network is the voice of our 100 and local appraisers. Selected from each of the six regional selection groups the Network is asked to endorse all recommendations of the appraisal panels on a weekly basis. The network also meets three times a year to review activities across the operational area, review other matters of mutual interest and comment on policy and procedural documents prior to presentation to the Programme Committee.

More interestingly, and possibly more importantly, at each meeting of the Network and Committee, individual project managers, often accompanied by beneficiaries and participants, are invited to deliver short informal presentations on how they are using their grant and the difference the award has made.

Further details and information on the membership of the Programme Infrastructure can be found on the Direct Grants web site: http://www.scvo.org.uk/direct_grants/default.html



Case Studies 4,5,6...

Case Study 4

Torry Youth Group

The Youth Café project began life several years ago with a community consultation and floundered for a long time in the processes of local government. The kids simply got fed up waiting and decided to do it for themselves. They made trips to other youth cafes, held a big public meeting and recorded everything that had happened on video. By the time they made the Direct Grants application they knew exactly what they needed to do to make the Café a reality. All of the planning and marketing of the project is being led by the young people; they are the decision makers. Even though some of them may be too old to benefit directly from the Café when it finally does open, the experience has been invaluable and is building the community activism and entrepreneurship of the future. The £9,900 Direct Grant has enabled the group to employ their first worker to bring the project to fruition.

Case Study 5

Stepping Out

Stepping Out is a community group working with people from Haddington and wider East Lothian, who are experiencing a range of mental Health problems. Stepping Out works with these individuals to build self-confidence and facilitate their reintegration into society and eventually productive employment. As Nicky Fox the project coordinator said in the Direct Grant application, "People with mental health problems are often socially isolated, financially disadvantaged, and stigmatised by society at large. Stepping Out aims to give these people a purpose and goal." The Direct Grant of £7,400 has enabled Stepping Out to start a new programme involving clients directly in the development and delivery of services. Fox adds, "clients ownership and participation will not only increase their ownership in the way we work together but will also increase the quality and quantity of our services."

Case Study 6

WAVE, (Walkerburn Area Improvement Group)

Situated outside Peebles on the road to Galashiels, Walkerburn shares many of the problems of Scotland's communities where the local economy and employment opportunities have dramatically declined. With the support of various regeneration agencies, including the Council for Voluntary Service and now Direct Grants, individuals and local groups are becoming self-empowered in their social and economic regeneration. WAVE have secured a number of computers for community use and a small award (£3,300) from Direct Grants has allowed the group to set-up a series of IT training courses tailored to the needs and time commitments of local people. As Cathie Sutherland of WAVE said "the computers will be available for all those in the area who do not have access to the Internet or even a computer. Direct Grants will encourage people of all ages to use computers and increase their confidence."

Outcomes & Outputs



From the development stage on, there was a firm belief amongst the team that the Programme would be a success and achieve its aim and objectives. The question was how this could best be measured and reported.

The resulting answer was an ambitious monitoring framework which tied back to the stated aim of the Programme and which will demonstrate how each of the (6) objectives of the Programme are being achieved. Selected outputs can be seen at the end of this report. Most of the information gathered in the framework however is quantitative and there was a desire amongst all involved to somehow record more qualitative information.

A research model is being developed which will engage projects in evaluating their own impact.



Horizontal Themes

The Direct Grants Programme is committed to fully mainstreaming the five horizontal themes of the Scottish ESF Objective 3 Programme. An action plan was developed to achieve this. It is two-tiered, addressing the themes both at Programme and Project level.

Some examples of measures introduced are shown below:

> Equal Opportunities

An action plan to address interpretation and translation
Information and awareness raising amongst funded projects

> Sustainable Development

Commitment to using environmentally friendly products in promotional materials
Projects encouraged to consider "green" options and reporting has included the introduction of a waste composter to one organisation

> Support for Local Initiatives

All funded projects are local initiatives and the Programme has an extensive number of active local partners
Meetings are rotated throughout the Programme area with preference given to community venues and local caterers

> Information Society

Applications to the Programme are appraised electronically
Supported projects include multi-media training and help-lines

> Lifelong Learning

The team are encouraged to attend appropriate training & conferences
A large proportion of direct grant awards (currently around 42%) include training/learning as either an element or the stated aim of their project



CaseStudies 7,8...

Case Study 7

North Ayrshire Federation Of Community Associations

Through the Ayrshire Electronic Community and other digital inclusion initiatives promoted by the private and public sector, twenty-eight community associations across North Ayrshire had all benefited from donations of computers and associated peripheral IT equipment.

As part of their traditional networking they realized that they were not “linked up for the twenty-first century”. Together they could see that there could be great advantages if they could talk to each other more easily using electronic media. This would also allow them to share information and support each other in encouraging the widest community use of the hard ware and associated training and skilling opportunities.

The problem was compatibility of disparate equipment and systems and as importantly who would pay! The first problem was solved when a consultant was found who could design a local network that would accommodate all the groups' needs. Then they were alerted to Direct Grants and an award of £3,000 was made available to undertake the design work that for once was no more complex than originally envisaged. The myriad of community groups allied to the associations are now proud participants in an independent, medium sized network bringing together the widest range of activities and interests across North Ayrshire.



Case Study 8

Lossiemouth Play Scheme

Development work is funny. It sometimes needs the ability just to walk in somewhere and sell your wares. This was certainly the case when Anne Sobey arrived at the Lossiemouth community centre one sunny day last September. ACVO had recently taken on the development contract for the Grampian area and made contact with the CVS in Elgin in order to promote the grants scheme. As happened a lot in those initial days, no one turned up at the information session but it gave Anne a chance to speak to the Community workers and any stray passers by who happened to be in the Centre. Anne was told about a playscheme that had been organised completely by volunteers but limited in what it could do.

A subsequent application for £7,700 was successful because, as well as meeting the needs of children in the town, it allowed the group to extend its work with children with Special Needs, it will train young people as volunteers, and allow vital training in fundraising. Other groups have been invited to join in this last training so the impact on the sustainability of the Town's voluntary sector is considerable.

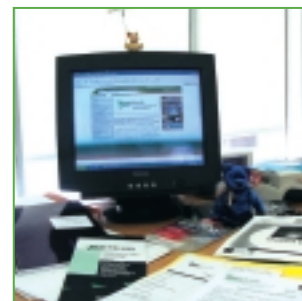
Monitoring & Evaluation



Monitoring & Evaluation

In common with all projects receiving support through the European Structural Funds or other sources, the Direct Grants Programme is required to monitor and evaluate its delivery and achievements.

What is different about this programme is that there was a post funded within the development team to provide after-care to supported projects and also to take responsibility for the monitoring and evaluation systems both at the project and programme level.



Support to projects includes making them aware up-front what the record-keeping requirements will be and providing them with a reporting format. The reports that they subsequently submit feed in to the monitoring framework of performance indicators developed for the Programme. This forms part of the overall picture of Programme activities and achievements (see Outcomes & Outputs).

The final piece of the jigsaw then was to commission an external evaluation of the Programme. We are pleased to report the appointment of MCM Associates. The Phase 1 report evaluating systems, structures and partners participation is due on 27th June 2003. This will allow for ongoing review and feedback into the delivery of the Programme. Phase 2 will evaluate overall impact & effectiveness and offer recommendations for the future of "global grants"

"Evidence obtainedshows that the LSC project was effective in reaching a wide range of excluded people who would not otherwise have benefited from other types of support.

There is strong qualitative evidence of an increase in social capital ... especially with respect to networking and cooperation between sectors and groups/communities with the effect of "building bridges" towards social inclusion and the labour market.

The evidence shows that NGO-led partnerships mobilised under the LSC Pilot offer good examples in terms of inclusiveness, functionality in mobilising resources and supporting implementation and synergies and complementarity with existing programmes and initiatives."

Evaluation report of Local Social Capital Pilot project

LRDP/European Commission May 2003



Case Studies 9,10,11...

Case Study 9

Port William First Response Team

Port William, situated on the Machars peninsula in the far southwest of Scotland, is as near to the Isle of Man as any town where from which vital services are available. Realising the implications of such isolation the First Response team have used a Direct Grant award of just under £6,000 to ensure that local volunteers are fully trained in and able to deliver emergency first aid, CPR and other lifesaving techniques. Chairman of the Team, Murray Morland said, "with these skills, along with the promised donation of a defibrillator we have created a valuable tool in an area where ambulance call outs can be 20 minutes or more. The team can now give our whole population a feeling of renewed confidence." The Direct Grant also allows the group to advertise its services and ensures that core administrative costs can be met.

Case Study 10

Jedburgh Community and Arts Centre (JCAC)



JCAC was the first project in the Borders to receive a Direct Grant. Receiving their cheque for £9,358 JCAC secretary, Margaret Robinson said, "We needed to get the community centre up and running as a home for various projects. Direct Grants was a godsend. It gave us the means and enthusiasm to prepare for the next stages." The group has a long lease on an old school premises in Jedburgh that they intend to refurbish as a self-funding community enterprise. The first tenants, a pre-school play group and out of schools club are now up and running. The grant aided running costs and redevelopment planning are almost completed opening the door to further funding opportunities to meet demand from space from a wide range of groups based in the town. Margaret Robinson also highlighted the support given by their local CVS, RAVS, "they helped us focus on what we really wanted to do, how we should do it and why it was needed."

Case Study 11



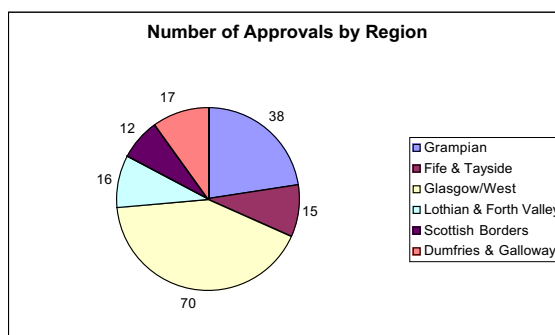
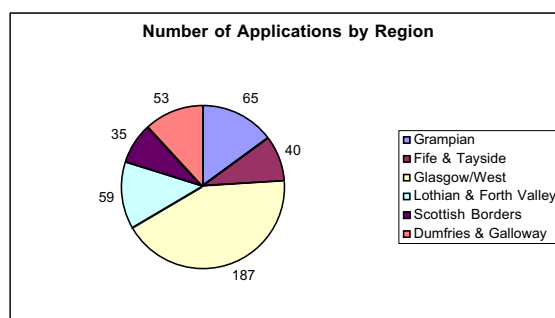
C-BETA

C-BETA is based in Castlemilk on the southern side of Glasgow. It is an independent voluntary organisation providing environmental audits and advice, mainly for other voluntary and community organisations. Following discussions with SCVO about options for an environmental audit of their new premises in Glasgow and support in developing an environmental policy for the whole organisation C-BETA realised there was an opportunity to secure a more sustainable future by taking a more commercial approach to the services it could offer and develop a new role in developing practical training for new environmental auditors within the voluntary sector. Support to this training programme is now being provided through Direct Grant's support. In the words of Jane Leavey, "The C-BETA model demonstrates a practical contribution that local communities can make towards sustainable development. We are supporting organisations to raise environmental awareness within local communities. Our Direct Grant has assisted us to facilitate community and voluntary organisations to make a meaningful contribution to environmental protection."

Where the money goes



The allocations are broadly in line with expectations based on local authority population levels. In the coming months development activity will be prioritised to those areas where uptake and approval rates are lowest. Taking the Scottish Executives definition of rural and Urban authorities 43% of approvals are from rural areas giving a total grant award of just over £540,000. Individual projects are monitored, post approval for their impact on identified disadvantaged communities and communities of interest. To date the recorded numbers of beneficiaries are too small to be statistically significant. As part of the ongoing monitoring framework based on project returns it is more than likely that current trends indicating a focus on the identified groups will be confirmed. The priority groups identified in our business plan are Black and Ethnic Minority Communities, lone parents, Drug users and ex drug users, Ex offenders, the Disabled, Homeless, Women, Young People, Individuals with low numeracy and literacy skills and the unemployed. Prioritised communities of interest are the Social Inclusion partnership Areas and Community Economic Development Areas.

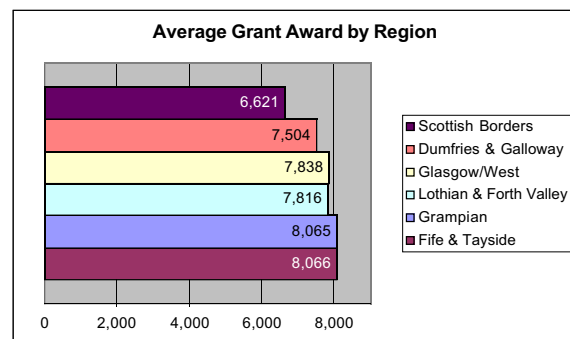
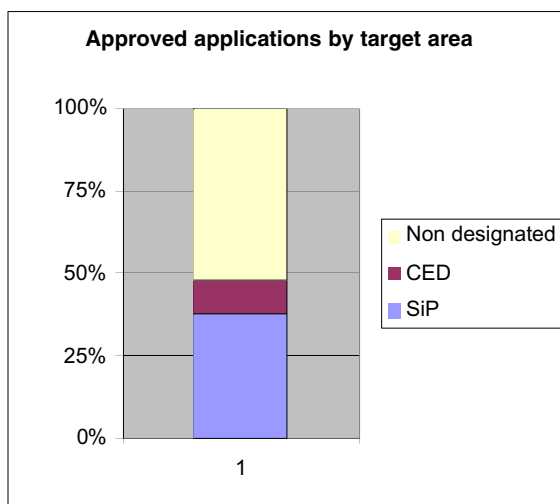
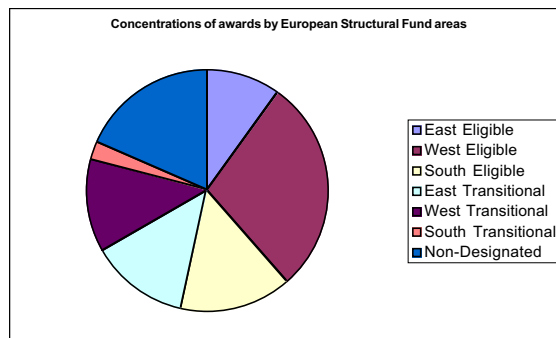
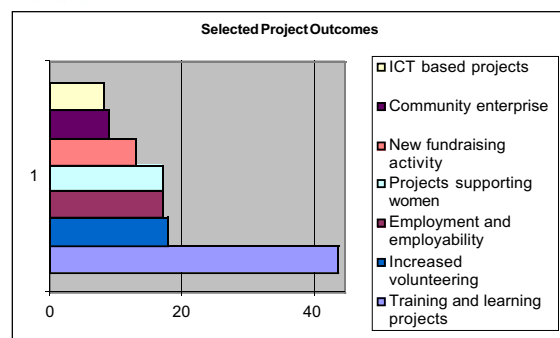
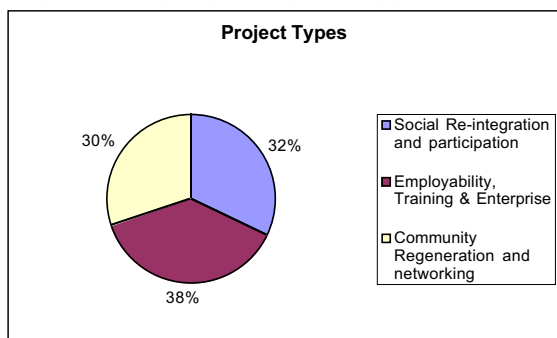


Local Authority	No. of Awards	Value
Clackmannan		
East Renfrewshire		
Midlothian		
East Dunbartonshire	1	£8,050
Perth And Kinross	1	£9,914
Stirling	1	£10,000
Falkirk	2	£12,220
Dundee	2	£14,530
South Ayrshire	2	£14,876
Argyll And Bute	2	£14,475
East Lothian	3	£20,830
Angus	3	£24,995
West Dunbartonshire	3	£25,337
West Lothian	4	£26,058
East Ayrshire	7	£29,591

Local Authority	No. of Awards	Value
Inverclyde	5	£38,395
Renfrewshire	5	£38,987
North Ayrshire	7	£53,910
Edinburgh	6	£55,953
Fife	8	£62,572
Aberdeen	11	£69,815
North Lanarkshire	12	£73,119
South Lanarkshire	9	£78,454
Scottish Borders	12	£79,449
Moray	10	£98,465
Dumfries & Galloway	17	£127,564
Aberdeenshire	17	£138,202
Glasgow	18	£179,464
Total	168	£1,308,225



Where the money goes



A different way of doing things better



In this first Direct Grants Annual Report we have attempted to strike a balance between providing statistical and financial information on grant distribution and outputs and trying to provide a flavour of some of the types of projects that have come forward in the early stages of the programme. Overall, we can say that the programme has been successful in achieving its main objectives to date. This has been endorsed by the Interim Evaluation carried out by external evaluators MCM Associates.

However, we should consider, in more detail, how effective the Direct Grants model has been in terms of our key partners' objectives. In terms of contributing to the Scottish ESF Objective 3 Programme, so far Direct Grants has supported 168 projects to a value of £1,308,225 promoting employability, supporting social inclusion initiatives and directly contributing to community regeneration. Supported projects led by community groups are also currently meeting The Scottish Executive Community Regeneration Statement "Better Communities in Scotland Closing the Gap" objectives by investing in targeted local projects in existing Social Inclusion Partnership and other disadvantaged areas, as well as developing effective partnership working, and contributing to the development of social capital. Direct Grants are also contributing to the work of the Scottish Enterprise Network priorities of services to people and the community through providing financial support to projects that combat exclusion, regenerate communities and by stimulating the development of social enterprises.

This is why our three funding partners continue to support the programme. We cannot forget, however, the many partners such as Councils for Voluntary Service, LECs, local authorities, Registered Social Landlords etc. who continue to dedicate considerable time to promoting the grant fund, appraising applications and contribute to the success of the programme.

The European-wide evaluation of the Local Social Capital Programme* identified the strengths of the Direct Grants predecessor. Many of the effective and innovative features highlighted have been incorporated into the Direct Grants programme.

- > Multi sector partnership approach bringing together players that do not normally work together, contributing to improvement of links and strengthening of relationships
- > Active participation in the management and support structures of local representatives
- > Lack of bureaucracy in the financial management and distribution of grants
- > The combination of providing grants and direct technical support together
- > Simplification of application process enabling grassroots organisations to access European funding

It is pertinent to remember these points and the recommendations from the external evaluation of the Grants when considering future initiatives, such as a Global Grants programme after 2004.

The current Direct Grants Programme finishes in September 2004, but in there remains much to do in terms of promoting the fund, particularly within areas where there is a lower uptake or amongst specific groups. SCVO will be endeavouring to improve the timescales for processing grant applications.

SCVO is committed to the Direct Grants model and the principle that funding of this type should be available to stimulate community led regeneration initiatives. We look forward to working with partners to develop the Direct Grants programme in the future and celebrating the success of the innovative local projects supported through the grant fund.

* Evaluation of the Local Social Capital Project Third Year Final Report December 2002 by LRDP Ltd



Lessons learned...

It seems a very long time since SCVO had initial discussions with the Scottish ESF Objective 3 Partnership, the Scottish Executive and other partners about the potential for mainstreaming the successful Local Social Capital project. That was in late 2000. Around that time, a considerable amount of research and development work was undertaken, which resulted in a proposal to establish a small grants programme to enable local community groups and voluntary to participate more extensively in economic and social regeneration initiatives – this became Direct Grants.

Since the start of the programme, there has been a firm commitment by the project management team to continuous improvement and a number of lessons have emerged along the way.

Development phase – experience has highlighted that, for a new programme of this type, a development period is crucial in order to establish robust systems and procedures and engage with a range of key partners.

Partnership – in order to stimulate the development of, and ultimately fund initiatives that meet the needs of local communities, it is essential that local partners from across sectors participate fully in the programme. This has been one of the great successes of Direct Grants, and partners across the programme area have been extremely supportive, helping promote Direct Grants and giving their time to appraise applications from their area.

100% funding – another aspect of the programme that has influenced its success is the programme's ability to finance revenue projects up to 100%. No requirement to secure match funding, has enabled smaller groups to apply for funding and access the European Social Fund. This has been achieved because of the commitment from Communities Scotland and the Scottish Enterprise Network to provide co-finance for the programme.

Support to projects – the project team along with partners and contractors provides support to applicants to apply for Direct Grants. This has proved to be helpful in reducing the number of ineligible applications as well as impacting positively on the quality of submissions. Support is also provided to successful projects on reporting and submitting claims, and considering equal opportunities and sustainable development issues within their activities. Feedback from groups has been very positive, and this valuable support has enabled groups to develop good practice in project management.

As the programme progresses, there will be many more lessons to learn and hopefully, the external evaluation of Direct Grants will provide useful recommendations for future such programmes. Watch this space!

The Direct Grants team



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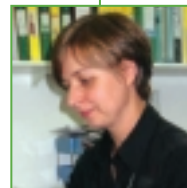
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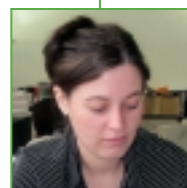
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