

Since the beginning of the programme the Direct Grants team have been concentrating effort on setting up the systems both internally and externally which are now all in place. The programme database is now fully operational providing information from enquiry through to the monitoring of a supported project.

Enquiries

The publicising of Direct Grants first began in March 2002 and since then we have received over 1000 enquiries for an application pack. The figures below are from 01 March to 30 August 2002. (Please note that the next issue of the Bulletin will include a breakdown of local authority areas for enquiries.)

<i>These figures do not include enquiries and packs sent by contractors.</i>	Enquiries	Packs sent	Packs to CVS
Grampian	65	67	100
Fife and Tayside	141	151	100
Lothian and Forth Valley	321	349	140
Glasgow and the West	476	555	340
Scottish Borders	22	45	100
Dumfries and Galloway	65	108	80
Outwith	5	4	0
Total	1095	1279	860

Applications

Since 01 June – 30 August 2002 we have received 109 applications for assistance, which are broken down into areas and status at present in the table below:

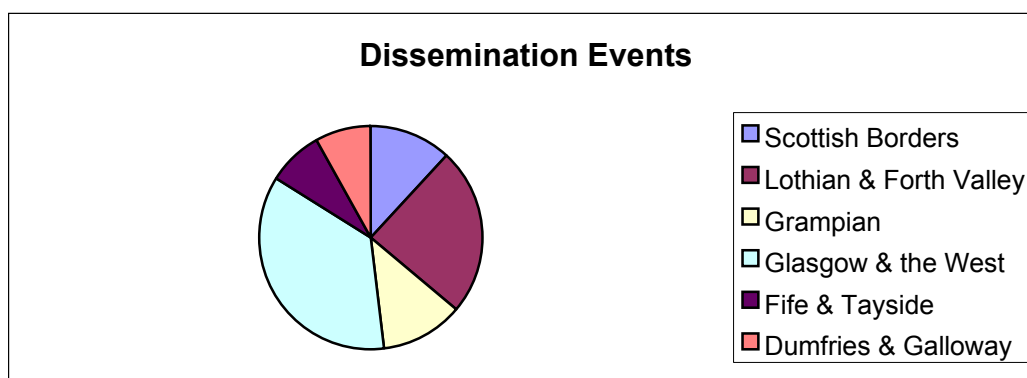
	New applications (not yet gone to appraisal)	Applications in appraisal process	Ineligible applications	Applications awaiting further information
Grampian	1	7	1	2
<i>Local Authority Breakdown:</i>				
Aberdeen	1	3	0	1
Aberdeenshire	0	2	1	0
Moray	0	2	0	1
Fife and Tayside	2	3	4	2
<i>Local Authority Breakdown:</i>				
Angus	1	0	1	0
Dundee	0	0	1	1
Fife	0	3	1	1
Perth & Kinross	1	0	1	0

Lothian and Forth Valley	5	9	6	0
<i>Local Authority Breakdown:</i>				
East Lothian	1	2	2	0
Edinburgh	3	3	4	0
Falkirk	0	2	0	0
Midlothian	1	0	0	0
Stirling	0	1	0	0
West Lothian	0	1	0	0
Glasgow and the West	5	12	21	4
<i>Local Authority Breakdown:</i>				
Argyll & Bute	0	0	1	0
East Ayrshire	0	1	3	0
East Dumbartonshire	1	0	1	0
Glasgow	1	3	4	1
Inverclyde	1	0	1	0
North Ayrshire	1	3	3	0
North Lanarkshire	0	1	4	0
South Ayrshire	0	0	1	0
South Lanarkshire	0	4	3	1
West Dumbartonshire	0	0	1	2
Scottish Borders	1	4	2	2
Dumfries and Galloway	5	5	6	0
Total	19	40	40	10

Of the above applications: 28% were below £5,000
48% were between £5,000 and £10,000
20% were between £10,000 and £15,000
4% were above £15,000

Dissemination & promotion

Development Officers have attended many events since the beginning of the programme to publicise Direct Grants, more than half of which were organised by local authorities, partners, and external organisations and attended by grass root community and voluntary groups. Twenty five events have been attended by SCVO Direct Grants Development staff (this does not include meetings at programme level) and below you can see the geographical breakdown.



The team are continually monitoring feedback and issues arising from the application pack which has already been revised. Changes have been made to make the questions more easily understood and prompt the answers we require. Other questions were removed completely where it was felt that the information gathered was not useful.

The Direct Grants Website has been operational for a few months and contains the full application form and guidance notes. Good feedback has been received and there is a radio button direct to our page from SCVOs homepage, making it more accessible. Approximately 20% of application forms received to date have been downloaded from the website.

A revised flyer is now available giving key eligibility criteria.

Contractors

All contracts are now in place and details are as follows:

- Glasgow
Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector
Will distribute application packs, awareness raising sessions and provide development support to voluntary and community groups in Glasgow.
- South of Scotland
South of Scotland Network of (8) CVS
Will distribute application packs, awareness raising sessions and provide development support to voluntary and community groups in the Borders and Dumfries & Galloway. Will also undertake Managing your Grant Workshops (MYG) and provide follow up technical support in using the pack.
- Grampian
Aberdeen Council for Voluntary Service
Will distribute application packs, awareness raising sessions and provide development support to voluntary and community groups in Grampian. Will also undertake Managing your Grant Workshops (MYG) and provide follow up technical support in using the pack.

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