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Decision Notice

1. Declarations of Interest

Non-financial personal interest.

2. Distribution of Grant Support to the Voluntary and Community Sector

The distribution of grant support has traditionally been administered via two routes. The overall programme is called the **Rural and Community Investment Scheme (RCIS)**. This programme is split into two parts. The first provides grants for **One-off Community Projects** and voluntary organisations seeking a contribution toward their running costs. The second, the **Core Grants to Voluntary Organisations** which includes both one off and 3-year funding agreements, which again are for running costs and entered into with voluntary sector organisations receiving larger amounts of funding.

These programmes were reviewed last year in terms of the efficiency agenda and proposals for savings were presented to Cabinet on 11th December 2008 and to Council on the 21st January 2009. Although the project grants were reinstated for a period of one year the other recommendations which were made at these meetings have been upheld and carried forward into the 2010/11 budget. The budget allocated for grants for the 2010/11 financial year of £328,250 was agreed through Cabinet on the 10th December 2009 and Council on the 21st January 2010.

Having agreed this budget, Council has delegated the authority for allocating and distributing RCIS one off and 3-year agreements to the Strategic Head of Community Services in consultation with Cabinet Members.

The Strategic Head of Community Services having consulted with Cabinet Members, resolves to distribute £326,750 of the available grant monies as set out in Appendix 1 attached.

A member's information sheet has been published concurrently (CS/102/01/10) and this provides the background to this decision.

Members requiring further information on the grant allocations should contact Karen Toole; Strategic Head of Community Services on (01453) 754339 or by e:mail at Karen.toole@stroud.gov.uk

**RURAL and COMMUNITY INVESTMENT SCHEME
(CORE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS) 2010/2011**

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	2010/11 Funding from Grants budget	2011/12 Indicative Funding from Grants budget	2012/13 Indicative Funding from Grants budget	Alternative Funding Source
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CITIZEN FIRST: Those in Particular Need

1. 3-Year Agreements

Gloucestershire Older Persons' Assembly (GOPA) Yr1	GOPA's aim is to serve all older people in Gloucestershire by communicating with older people and their carers, providing training and raising awareness, acting as a consultee for service providers and carrying out an advocacy role.	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	
Home Start Stroud and Dursley Yr3	Practical and emotional support to any parent with at least one child under 5 who may suffer difficulties/ pressure.	£14,000	£14,000	£14,000	
Stroud and District Citizens Advice Bureau Yr3	Free, confidential and impartial legal advice and support.	£125,000	£125,000	£125,000	
Volunteer and Community Action (Stroud District) Yr2	Promotes, recruits and places volunteers within local organisations. Provides support and services to the voluntary and community sector and encourages liaison and networking within that sector and with others.	£40,250	£40,250	£40,250	

2. Annual Applications (for 10/11 funding)

Care and Repair (Stroud) Ltd People for You	The People for You Project was initiated by Care and Repair (Stroud Ltd) with funding from the Health and Well Being Partnership in 2002. The project works with the voluntary and statutory sector to enable older people to live more independently for longer and is focused around areas of specific need. Covers Cam/Dursley and Berkeley areas.	£7,000	£7,000	£7,000	
Marah Trust Ltd	No application was received from Marah within the submission period but a request to submit a late application was received by email. Marah was founded in 2001 as a facility for all a marginalised people in the Stroud area, including the homeless and those with drug/alcohol addictions. Basic needs are met (hot food, clothes etc) at the Stroud drop in day centre (3 days/week) and the opportunity to take part in activities (arts/crafts) and meet with trained counsellors.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	

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Stroud Beresford Group	Provides two refuges close to Stroud town centre for women and children who have experienced domestic violence.	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	
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CULTURE**1. 3-Year Agreements**

Kingshill House Yr 1	Promotes visual & performing arts activities for the local community. It is also an outstation for Stroud College.	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000	
PREMA Yr 3	Prema is a small independent rural arts centre whose work is well regarded by both GCC and SW Arts.	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	
The SPACE (Reclaim Arts Project) Yr 1	The Space is establishing itself as a vibrant & viable performing arts centre with a mix of workshops & performances.	£2,000	£1,000	0	
Stroud Valleys Artspace Yr 2	SVA is a leading arts organisation in the district and their work is endorsed by GGC & SW Arts. They are the main co-ordinating body for the visual arts providing studio space, artist support & information network.	£12,000	£12,000	£12,000	
Woodchester Mansion Trust Yr 1	To use the Mansion as an activity centre to encourage the education & training of stonemasons, architects & others concerned in building. Develop the Mansion as a leading heritage visitor attraction.	£18,500	£18,500	£18,500	
Wotton Arts Project Yr2	WAP is a year long community arts programme offering a wide range of arts events and activities for all in the community.	£3,000	£1,500	£0	

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COMMUNITY SAFETY**1. 3-Year Agreements**

Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol service (GDAS) Yr 2	Works with the community & individuals to reduce actual & potential harm caused by drug or alcohol abuse.	£38,000	£38,000	£38,000	
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2. Annual Applications (for 09/10 funding)

Gloucestershire Racial Equality Council	The primary aim of GlosREC is to work towards the elimination of race discrimination and promote racial harmony & equality.	£2,000	£1,000	£0	
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ENVIRONMENT**1. 3-Year Agreements**

Stroud Valley's Project Yr 3	SVP work with local volunteers & communities to protect & enhance the local environment via conservation, renewable energy, energy reduction projects & other initiatives.	£20,000	£16,000	£0	
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Yr 3	GWT maintain a number of reserves and provides advice for key wildlife site owners. They also give advice on development issues that will impact on biodiversity.	£6,000	£3,000	£0	