

Please find attached the general application pack for Scottish Executive Funding to the Voluntary Sector.

I have included a specific leaflet referring to the criteria for Section 9 below.

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**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**  
**UNDER**  
**SECTION 9 OF THE SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

**ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE**

## **SECTION 9 GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

### **1. GENERAL GUIDANCE**

1.1 These Notes of Guidance have been prepared to explain the Scottish Executive's Section 9 grant scheme to help voluntary organisations to formulate and set out applications for grant. This scheme is administered by the Social Work Services Policy Division.. These Notes are in addition to the information provided in the Scottish Executive Information Pack "Direct Funding for the Voluntary Sector."

1.2 These Notes have been drawn up purely as a guide to assist voluntary organisations and should not be regarded as an authoritative statement of the law applying to making of grants under the scheme.

### **2. POLICY**

2.1 The aim of the Section 9 grant scheme is to promote an acceptable level of practice competence in key areas of social work covered by the voluntary sector by enabling organisations involved to provide or secure training for their paid staff and voluntary workers which would not otherwise be available to them.

2.2 The scheme can provide funding for training officer posts (with secretarial/administrative support as appropriate) and training programmes for volunteers in selected national voluntary social work agencies.

2.3 Currently the priority areas for consideration are those organisations concerned with the social welfare of:

- Older people;
- People with mental illness;
- People affected by physical, sensory or learning difficulties;
- People with problems arising from alcohol and substance misuse and HIV/AIDS;
- Children and Families with particular reference to child protection;
- Homelessness;
- Work with offenders and their victims.

(The above are not listed in rank order).

3. The National Strategy for the Development of the Social Service Workforce in Scotland 2005-2010: A Plan for Action was issued in 2005. Applications for funding should identify how the request for funding relates to the priorities identified in the draft Strategy. This includes assisting the workforce achieve qualifications necessary for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council, the continuing professional development of the workforce and meeting identified skills gaps and shortages. Where the funding application does not relate directly to these priorities a detailed explanation should be given.

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