



CFO name: Taigh Chearsabagh	Reference number (GMS): G200801058
Lead officer's recommendation	
Summarise your reasons for assessing the application as you have (drawing out the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal and highlighting any specific risks):	
<p>Taigh Chearsabagh plays an important role in its local community and is developing a position of importance within the arts infrastructure for Scotland. The organisation meets the Scottish Arts Council's aims well. It delivers a quality programme that presents a range of exhibitions exploring themes related to the environment and local context. The extensive learning and access programme is a model of best practice and the organisation is committed to using the centre as a focal point for formal and informal education. Taigh Chearsabagh is involved in several strategic partnerships that will create new opportunities for artists and audiences, and it is successful in raising funds for the core programme, capital and strategic projects. The organisation is well managed and effective.</p> <p>Taigh Chearsabagh has been working consistently over the last ten years and the time is right to consider its position locally, nationally and internationally into the future. It has ambitious plans and would need a strategic increase in funding to achieve these. It is recommended that this request is given serious consideration as it would allow the organisation to reach another stage in its development and establish it as a centre of national and international significance.</p>	
Assessment:	High
Areas of concern:	
Identify areas of concern drawn from the assessment which will inform the funding agreement for 2006/7 and future agreements / 12 month development plan (as applicable)	
There are no concerns identified.	
Development issues:	
Identify development issues drawn from the assessment which will inform the funding agreement for 2006/7 and future agreements / 12 month development plan (as applicable)	
To manage the planned extension project to budget	
To work with key partners to mainstream the Arts Education post	
To develop the programme to support key priorities including arts and the environment and new media	
To maintain and develop partnerships, at a local, national and international level	
Lead Officer:	Date: 2/12/05
Print name: Amanda Catto	

Stage 2

Decision and authorisation			
CFO name: Taigh Chearsabagh		Reference number (GMS): G200801058	
Stage 2: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the sector ecosystem			
Category for support	Essential		
<p>Based on the lead officer's assessment and match with the department ecosystem, summarise your reasons for assessing the application as you have (drawing out the strengths and weaknesses of the organisation and highlighting any specific risks). Identifying development areas.</p> <p>Taigh Chearsabagh is a strategically based organisation that has an important role to play in supporting artists and communities in the Uists, Barra and the Western Isles. It has demonstrated a commitment to quality in its programme and is developing a unique focus on environmental arts that will enable it to play to the strengths of its location. The organisation is extremely well managed and has made significant progress in recent years. It meets the three aims of the Scottish Arts Council well and works effectively with a range of partners at a local and national level.</p> <p>Taigh Chearsabagh has ambitious plans for the future and these will require a significant increase from the Scottish Arts Council, particularly to build up the small staff team. The Visual Arts Department feels strongly that Taigh Chearsabagh has demonstrated an ability to achieve these ambitions and that its track record of success should be recognised. Within both an Optimum and Standstill scenario it is therefore proposing to increase funds in line with the sums requested.</p>			
Decision authorised:			
Head of Department Print name: Amanda Catto		Date 2/12/05	By 11 November 2005

Stage 3: Head of Department recommendation within the context of the Corporate Synthesised scenario			
CFO name: Taigh Chearsabagh Trust		Reference number (GMS): G200801058	
Category for support	Foundation		
<p>Taigh Chearsabagh can make a significant contribution to the Scottish Arts Council's new priorities. It is a strategically based organisation that has an important role to play in supporting artists and communities in the Uists, Barra and the Western Isles. It has demonstrated a commitment to quality in its programme and is developing a unique focus on environmental arts that will enable it to play to the strengths of its location. The organisation is extremely well managed and has made significant progress in recent years.</p> <p>Taigh Chearsabagh is recommended for Foundation funding with a significant increase to build core capacity and to strengthen the programme.</p>			
Recommendation authorised:			
Head of Department Print name: Amanda Catto		Date 15/2/06	By 14 February 2006

Stage 4: Group Heads			
Recommendation and authorisation			
CFO name: Taigh Chearsabhagh		Reference number (GMS): G200801058	
Category for support	Foundation		
Agree with the recommendation for Foundation Funding at an enhanced level from 07/08.			
Decision authorised: Group Head Print name: Jim Tough		Date 14.02.06	By 14 February 2006

Stage 5: Creative Arts Committee			
Recommendation and authorisation			
CFO name: Taigh Chearabhagh		Reference number (GMS): G200801058	
Category for support	Foundation		
Agreed as per Managers/Group Heads recommendations.			
Committee Chair Print name: Jane Jeffrey (Vice Chair)		Date 24 February 2006	

Stage 6: Council			
Decision			
CFO name: Taigh Chearsabhagh Trust		Reference number (GMS): G200801058	
Category for support	Foundation		
Approved Foundation funding as per Managers/Group Heads and Committee recommendation.			
Chairman Print name: Richard Holloway		Date 28 February 2006	

End of Assessment