

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2014/15

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights how the funding from grants to the Third Sector was spent in 2014/15. Information was taken from the end of year project monitoring reports returned by those organisations awarded funding
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2014/15 was £35,000. A total of £35,000 was awarded to 28 organisations.
- 1.3 Awards were distributed in Bute and Cowal at Area Committee meetings in April and August 2014. Organisations have up to three months from the end of the Project to complete and return the project monitoring reports.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1. Detailed below is a summary of the information extracted from the end of project monitoring reports.
- 3.2. Three of the 28 grant recipients have not yet returned monitoring forms.

No	Organisation	Project funded 2014	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
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1	26th Argyll (Sandbank) Scout Group	Camping and Safety Equipment	£1,139	£1,334	£834	£500	Equipment purchased. The club is now able to 'loan' equipment until such time as they can be purchased so that no child is left out of an activity	35	10	5-9 (33) 10-16 (12)
2	Ardentinny Community Trust	A contribution towards the improvement of a path network around the entrance to the garden	£4,450			£2,000	Funding not spent - See separate report to August Committee			
3	Beachwatch Bute	A contribution towards running costs to keep Bute Beaches clean	£3,660	£3,660	0	£870	Seven tonnes of litter was removed in 2014. The group works with different agencies and individuals including the Schools and a wide range of volunteers including adults with learning support needs. The work of the group was discussed at the Scottish Parliament and cited as example of Good Practice	Figures not provided.		
4	Bute Advice Centre	Contribution towards rent and utility costs for the Centre	£55,150	£60,734	£66,374	£3,000	Bute Advice Centre are supporting the most vulnerable in the community. In a recent poll 83% of participants felt they had	251	334	17-24 (29) 25-64 (398) 65+ (158)

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							greater peace of mind about money and less worry and stress, 67% believed they had more money for food and fuel and 34% felt they had reduced the threat of losing their tenancy.			
5	Bute Agricultural Society	A contribution towards the annual agricultural show and ploughing match	£12,450	£10,804	0	£650	The show was considered a success with an increased number of entries. Although visitor numbers, sponsorship, and trade stands were slightly down on the previous year	Approx 1000 across all age groups		
6	Bute Bowling Association	A contribution towards the costs of the annual bowling tournament.	£3,453	£3,449	0	£950	A successful community event which attracted an increased number of competitors and families to the Island creating economic benefit to local hoteliers and businesses	70	50	25-65 +
7	Bute Community Band	A contribution towards the cost band uniforms and additional sheet music	£2,000	£1,864	£931	£1,000	Uniforms and music sheets purchased. The Band delivered 5 concerts and performances and 8 new	Not provided		10-16 (2) 17-24 (6) 25-64 (32) 65+ (4)

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							members have joined the band			
8	Cowal Community Care Forum	A contribution towards part-time staffing costs	£8,000	£6,000	£10,000	£2,000	The groups have worked with over 300 people raising public awareness of pertinent national and local issues affecting the sector	150	150	17-24 (50) 25-64 (200) 65+ (50)
9	Cowal Fest	A contribution towards promotional materials and equipment for the annual event	£3,945	£3,732	£4,750	£1,970	This event continues to grow and evolve. It attracted 100 volunteers and some 700 participants from across the UK and beyond.	Approx 50/50		17-24 (9%) 25-64 (49%) 65+ (42%)
10	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	A contribution towards hiring a professional tutor	£2,640	£2,640	£800	£300	Membership of the group increased from 64-77 in 2014. The confidence and ability of players has also increased and the group are in demand in the local area.	Not provided		5-9 (20) 10-16 (7) 25-64 (40) 65+ (10)
11	Cowal Music Club- Live Music	A concert to celebrate 70 years of producing live music	£4,500	£3,000	0	£750	A successful concert was held with over 100 in attendance across a wide age range.	50	70	17-24 (10) 25-64 (50) 65+ (60)
12	Creative Words in Cowal	A contribution towards hosting a one-day mini book festival	£2,400	£2,634	£1,350	£1,200	The festival provided opportunities for local residents to access	Not provided		0-4 (50) 5-9 (200) 10-16

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							successful authors and helped to build audience numbers for similar one-off events provided by Argyll & Bute Libraries Service and Bookpoint independent book shop which followed.			(150) 17-24 (40) 25-64 (100) 65+ (100)
13	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	A contribution towards a social outing to Mount Stuart	£440	£440	£200	£220	All participants enjoyed the outing and relationships between the members of the group were strengthened, and have continued out with the confines of the group leading to increased activity within the community and reducing the isolation of those who live on their own	11	22	65+ (33)
14	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	A contribution towards salary costs for a project worker and materials for youth activities	£8,500	£4,000	£5,138	£4,000	The number of members of the club has increased. Several members have joined Argyll and Bute Youth forum and are participating in the Young Leaders Project	30	80	10-16 (110)

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15	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	Cowal Open Studio Event celebrating lives of artists Dan Ferguson and John Cunningham.	£6,030	£3,862.	£2,350	£1,500	The exhibition was well received. As well as visitors two local primary schools took part with pupils visiting the main exhibition and then working with professional artists developing their own creative responses to the exhibition and to the work of the featured artists	Not provided		5-9 (15) 10-16 (30) 17-24 (100) 25-64 (300) 65+ (100)
16	FATHOMS	Contribution towards running costs. The organisation provides hyperbaric oxygen therapy for those suffering chronic health conditions such as MS	£2,630	£2,020	£5,000	£1,300	Although the decompression chamber was out of commission due to an extensive upgrade/refit,. Treatment was provided for clients suffering the worst discomfort before the upgrade began	3	1	25-64(3) 65+(1)
17	Fyne Futures Ltd	Contribution towards the costs of 'Grow Your Own' Pilot for low-income families	£2,400	£2,200	£975	£700	Bute Advice Centre and Bute Produce worked in partnership providing advice sessions and workshops to support low-income families. Numbers were lower than expected but the project evaluation was very positive	7	5	17-24 (2) 25-64 (8) 65+ (2)

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18	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	Provision of qualified coaching to provide taster sessions to encourage new members	£1,575	£1,850	£950	£780	As a result of the taster sessions 8 adults and 12 juniors joined the Bowling and Tennis club.	Not provided		5-9 (8) 10-16 (7) 25-64 (6) 65+ (6)
19	Kilfinan Community Forest Company	A series of events to promote the forest for locals and visitors	£2,700	£2,671	0	£1,115	The event was an opportunity to showcase key developments in the forest. It also gave local people the opportunity to find out more about upcoming activities including a youth skills development project and an archaeology survey of the entire forest.	Over 200 people in attendance		
20	Kirn Gala	Annual Kirn Gala 2014	£2,200	£2,122	0	£250	As well as an economic boost locally the Gala provides a platform for local artistic talent to perform in front of a large audience	Figures not broken down but in excess of 2500		
21	Sandbank Community Development Trust	A contribution towards two community events a Firework Display and Winter Gala.	£3,340	£3,340	0	£1,670	The aim of the events was to bring people together to create a sense of community cohesion. School children, local businesses and parents all supported the events which received very positive	Figures not broken down but over 450 attended the fireworks display.		

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22	Sandbank Parent and Toddler Group	Visit to a petting farm	£250	£59.60	0	£125	Visit changed to an Easter Egg hunt, a visit to soft play and a picnic.	0	15	0-4 (17) 17-24 (2) 25-64 (13)
23	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	Running costs plus costs of social activities and outing	£2,870	£2,355	£808	£200	The group continue to provide a lunch club and social activities for an increasing number of members from Sandbank and beyond.	5	75	25-64 (8) 65+ (72)
24	Starter Pack Cowal	A contribution towards goods and materials for starter packs for vulnerable individuals	£1,900			£950	No monitoring report received as of 10/7/15			
25	Strachur & District Community Development	Materials for maintenance and improvement of pitch	£14,427			£1,500	No monitoring report received as of 10/7/15			
26	Strachur and District Youth Club and Drama Performers	Contribution towards the purchasing of sports equipment	£1,264	£822	0	£500	The club is thriving with member numbers remaining constant. The equipment for the Games nights has encouraged children and	20	25	5-9 (25) 10-16 (20)

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							young people to take part in sports activities increasing physical health and wellbeing			
27	United Church of Bute Pass it On Project	General running costs and the purchase of goods and materials for starter packs for vulnerable individuals	£12,000	£3,000	£1,315	£3,000	Referrals are largely from ABC Council Housing Support and Fyne Homes and are for people starting out in new tenancies or families requiring rehousing. On average 3 to 4 packs are provided per month.	Figures not provided		
28	Youth Stuff	Provision of a professional drama practitioner to lead weekly youth theatre workshops.	£5,960	£3,032	£1,700	£2,000	The inclusive drama club provides opportunities for young people aged 8-18 from across the Cowal area to work together in a creative environment. Three public performances attracted audiences of over 400. Over the year 16 new members joined the group.	11	30	5-9 (18) 10-16 (23)

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1. All organisations have been sent an end of project report and to date 3 out of 28 reports have not been received. The Community Development Team will continue to pursue those applicants who have not yet submitted their end of project report for 2014/15.

- 4.2 The project monitoring form has a section asking for comments on the grant process. Not all applicants have completed this section but of those received the comments have largely been very positive. The majority note that the process is simple, straightforward, clear and concise. Thanks are noted for the support received from staff and elected members.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the Bute and Cowal area budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants in 2014/15.

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

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