

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands
- 1.2 Applications are considered twice yearly in April and August. This is intended to avoid allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable activities held later in the year to be funded.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islands for 2015/16 is £35,000 of which £32,500 was awarded in April. A total of £1764 has been returned from three organisations and added to the remaining balance to give £4,274 available in this second round of funding.
- 1.4 Eight applications have been received. Two were ineligible and have been referred to Islay and Jura CVS.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The six organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget.
- 2.2 Those organisations that have received funding for two years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2014/15 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application.
- 2.3 Where possible, and if appropriate, new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs), unless a very large amount of funding is sought.
- 2.4 Grants will only be awarded pending receipt of the correct paperwork; an approved financial check; and an end of project monitoring report (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 13/14	Grant 14/15	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2015
1	Islay and Jura Development Trust (Oral History)	New	New	£4,350	£1,600	£710
2	Islay and Jura Highland Dancers	New	New	£16,560	£4,000	£780
3	Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band	£600	N/A	£2,910	£1,455	£590
4	Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Limited	N/A	N/A	£2,557	£1,000	£800
5	Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Mid Argyll	£960	£1,000	£6,812	£3,062	£700
6	South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee	N/A	£720	£2,530	£1,130	£684
Total Recommended						£4,274
Balance						£0

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Islay and Jura Development Trust (Oral History)	To undertake a feasibility study, including local community engagement, as to how to create a digital, cultural archive that brings maximum economic and social benefit to the island of Jura.
3.2	Islay and Jura Highland Dancers	Towards the costs of the group participating in an international Scottish country dance competition in Paris. Competing will increase the confidence and commitment of participants.
3.3	Islay and Jura Youth Wind Band	Towards the cost of coach hire to transport Islay children to compete in the mid Argyll Music Festival.
3.4	Mid Argyll Community Enterprise Limited	Towards the cost of additional, structured swimming lessons aimed at financially excluded young people.
3.5	Multiple Sclerosis Centre, Mid Argyll	Weekly musical project to provide therapeutic benefit to people with long term cognitive decline, including Alzheimer's and MS.
3.6	South Kintyre Senior Citizens Committee	To contribute towards the cost of providing Christmas vouchers for 300+ pensioners in the South Kintyre area.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and applications assessed.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.
- 5.6 Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Third Sector Grants use of unspent funds.

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