

GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2010/11

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details the recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants to Bute and Cowal organisations in the second round of applications.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal is £47,000, including £15,000 ring-fenced for Events and Festivals
- 1.3 The Bute and Cowal Area Committee met on the 1 June and allocated funding from the Events and Festivals budget to nine groups totalling £11,600 and from the Third Sector budget to eight groups totalling £22,020. The remaining funding for allocation is £3,400 for Events and Festivals and £9,980 for Third Sector grants.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the organisations listed below are awarded funding totalling £7,212 for grants to the Third Sector and £3,250 for Events and Festivals

Third Sector Grants

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2009/10</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2010/11</u>	<u>Total Running Costs</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.2	P.A.C.C.T	£1,000.00	£2,714.81	£5,714	£2,000
2.3	Bute Advice Centre	£4000	£7000	£77,652	£4,000
2.4	Sandbank Senior` Citizens Club	£769	£2,430	£4,930	£762
2.5	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	£438.00	£450	£2359	£450
2.6	Cowal Dog Training Club	£0	£1,306	£1,360	£0
Total Recommended					£7, 212
Budget Brought Forward					£9,980.00
Balance for Third Sector					£2,768

Events and Festivals Grants

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2009/10</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2010/11</u>	<u>Total Running Costs</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.7	Dunoon Burgh Hall Project	£0.00	£3,250	£6,500	£3,250
Total Recommended					£3,250
Budget Brought Forward					£3,400
Balance for Events and Festivals					£150.00

3. DETAIL

Third Sector Grants

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.2	P.A.C.C.T	P.A.C.C.T is a service-user led organisation that meets regularly and organises weekly activities including a music group and arts and crafts. While activities vary, they have special events such as the Ceilidh club, Theatre trips and organise occasional larger events like Health information days, bus trips, and other outings. The grant is to mainly cover costs such as accommodation rental and administration costs, but the organisation exists to bring together local people and support agencies to promote social inclusion and user led activities. To assist in the provision of facilities and widen access to mainstream opportunities for reaction, sports, environmental activities and community events – and produce a calendar of local events – so people with disabilities stay active.
3.3	Bute Advice Centre	Bute Advice Centre offers information, advice and support to those sections of the Bute community requiring help regarding housing, benefits, welfare rights and managing debts etc. this can be simple advice through to complex matters such as appeals and benefits tribunals. Because of the nature of the service offered by Bute advice its clients tend to be amongst the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in Bute. The service is free of charge and available to people of all ethnicities. The grant is required to support the continued running of this service.
3.4	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	The club provides social activities and outings for older people and allows for speakers to visit the club.
3.5	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	This forum acts to promote the welfare of older people in this area, engaging people in local issues through discussion, campaigning and information sharing. It also provides an important social and networking function. This grant is to help sustain the work of the forum in providing information, advice and support to older people in the Dunoon and Cowal area, and contribute to the running costs of hall hire and the advertisement of various meetings/events.
3.6	Cowal Dog Training Group	To train an instructor to National Dog Instructor level and to promote responsible dog ownership by erecting two dog waste disposal bins and providing members of the public with free dog waste sacks.

Events and Festivals

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.7	Dunoon Burgh Hall Project	The grant will be used to run a series of events during Cowal Games in August 2010. Events will consist of 2 evenings of live music and entertainment and a Saturday Open Day. The aim is to create opportunities for live performances in the community.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed. The applications for funding over £2000 have been forwarded to the Finance Section of Community Services and are awaiting financial approval. Recommendations are in line with the financial assessment to ensure that resources available from this grant budget are disbursed in a manner that will deliver optimum support to Third Sector organisations in Bute and Cowal.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the allocation from the Bute and Cowal budget for the promotion of Events and Festivals budget and Third Sector Grants.

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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