

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2014/15

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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles.
- 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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2014/15 is £35,000.
- 1.4 The Area Committee agreed to an upper limit of £4,000 to any one organisation in any one financial period, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 A minimum of £5,000 should be carried forward for allocation at the Area Committee meeting in August.
- 1.6 Twenty-three applications have been received, one of which has since been withdrawn, and 6 of which are for Events and Festivals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 22 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 2013/14 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 form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant Award 2012	Grant Award 2013	Total Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation
1	Aros Hall	£0	£0	16,000	£4,000	£3,000
2	Coisir Ceann an Turic (Argyll Male Voice Choir)	£135	£0	£500	£250	£50
3	Coisir Ghaidhlig Taigh an Uillt / Taynuilt Gaelic Choir	£0	£135	£640	£320	£0
4	Dunollie Projects Ltd	£1,585	£0	£7,496	£3,527	£2,500
5	Dyslexia Oban and Lorn	£0	£0	£1,250	£1,000	£500
6	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival*	£2,000	£4,000	£33,754	£2,500	£1,500
7	Hogmanay in Oban*	£0	£3,080	£29,149	£5,000	£2,400
8	Iona Village Hall Committee*	£0	£0	£13,560	£2,910	£2,600
9	Lorn Agricultural Society	£1,000	£0	£2,300	£1,850	£450
10	Lorn Group - Scottish Women's Rural Institute*	£0	£0	£2,014	£1,007	£500
11	Luing Social Committee	£0	£0	£915	£457	£170
12	Mendelssohn on Mull Trust	£0	£0	£38,360	£4,000	£3,000
13	Mull and Iona Community Trust	£1,000	£0	£8,666	£6,666	£3,000
14	Oban Community Singers	£0	£0	£1,556	£690	£550
15	Oban Disability Forum	£0	£0	£2,600	£2,600	£550
16	Oban Sailing Club	£1,000	£0	£672	£336	£130
17	Oban Winter Festival*	£5,000	£4,000	£15,500	£6,000	£3,000
18	Oban Youth Café	£0	£450	£4,000	£2,000	£1,000
19	Tiree Music Festival*	£0	£2,707	tbc	tbc	tbc
20	Tiree Resource Centre	£0	£1,233	£25,572.89	£4,000	£3,000
21	Tobermory and Mull Gun Club	£0	£0	£3,450.34	£1,700	£1,500
22	Tobermory Harbour Association	£0	£0	3300	£1,650	£1,300
	Total					£30,100

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3. DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Aros Hall	Aros Hall plays an important role in the community and is managed by a Hall Committee of local people. However, there is no liability limitation in place for the volunteers as employers – a grant is recommended on the condition that the committee seek appropriate advice regarding their position.
3.2	Coisir Ceann an Turic (Argyll Male Voice Choir)	Group have previously received funding to support production of a fundraising CD – it is recommended that the profits of this are used to fund the production of the next CD and that the workshop is supported.
3.3	Coisir Ghaidhlig Taigh an Uillt / Taynuilt Gaelic Choir	£60 is due to be returned from their 2013/14 award – it is proposed that this funding is subsequently awarded for 2014/15.
3.4	Dunollie Projects Ltd	This organisation has an impressive track record of project sustainability. A one-off start-up award is recommended – the group will be advised of the need to secure on-going funding from other sources for future years.
3.5	Dyslexia Oban and Lorn	This project will be of benefit to group members / young people who participate in the project. The launch event will also operate as an awareness raising event.
3.6	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival*	This event attracts a significant number of visitors to the local area with plans to extend the event to attract local involvement
3.7	Hogmanay in Oban*	Event is still in its early stages so an award is recommended, however it should not become dependent on this funding stream and should develop a clear fundraising strategy or method of generating income to ensure its sustainability.
3.8	Iona Village Hall Committee*	The group is organising this as a small scale event and as a pilot to establish demand, success and impact on the island – they have worked with island organisations (community and business) as well as with off-island events and arts organisations. A start-up award is recommended.
3.9	Lorn Agricultural Society	This is a popular show however, it has now been operating in its current location for 2 years and although advertising is an on-going core activity for events, it should require less additional advertising to compensate for relocation. A reduction in award is therefore recommended.
3.10	Lorn Group - Scottish Women's Rural Institute	Costs included in the application include the travel and accommodation costs to accommodate judges – this event brings together members from across the area to share ideas and network
3.11	Luing Social Committee	An annual social event for the elderly in the community reduces social isolation – town areas often have regular on-going activities. This event brings people together during the winter and creates a sense of community. An annual fireworks event brings the whole community together to enjoy fireworks in a safe & controlled manner.

3.12	Mendelssohn on Mull Trust	This project creates a long term legacy and includes the development of volunteer tutors to support music training on the island.
3.13	Mull and Iona Community Trust	Mull Musical Minds has been a successful project but faces the challenge of travel logistics to bring people to Craignure – this fund is part of an on-going long term funding strategy to source support with the costs. The Socio-Economic study will benefit development planning on the island and will be beneficial information for Community Planning Partners.
3.14	Oban Community Singers	This group are still within their first year of running costs so a start-up grant is recommended however the group should be considering how it becomes self-funding.
3.15	Oban Disability Forum	An award is recommended on the condition that the group undertake some development work to establish a fundraising / finance strategy and financial projection for the year ahead. It is essential that this group reviews its operational costs and plans for its sustainability. It is also suggested that this group receive support to secure funding to support a formal business development planning process.
3.16	Oban Sailing Club	Purchase of club owned safety equipment reduces need for individual families to purchase lifejackets for growing children – the club are then also responsible for checking equipment to make sure it is operational and meets all health and safety guidelines
3.17	Oban Winter Festival*	The Winter Festival is a popular local event however, it is still primarily dependant on grant funding. The third sector grants are not intended as a recurring grant funding source therefore a reduced contribution is recommended and the group should be encouraged to consider a sustainability study.
3.18	Oban Youth Café	This project contributes to the range of summer activities available for young people in the area.
3.19	Tiree Music Festival*	Still awaiting supporting paperwork and details of the amount the group are requesting so unable to make a recommendation at this stage.
3.20	Tiree Resource Centre	Council funding would be minority match within a combined funding package to enable the staff post to be sustained this year. The resource centre plays a key role on Tiree and monitors its impact successfully.
3.21	Tobermory and Mull Gun Club	This is a sports club which is aiming to develop its provision and increase its membership. It has the appropriate equipment storage and safety measures in place and is planning a series of events to encourage community participation
3.22	Tobermory Harbour Association	This project will provide a seating area in the harbour area of Tobermory, creating a picnic and seating area.

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4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant 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 Officer assessment reports submitted.

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