

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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2014/15 was £35,000. A total of £35,000 was awarded to 26 organisations.
- 1.3 Awards were distributed in Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee meetings in 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 received from the end of project monitoring reports.
- 3.2. Only one from 26 grant recipients has not yet returned monitoring forms.

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| 1 | Argyll Animal Aid | Care and neutering of animals | £3,600 | £2,327 | 0 | £410 | Ongoing care, including veterinary care provided. All animals found a home apart from 5 cats. | Figures not provided | | |
| 2 | Aros Hall | A contribution towards coordinator/ caretaker costs for the Hall | 16,000 | N/A | N/A | £3,000 | Subject to a carry forward to 2015/16 | | | |
| 3 | Coisir Ceann an Turic (Argyll Male Voice Choir) | Music and Gaelic workshop /mobile recording for production of CD | £500 | £225 | 0 | £50 | The workshop was cancelled but the group went ahead with a recording session in November. | 15 | 1 | 25-64 (8) 65+ (8) |
| 4 | Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor (CELM)/The Lismore Historical Society | Lismore Book Week 2014 - Speakers' fees and expenses. | £1,150 | £1,157 | £602 | £200 | Despite stormy weather impacting on audience numbers the event was considered a success. | 40-60 people, all ages and genders | | |
| 5 | Curam (Tiree Resource Club) | A contribution to running costs of the club and outreach activities | £25,572 | £23,464 | £30,208 | £3,000 | The club provides social interaction, support and transport to members of the community and their families and carers. 1488 person interventions were made with the regular bus service users, and 12 community wide events were organised and attended by members and the wider community. | 13 | 33 | 5-9 (8) 10-16 (12) 17-24 (8) 65+ (19) |
| 6 | Dunollie Projects Ltd | Volunteer and community | £7,496 | £9,039 | 0 | £2,500 | The administrator has improved efficiency at Dunollie and has | Over 100 volunteers, 14,000 visitors have | | |

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| | | engagement administration | | | | | supported the core staff for the visitor services activities and the community engagement programme. | benefitted from the project | | |
| 7 | Dyslexia Oban and Lorn | DVD to raise awareness | £1,250 | | | £500 | No monitoring report received as of 17/7/15 | | | |
| 8 | Glenorchy and Innishail Community Orchard and Garden | Information Boards | £780 | £780 | 0 | £390 | The boards provide information on local flora and fauna for visitors. Pupils from Dalmally PS are using the area weekly and making use of the information to further their studies and observation skills | Not provided | | 5-9 (30) 25-64 (30) 65+ (40) |
| 9 | Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival | Annual Music and Dance Festival | £33,754 | £30,307 | £10,000 | £1,500 | This is a major event for the area with over 1200 competitors and approx. 3000 spectators in attendance. | 360 | 840 | 0-4 (100) 5-9 (214) 10-16 (500) 17-24 (350) 25-64 (36) |
| 10 | Hogmanay in Oban | Running costs of the event | £29,149 | £21,332 | 0 | £2,400 | This event is free and open to all age groups It offers the local community a safe environment to celebrate the New Year and it also attracts a lot of support outwith Oban which is a boost to town revenue at a quiet time of year | Estimated 2500 in attendance | | |
| 11 | Iona Village Hall Committee | Pilot Iona Village Hall Music Festival | £13,560 | £12,112 | £450 | £2,600 | The event attracted a range of high quality music performances to a range of local venues offering a rich experience for locals and visitors alike. This was a highlight event in | Approx 50/50 | | 0-4 (5) 5-9 (10) 10-16 (5) 17-24 (50) 25-64 (180) |

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| | | | | | | | the summer and there is significant interest in an event for 2015. | | | 65+ (50) |
| 12 | Lorn Agricultural Society | Promotion of Agricultural Show | £2,300 | £5,985 | 0 | £450 | The show gave the non-farming community the opportunity to participate and spectate at the event and despite the wet weather admissions were up by 18% largely as a result of improved promotion and publicity. | 600 | 500 | 0-4 (200) 5-9 (200) 10-16 (200) 17-24 (150) 25-64 (250) 65+ (100) |
| 13 | Lorn Group - Scottish Women's Rural Institute | Craft show | £2,014 | £1,537 | £500.00 | £500 | The show was a great success with SWRI members and members of the public in attendance many of whom would have also made use of town centre shops | 10 | 300 + | 0-4 (6) 5-9 (6) 10-16 (10) 17-24 (50) 25-64 (100) 65+ (200+) |
| 14 | Luing Social Committee | Community social events for primarily older people and children within the community | 915 | £914.61 | 0 | £170 | A number of events took place including the annual Halloween party, Christmas party, Community bonfire night with evening supper All events attended by nearly every child on the island creating a sense of wellbeing for all ages. | Figures not broken down | | 0-4 (6) 5-9 (9) 10-16 (14) 17-24 (5) 25-64 (50) 65+ (25) |
| 15 | Mendelssohn on Mull Trust | Children's programme of music workshops | £38,360 | £33,220 | £29,814 | £3,000 | The monthly workshops have been extremely popular; all were fully booked with a waiting list. The project has worked closely with local music teachers and amateur musicians who would like to contribute to the future | 35 | 68 | 5-9 (50) 10-16 (43) 25-64 (10) |

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| | | | | | | | provision of music education on Mull. | | | |
| 16 | Mull and Iona Community Trust | Mull Musical Minds and graduate intern | £8,666 | £8,666 | £5,666 | £3,000 | Mull Musical Minds continues to deliver very strong social benefits, both to those who volunteer to help run it and to the service users who turnout every fortnight to attend. We were able to continue with the project beyond this funding period and it is still operating very successfully with increased numbers of attendees. The socio-economic study has also been completed. | 6 | 25 | 25 – 64 (8) 65+ (23) Figures relate to Mull Musical Minds |
| 17 | New Start Oban | Household goods to support individuals in new tenancy | £600 | £1,083 | £783 | £300 | Feedback has indicated that the recipients appreciated the items provided and that these assisted resettlement in new tenancy | Not provided | | 31 adults and 9 children (age breakdown not provided) |
| 18 | Oban Community Singers | A contribution towards venue and choirmaster costs | £1,556 | £2,173 | 0 | £550 | The group has gradually expanded with 34 members and an average turnout of 25 members. Members | Not provided | | 25-64 (10) 65+ (24) |

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| | | | | | | | report an increased sense of wellbeing The group is in demand at local community events. | | | |
| 19 | Oban Disability Forum | Running the shop | £2,600 | £1,110 | £550 | £550 | It allowed us to carry on working with the council, local bodies and individuals to make Oban and Lorn a more accessible place for people with disabilities, therefore inclusive for all. | Not provided | | |
| 20 | Oban Sailing Club | Purchase of equipment | £672 | £672 | £536 | £130 | We have now had two cohorts of juniors through our course (24 kids aged 11-13) who have successfully completed their training. Many have returned for more sailing. We were able to use the success of the fund raising for Buoyancy aids to highlight our needs to other grant awarding bodies such that we have been able to renew our fleet of ageing dinghies as well. The training element of the club is on a real upsurge thanks to the awards. | 20 | 20 | 10 – 16 (40) |
| 21 | Oban Winter Festival | Costs towards Winter Festival | £15,500 | £21,188 | £11,480 | £3,000 | The Winter festival was well received and makes a big difference to the area attracting late season visitors to the town. The St Andrews day events received high media coverage, and Visit Scotland marketed the Haggis | Estimated 21,000 in attendance over 10 days | | |

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| | | | | | | | Festival abroad resulting in 3000 hits on the website from America. | | | |
| 22 | Oban Youth Café | Running Costs | £4,000 | £11,900 | £10,900 | £1,000 | Over the year the Youth Café has worked with 112 young people and ran 233 sessions. The Drop-in sessions have been attended by 1627. It offers a safe and warm environment for young people to socialise and learn new skills. | Not provided | | 10-16 (100) 17-24 (12) |
| 23 | Tiree Music Festival | Towards the running costs of the Tiree Music Festival. | £2,225 | £11,500 | 0 | £2,000 | The event was a sell-out success; estimates are that it generated an economic impact of £635,000 to the region. In total 94.2% were visitors to Tiree which is higher than in previous years. | 635 | 965 | 0-4 (15) 5-9 (25) 10-16 (60) 17-24 (400) 25-64 (800) 65+ (100) |
| 24 | Tobermory and Mull Gun Club | Funding towards training and equipment | £3,450. | £2,400 | £6,800 | £1,500 | The club has moved to new grounds and are hoping to generate more people to take up the sport on the island | Not provided | | 10-16 (3) 17-24 (5) 25-64 (20) 65+ (100) |

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| 25 | Tobermory Harbour Association | Upgrade of picnic area | 3300 | £2,602. | 0 | £1,300 | The resurfacing, planting and signage made the area much more appealing and welcoming for groups and families visiting the island and is being used. | Many 100s made use of the picnic area over the year | | |
| 26 | Tobermory Playpark Association | Improvements to the playpark | £5,000 | £3,285 | £2,285 | £1,000 | Equipment has been purchased but not yet installed | Not applicable | | |

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1. All organisations have been sent an end of project report and to date 22 out of 26 reports have been received. The Community Development Team will continue to pursue 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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