

**THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16**

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**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 2015/16 is £35,000 of which £27,664 has been awarded. This includes an award of £1,960 to Curam Tìree pending receipt of supporting paperwork and passing the subsequent finance check. This is still outstanding.
- 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 Up to £3,500 of grant funding in one financial year can be carried forward to the next financial year.
- 1.6 Five applications have been received, 2 of which are for Events and Festivals. Three applications have been carried forward for decision from Round 1.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The 6 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

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 14/15	Grant 15/16	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2015
1	Atomeag Piseag	New	New	£4,200	£2,100	No award recommended
2	Craignure Village Hall	£1,437	N/A	£7,947.09	£2,723	No award recommended
3	**Crossroads (North Argyll)	N/A	N/A	£8,000	£4,000	£1,860
4	*Friends of Oban Community Playpark	N/A	N/A	£3,160	£1,350	£500
5	**Isle of Mull Riding for the Disabled Association	New	New	£3,010	£1,505	£1,176
6	**MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust	N/A	N/A	£2,831	£1,415	£800
7	*Oban Winter Festival	£4,000	£3,000	£21,450	£5,500	£2,000
8	The GRAB Trust	N/A	N/A	£6,720	£2,240	£1,000
		<b>Total Recommended</b>				<b>£</b>
		<b>Balance</b>				<b>£0</b>

monitoring report (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

*\*Events and Festivals*

*\*\* Carried forward from Round 1*

### 3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Atomeag Piseag	In the year that Oban hosts the National MOD, supporting a Gaelic Choir to tour across the area provides links with the wider community. However, the group have been unable to submit all supporting paperwork and no award is recommended at this stage.
3.2	Craignure Village Hall	Running costs to allow the group to divert funding to spend on capital repairs. Capital costs are ineligible under the Third Sector Grant scheme and a grant for revenue to allow a group to divert its usual revenue funding to pay for capital costs is in effect the grant paying the capital repair. No award is recommended.
3.3	Crossroads (North Argyll)	Running costs for Fitness and Laughter group. This activity supports physical activity for older people in the community to promote a healthy, active lifestyle.
3.4	Friends of Oban Community Playpark	This Group has raised a significant amount of funding to install a new park in the area and the Council has formed a formal partnership with them and has provided support which has benefitted the group. The Group are seeking funding towards an opening event

3.5	Isle of Mull Riding for the Disabled	This project will establish a Riding for the Disabled Association on Mull and prevent members of the community having to travel to Oban, or not being able to access this activity. The project is being provided in partnership with a local riding school which will keep costs minimal. The group are now registered as a SCIO with the charity regulator and are still in the process of setting up a bank account.
3.6	MacDougall's of Dunollie Preservation Trust	Contribution towards part-time staffing costs to run Dunollie Links programme, providing a range of free community groups and activities, educational visits for school and nurseries and "Borrow Boxes". The activity programme offers a range of learning opportunities at no charge to community members and educational groups.
3.7	Oban Winter Festival	The Festival is a popular event in the community calendar and runs a range of free activities within its programme. A number of community organisations contribute over the two weeks.
3.8	The GRAB Trust	The project aims to support volunteer and work placements for vulnerable individuals, expanding the number of people they can help to improve their skills and become more employable.

#### **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 None.

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