

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16 – update on funds remaining

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Funds of £1,644 were offered in a third round of grant funds in 2015/16. No applications were received.

1.2 An award of £4,000 granted in 2015/16 has not been drawn down by the applicant.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Area Committee note that the carry forward of funds to 2016/17 will be £5,644.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 A conditional award of £4,000 was granted to The Tower by the Area Committee in April 2015 for a festival called Innovate, which was intended to celebrate the life and achievements of John Logie Baird. The award was subsequently reconsidered at the June Area Committee and was again approved with conditions. These conditions have not been met by The Tower.

3.2 The conditions on the grant included the standard requirements that applicants must submit a signed set of annual accounts (or projected accounts if the organisation is less than a year old) and a current bank statement. An additional condition of the award was that the applicant must be successful in securing funding from Creative Scotland and Event Scotland.

3.3 Further to this, following the departure of the Project Director, The Tower has subsequently shelved plans for the Innovate festival in favour of organising three smaller festivals, unrelated to John Logie Baird, in 2016. The Tower is now planning three smaller festivals in 2016. These are:

1. The Festival of Voice, which will take place over 3 days, bringing together choirs from all over the world to Helensburgh a week before The Edinburgh Festival;

2. Buildings in The Burgh - A 3 day festival celebrating the world class Architecture in Helensburgh and the surrounding area; and
 3. John Muir Film Festival - A 3 day festival which will celebrate wildlife film making and bring together filmmakers and environmentalists to discuss ideas, projects and issues facing conservation and ecology.
- 3.4 Gibson Community Centre Committee was awarded a grant of £2,514 at the Area Committee in August 2014 to support a refreshed programme of community events to help raise funds for the Centre and attract new members of the community to use it. An agreed underspend of £1,644 was returned to the Council.
- 3.5 A recommendation to hold a third round of TSG funding in Helensburgh and Lomond to reallocate the returned funds was approved at the August Area Committee. No applications were received.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 It is recommended that the third sector grant funding available for community groups in Helensburgh and Lomond in 2016/17 include the carry forward of funds from previous years due to project underspends.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: Carry forward of funds to next financial year.
- 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: None
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

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