

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2016/17

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 Bute and Cowal.
- 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 Bute and Cowal for 2016/17 is £31,500. In addition there is a carry forward from the financial period 2015/16 of £3,747 (Ardentinny Community Trust £2,000, United Church of Bute £1,500 and Starter Pack Cowal £247) making the total amount available for allocation £35,247.
- 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 £2,500 should be carried forward for allocation at the Area Committee meeting in August.
- 1.6 Twenty applications have been received, 3 of which are for Events and Festivals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 20 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget totalling £32,542.
- 2.2 Those organisations that have received funding for the two previous years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2015/16 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application. These repeat applicants may be subject to a 20% reduction on the previous year's allocation. This is to reduce applicants' dependency on Council grants and encourage fundraising and income generation initiatives.
- 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 finance check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 14/15	Grant 15/16	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2016
1	Ardentinny Community Trust	£2,000	£1,600	£25,000	£4,000	£1,000
2	Ardentinny Village Hall	New	New	£3,870	£1,935	£1,935
3	Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside	New	New	£7,180	£3,870(Applying B& C + MAKI)	£1,795
4	Argyll Nordic Walkers	New	New	£7,530	£3,765	£3,000
5	Beachwatch Bute	£870	n/a	£6,000	£3,000	£2,500
6	Butfest*	New	New	£8,500	£3,500	£3,000
7	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	£300	£240	£3,075	£2,075	£200
8	Cowal Music Club	£750	n/a	£5,400	£1,000	£600
9	Creative Words in Cowal	£1,200	n/a	£2,500	£1,250	£1000
10	Dunoon Baptist Church	New	New	£34,500	£4,000	£3,000
11	Dunoon Link Club	New	New	£8,060	£3,920	£3,000
12	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	£780	£1,500	£1,360	£680	£680
13	Kilfinan Community Forest	£1,300	n/a	£4,000	£2,000	£1,000
14	Kyles Marketing Group*	New	New	£5,590	£1,010	£650
15	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop	n/a	£1,940	£3,619	£1,769	£1,000
16	MacMillan Cancer Support	New	New	£18,100	£1,500	£1,000
17	Strachur and District Piping	New	New	£7,880	£3,380	£3,000
18	Strachur Friendship	New	New	£1,164	£582	£582
19	Tee in the Port*	n/a	£2,300	£9,000	£3,384	£2,400
20	The Touring Network	New	New	£7,100	£3,550	£1,200
		Total Available				£35,247
		Total Recommended				£32,542
		Balance remaining				£2,705

*Events and Festivals

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	Ardentinny Community Trust	A contribution towards materials for restoring pathways and creating a parking area suitable for those with disabilities.
2	Ardentinny Village Hall	The grant will go towards paying for a feasibility study of work required to upgrade Ardentinny Village Hall in order to ensure sustainability of the facility as a Hub for the village.
3	Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust	A contribution to monitor the "Branching Out" Mental Health Programmes in Bute Forest and Kilfinan Forest in a consistent and detailed way .
4	Argyll Nordic Walkers	A contribution towards funding a Project Coordinator post and to provide training for a new volunteer to become an instructor for the Tighnabruaich branch.
5	Beachwatch Bute	A contribution towards increasing the number of storage benches for use by the general public in key locations throughout the Island. The organisation remove up to 10 tonnes of marine litter every year
6	Butefest	A contribution towards improving and expanding the annual Butefest to include a covered family area for Pre-5's, a Teen Zone, Arts and Craft Zone, and a Scot's Corner. This is the 2 nd annual festival which is growing in popularity.
7	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	Towards payment of a professional teacher who will also act as a mentor to volunteer tutors
8	Cowal Music Club	Towards the costs of hiring artistes to perform at six classical and modern chamber music concerts in Cowal
9	Creative Words in Cowal	To support a programme of community activities and events that respond directly to the interests identified through the Dunoon mini-book festival and the larger three day Book festival held last year.
10	Dunoon Baptist Church	A contribution towards salary costs for Youth and Community Worker starting 1 April 2016. The youth and community work programme is aimed at creating a safe and positive environment with regular project activities and development opportunities aimed at improving life-skills for teenagers and young adults.
11	Dunoon Link Club	A contribution towards funding a range of educational training courses and activities to improve the life-skills and opportunities of vulnerable individuals within the community.
12	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	Towards the purchase of equipment to improve the skills of Junior and all members.
13	Kilfinan Community Forest	A contribution towards the cost of delivering a programme of Spring and Summer monthly woodland workshops offering opportunities for everyone in the community to get involved with their local woodland and learn new skills. .
14	Kyles Marketing Group	A contribution towards the cost of equipment for the annual 10k Kyles Road Race to be held in September. The number of participants is growing each year and the event is attended by some 300 people.
15	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Workshop	Towards tutoring costs to teach children of school age to learn to play the fiddle "by ear".
16	MacMillan Cancer Support	Towards furnishing the two Palliative Care Wards in the Victoria Hospital in order to provide a more comfortable environment for families.
17	Strachur and District Piping	A contribution to support a week long Piping Summer School taking place 1st July 2016.
18	Strachur Friendship Group	A contribution towards the provision of a programme of weekly strength and balance exercise and falls prevention training.

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19	Tee in the Port	A contribution towards funding of the event and the cost of moving and staging the event within the village of Port Bannatyne.
20	The Touring Network	A contribution towards the costs of running a supported programme of cultural events in Bute and Cowal.

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

None

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