

**THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2016/17**

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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 2016/17 is £31,500.
- 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-two applications have been received, 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 totalling £25,744.
- 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	A Bhuain (Tiree Homecoming)*	New	New	£16,400	£2,460	£2,460
2	Comunn Ciuil an Obain / Oban Gaelic Choir	New	New	£21,900	£4,000	£4,000
3	Comann Eachdraigh Lios Mor	£200	n/a	£4,280	£2,140	£0
4	Comunn Gaidhlaich Mhuile	New	New	£9,707	£4,000	£1,000
5	Friends of Oban Community Playpark	n/a	£500	£900	£450	£250
6	GalGael Trust	New	New	£42,047	£3,500	£0
7	Girl Guiding Oban	New	New	£1,000	£500	£167
8	Highlands and Islands Music & Dance Festival*	£1,500	£1,500	£37,500	£3,000	£1,200
9	Hope 2 Oban	n/a	n/a	£12,000	£4,000	£2,000
10	Lochnell Football Club	New	New	£3,500	£1,750	£1,312
11	MOD Ionadach Mhuile*	n/a	n/a	£7,090	£3,000	£1,000
12	Mull Runners*	n/a	£650	£8,390.69	£1,000	£0
13	North Argyll Carers Centre	n/a	n/a	£4,700	£2,350	£1,175
14	Oban Communities Trust	n/a	£3,600	£3,460	£1,600	£1,600
15	Oban Sea Cadets	New	New	£2,197.70	£1,098.85	£1,099
16	Oban Winter Festival*	£3,000	£2,000	£19,000	£4,000	£1,500
17	Oban Youth Café	£1,000	n/a	£3,025	£1,500	£500
18	Port of Oban Cruise Ship Group	New	New	£805	£305	£305
19	Roses Charitable Trust	n/a	n/a	£8,306	£4,000	£0
20	Tiree Community Development Trust	n/a	£1,764	£18,000	£4,000	£4,000
21	Tiree Music Festival*	£2,000	£1,470	£9,910	£3,964	£1,176
22	Western Isles Yacht Club	New	New	£4,000	£2,000	£1,000
		<b>Total funding available</b>				<b>£31,500</b>
		<b>Total funding allocated</b>				<b>£25,744</b>
		<b>Balance remaining for round 2</b>				<b>£5,756</b>

\*Events and Festivals

### 3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	A'Bhuain Tìree Homecoming	The event is held every 10 years to reconnect those who have left the island and their descendants with Tìree. This is important for an island with a falling population and fragile economy and there is an anticipated economic benefit during the event, and on a longer term basis.
2	Commun Ciuil an Obain / Oban Gaelic Choir	There is increased demand for the music of the choir, and a broader interest in Gaelic music and culture. The application will support both the production of a fundraising CD and choir participation in the Verona Music Festival in 2016.
3	Comunn Eadraich Lios Mor / The Lismore Historical Society	This project has still to establish community support and to seek match funding and is therefore premature – no award is recommended at this stage.
4	Comunn Gaidhealach Mhuile / Mull Junior Mod Club	Stornoway introduces greater travel challenges of all the Argyll schools and choirs who wish to attend the Royal National MOD this year. However, the costs requested to support flights for the choir to attend are significant and cannot be met in their entirety by the Third Sector Grants.
5	Friends of Oban Community Playpark	This project aims to engage with a number of other community groups as well as involving individual local residents. Match funding contributions are already in place and the project is positioned to go ahead if they receive their award. The element of the project that is eligible for funding is the insurance portion – the other parts will have taken place before the award committee.
6	GalGael Trust	The project cannot, at this stage, evidence more than anecdotal demand from partner organisations. The application is perhaps premature and the organisation should spend some time exploring actual need and possible support through the local Alcohol and Drug Partnerships.
7	Girlguiding Oban	The hall supports a range of Guiding activities and other community activities, including the Soup Group which is well attended. A small award to assist with the purchase of new equipment is recommended.
8	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	The Festival attracts a significant number of visitors to the area, and raises the majority of its funding through fundraising and income generation. It continues to add additional developments, with the introduction of community workshops this year
9	Hope 2 Oban	The organisation is expanding in to include new activities and working in partnership with the school to support the transition of children from outlying areas who are moving to the hostel.
10	Lochnell Football Club	The use of the club has doubled and they therefore need to expand their facilities appropriate to their situation.
11	Mod Ionadach Mhuile	This is an annual event, the costs of which are normally met through local fundraising and small grants. There are no significant additional expenses for this year so a small award is recommended.

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12	Mull Runners	This is a one-day event which has successfully covered its costs in previous years. Additional costs are being incurred this year with the introduction of a new finishing banner – no award is recommended but assistance will be offered to identify potential alternative funding sources.
13	North Argyll Carers Centre	The group receive core funding from Argyll and Bute Council - this activity is out with that funding and a small contribution is recommended.
14	Oban Communities Trust	The need for themed walking trails (and specifically family friendly trails) has come up both when the Oban Community Council Community Action Plan was being developed and during the SOA: Local workshops. It has never previously been progressed because there was not an identified lead organisation.
15	Oban Sea Cadets	This funding would enable the organisation to extend its provisions to a younger age group. However, I also believe that projected costs could be reduced and a contribution from families who are in the position to purchase parts of the uniform is not unreasonable.
16	Oban Winter Festival	This annual event continues to provide a range of community activities and attract external funding. A gradual reduction of council funding is enabling them to identify alternative sources of funding.
17	Oban Youth Café	Youth work is not an income generating activity and charging for activities can be a barrier for young people. The application will support a club for teenagers, offering a safe space, social interaction and a range of activities
18	Port of Oban Cruise Group	This will purchase vinyls which can be used by the Cruise Ship welcoming group and will be available for other community organisations to use when using the MacQueen's Charitable Trust community trailer.
19	Roses Charitable Trust	The organisation has sufficient unrestricted reserves to be able to fund the project at this time, therefore, no award is recommended.
20	Tiree Community Development Trust	This project has a long reach since the purchase of land and provision of play facilities and a community space will extend beyond the grant year. The project is also in keeping with the national community empowerment agenda.
21	Tiree Music Festival	This is a three-day festival which attracts a significant number of people to Argyll, as well as bringing in external funding to the area. The gradual reduction of council funding allows them to seek alternatives.
22	Western Isles Yacht Club	The club is seeking assistance for one off equipment repairs which will benefit their cadet section.

## **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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