
THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2016/17

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants to Third Sector organisations for Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 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 Helensburgh and Lomond for 2016/17 is £37,144 (including a carry forward of £5,644). A total of £31,644 was awarded at the Area Committee in April leaving a balance of £5,500. This is inclusive of a £500 reduction to Cove Sailing Club following securing external sponsorship for their regatta.
- 1.4 Further to this, as part of the end of project monitoring process, £2,753 has been returned by the Geilston Hall, Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank and Friends of Loch Lomond & the Trossachs committees. Therefore £8,253 is available to be awarded in this round.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 Seven applications were received, one was ineligible. The 6 remaining applications meet the criteria for funding and recommendations are outlined in section 2.1.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 6 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector grants budget totalling £8,253.

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 14/15	Grant 15/16	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2016
1	Cove Burgh Hall*	n/a	£2,485	£7,280	£2,550	£2,550
2	Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank	n/a	£1,550 (returned £788)	£9,000	£1,500	£1,500

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3	Kirkmichael Community Development Group	New	New	£1,000	£500	£500
4	Helensburgh Savoy*	£1,325	£600	£11,900	£1,000	£780
5	West of Scotland Military Wives Choir	£645	n/a	£1,990	£950	£950
6	Helensburgh & Lomond Autism	£1,500	£768	£5,000	£2,500	£1,973
		Total available				£8,253
		Total recommended				£8,253

*Events and Festivals

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
	Cove Burgh Hall*	A contribution towards costs associated with attracting highly acclaimed authors to the Cove & Kilcreggan Book Festival and also a feasibility study on structural changes to the building to allow people with mobility issues to access the first floor of the building (where the library, commissioners meeting room and ladies toilet area)
	Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank	A contribution towards the running costs of the Foodbank, including rental on premises and purchase of emergency food aid. Demand for foodbags in 2016 is significantly greater than the amount forecast and the anticipated reduction in demand in the summer months has not materialised. The Foodbank is issuing around 100 bags per month (supporting between 160-200 adults and children) and food donations have not kept up with demand.
	Kirkmichael Community Development Group (KCDG)	Funding to support rugby, music/DJ and other sports related activities for young people and an outing/day-trip for older people in the Kirkmichael community. Also, support for a team building/training event for the KCDG committee and members.
	Helensburgh Savoy*	Funding to support the group to stage the musical Oklahoma in November.
	West of Scotland Military Wives Choir	Support to the Choir to provide a baby-sitting service for mothers in order for them to be able to continue to attend the weekly practice sessions.
	Helensburgh & Lomond Autism	Support to help the Group provide a range of family orientated social activities, outings and transport during for children with autism school holidays.

3.1 The following criteria have been considered by the Community Development Officer:

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.

Organisations in receipt of funding for the previous two years are subject to a 20% reduction. This is intended to reduce dependency on grant funding and support the sustainability of community groups. It is usual for the reduction to

be applied to the previous years' funding unless there is a development in the project.

Grants are only awarded with receipt of the correct paperwork; an approved finance check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

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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