
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 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. A total of £25,744 was awarded by the Area Committee in April leaving £5,756. St John's Cathedral Church, Oban, returned funding of £2,940 which gives a balance of £8,696 for allocation by the Committee in this round.
- 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.
- 1.6 Nine applications have been received, one of which include events and festivals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 9 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget totalling £8,696.

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 14/15	Grant 15/16	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2016
1	Argyll District Scouting	new	new	£4,265	£1165 (Also applied to MAKI & B&C)	£388
2	Atlantis Leisure	n/a	n/a	£1,400	£700	£598
3	Comunn Eadraich Lios Mor / The Lismore Historical Society	£200	n/a	£5,600	£500	£500
4	Coisir Ghaidlig Tigh an Uillt	£0	£200	£1,242	£240	£240
5	Crossroads North Argyll	n/a	£1,860	£821	£370	£370
6	Dunollie Projects Ltd	£2,500	£800	£6,300	£3,150	£2,000

7	Mull and Iona Schools Pipers	new	new	£5,564	£2,782	£2,000
8	Mull Safe and Sound	new	new	£6,000	£3,000	£1,000
9	Sound Waves (Mull Music Makers)	£3,000	£2,000	£3,960	£1,960	£1,600
		Total funding available				£8,696
		Total funding allocated				£8,696
		Balance remaining				£0

**Events and Festivals*

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	Argyll District Scouting	Towards a weekend of scouting activities in September for 100 Cubs and 20 Explorers to bring young people of Argyll together and resource future young leaders with experience in running this event.
2	Atlantis Leisure	The organisation has raised a considerable amount of funding to develop new tennis courts that will benefit the local community. A contribution is recommended towards the opening event which will bring specialist tennis coaches and offer taste and try sessions to local people. The application is for a weekend event to promote the opening of the new all year round tennis facility to encourage new members. This application is for a project that is outwith the Service Level Agreement with the Council and therefore can be funded from the third sector grant scheme.
3	Comunn Eadraich Lios Mor / The Lismore Historical Society	The project has secured the bulk of their funding and an award is recommended to complete their funding package and provide a community open day to involve and inform the wider community.
4	Coisir Ghaidlig Tigh an Uillt	Last year saw a successful Royal National MOD held in Oban, contributing to the local economy. The group have raised most of the money required to attend the Mod in Stornoway this year and a contribution to support this Argyll choir's participation is recommended.
5	Crossroads North Argyll	The purchase of simple mobility aids will increase the ability of the service to provide safe transport to community activities and hospital appointments enabling people to live more active lives from their own homes. An award is recommended.
6	Dunollie Projects Ltd	Dunollie is a successful social enterprise with a history of attracting external funding to the area. The production of the guidebook will involve many local volunteers and a young person to provide drawings and will provide a community learning opportunity. The organisation has received funding for the last three years. The report states that those organisations that have received funding for two years or more are subject to a reduction on previous years unless there are increased development aspects. The application is for the production of a guide book which is a new development. In previous years the funding has been for p/t staffing for project activities.
7	Mull and Iona Schools Pipers	The High School band has recently formed and the grant is a one off start-up to assist with uniforms that will be band owned and passed on to other members. It is expected that in future, the band will fundraise for uniforms and that a one-of start-up grant to assist should be awarded

8	Mull Safe and Sound	Group are very newly formed and a start-up award is recommended. However, group are very new and have not secured all match funding so a smaller award is recommended to get established.
9	Sound Waves (Mull Music Makers)	This group have received healthy funding for the last two years from the Third Sector Grants scheme - an award towards the growth element of their activity is recommended as a final contribution.

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

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.

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.

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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