

MONITORING OF GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR 2015/16

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Oban, Lorn and the Isles through the allocation of the Council's Third Sector Grant funding in 2015/16. Information was taken from the end of year project monitoring reports returned by those organisations awarded funding.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2015/16 was £35,000. A total of £35,000 was awarded to 24 organisations.
- 1.3 Awards were distributed in Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee meetings in 2015. Organisations have up to three months from the end of the Project to complete and return the project monitoring reports.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1. Detailed below is a summary of the information received from the end of project monitoring reports.
- 3.2. All grant recipients have returned their monitoring form.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
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1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Bi-annual Youth Award ceremony held in Oban	£4,760	£5,790	£3,134	£200	Successful event celebrating youth achievement across Argyll and Bute. Twenty-five local businesses supported the event	51	89	10–16 (56) 17–24 (57) 24–64 (25) 65+ (2)
2	Argyll Voluntary Action (Oban Link Club)	Cc-coordinator to establish and develop the Oban Link Club	£6,000	£6,923	£4,223	£2,700	Opening times have expanded and membership has increased. The Club provides a safe place for vulnerable individuals and provides an opportunity to earn new skills and to engage in community activities	18	6	24–64 (22) 65+ (2)
3	Bridge of Orchy Village Hall Trust	Equipment for Kitchen	£10,643	£3,960	£2,000	£1,960	Kitchen equipment purchased which will be to the benefit of all users of the Hall – extension given by match funder for their part of the project to be completed by September	Figures not broken down into gender		0-4 (6) 5-9 (1) 10–16 (1) 24–64 (54) 65+ (3)
4	Cathedral Church of St John the Divine	Part time project officer one day a week	£10,000	n/a	n/a	£2,940	Project did not go ahead – funding of £2,940 returned	Not applicable		
5	Coisir Ghaidlig Taigh an Uillt	Three Gaelic workshops to include fee and travel expenses for a tutor	£540	£550	£0	£200	Three workshops held which helped to improve the standard of Gaelic for all choir members	11	13	24–64 (22) 65+ (2)
6	Crossroads (North Argyll)	Weekly fitness and laughter club	£8,000	£8,230	£2,000	£1,860	The weekly club provided chair based exercises and activities for elderly and frail members which helped improve wellbeing and social isolation	2	8	65+ (10)
7	Dalavich Improvement Group	Research and development of a community action plan	£3,526	£2,677	£1,339	£1,500	The Community Action Plan was developed through extensive consultation giving the whole community an opportunity to express their concerns and hopes for the development of the local area	Not applicable		
8	Friends of Oban Community Playpark	Community event to celebrate the opening of the new play park	£3,160	£2,091	£1,591	£500	Families were able to celebrate the community fundraising effort for the play park and to enjoy a wide range of free activities on offer	Approx 400 people, ranging from babies through to 80+ year olds		

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9	Glenorchy & Innishail Community Orchard and Woodland Garden	Materials for improving the orchard and woodland	£4,328			£1,000	Funding has been spent on improving the orchard and woodland. Assurances have been made that the total funding has been spent and the accounts audited to this effect. Contact has been made with the new Chairperson and the report is expected week commencing 8 August 2016.			
10	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	£40,100	£38,034	£8,286	£1,500	Over 1200 competitors took part in 10 competition classes. 780 attended the associated 'Fringe'. The increased attendance gave local businesses an economic boost in trade	Figures not broken down into gender		0-4 (125) 5-9 (400) 10-16 (300) 17-24 (350) 24-64 (50)
11	Iona Village Hall	Iona Village Hall Music Festival	£13,650	£11,691	£0	£1,470	The breakdown of the ticket-holder profile in 2014 was 1/3 local, 1/3 existing connection to Iona (for example a regular visitor) and 1/3 'new'. A large number of the 'new' visitors returned for 2015 and have already returned outwith the festival to spend time on the island.	150	150	0-4 (5) 5-9 (10) 10-16 (5) 17-24 (50) 24-64 (180) 65+ (50)
12	Isle of Mull Riding for the Disabled	Safety Equipment and portable toilet	£3,010	£4,245	£3,155	£1,176	Equipment purchased and all clients noted the benefits both socially and in terms of increased wellbeing and self-confidence	5	25	5-9 (2) 10-16 (2) 17-24 (3) 24-64 (13) 65+ (10)
13	Luing Social Committee	Social activities and outings	£915	£1,008	£0	£250	A number of social events and parties were held throughout the year engaging with all age groups across the island.	Figures not broken down into gender		0-4 (6) 5-9 (9) 10-16 (14) 17-24 (5) 24-64 (50) 65+ (25)
14	MacDougall's of Dunollie Preservation Trust	Part-time practitioner costs to run Dunollie Links programme,	£2,831	£3,258	£2,358	£800	16 school and nursery sessions arranged, 12 week environmental arts programme for High School additional support unit, workshop kits produced for borrowing by other			0-4 (70) 5-9 (283) 10-16 (12)

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15	Mendelssohn on Mull (now called Sound Waves SCIO)	Workshops and associated cost for the Annual Music Festival	£46,740	£82,566	£26,000	£2,000	Nine monthly violin workshops and a week long summer school were provided with 60 children involved and 40 attending each class. 35 children performed at a Concert during the annual Mendelssohn on Mull Festival	18	42	10–16 (47) 17–24 (13)
16	Mull Runners	Equipment for the Mull Half Marathon	£7,240	£7,489	£1,957	£650	Chip timing equipment purchased and used on the day. The event is growing in popularity and the target of attracting 250 adult entrants was achieved.	131	155	5-9 (31) 10–16 (11) 17–24 (18) 24–64 (219) 65+ (8)
17	Oban Communities Trust (Rockfield Project)	Development of a volunteering programme including training and associated expenses	£23,517	£28,196	£16,200	£3,600	Huts open and in use and volunteer opportunities established with 70 on the mailing list. 'Memories Matter – Oral History Project' successfully completed with a temporary exhibition during the Winter festival. Training Sessions provided to volunteers and the community on Digital recording and Genealogy	610	617	0-4 (35) 5-9 (85) 10–16 (25) 17–24 (190) 24–64 (552) 65+ (340)
18	Oban Winter Festival	Annual Oban Winter Festival	£21,450	£18,456	£17,725	£2,000	The event was well attended although the poor weather had a negative impact. Many visitors visiting for the festival. The Haggis and the Whiskey festival drew large crowds and had wide media coverage	Approx 10,000 over the 10 day period- total attendance rather than unique visitors		
19	Ross of Mull and Iona Community Transport Scheme	Signage for the community transport bus	£1,130	£1,130	£0	£500	The community bus continues to assist residents to access medical appointments and enable community groups to access affordable thus reducing social isolation	Figures not provided		5-9 (30) 10–16 (20) 17–24 (80) 24–64 (20) 65+ (80)

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20	The GRAB Trust	Sessional worker to support volunteer and work placements for vulnerable individuals	£6,720	£2,240	£1,000	£1,000	The sessional worker supported one placement, (referred through Employability team) and 4 volunteers	4	1	10–16 (2) 17–24 (1) 24–64 (1) 65+ (1)
21	Tiree Community Development Trust	Running costs for a number of annual community events	£7,682	£5,725	£3,961	£1,764	Four family friendly community events were delivered throughout the year bringing the community together to socialise and to talk collectively about community issues	Approx 440 across all age groups and genders		
22	Tiree Music Festival	Hire of Food Tent for the Annual Festival.	£10,650	£8,105	£3,000	£1,470	The festival was hit by severe weather conditions which resulted in site closure on the Friday. Notwithstanding the event was a sell out with 1700 tickets sold. The local produce provided was extremely popular with positive feedback received	Figures not broken down into gender		5-9 (5%) 10–16 (5%) 17–24 (30%) 24–64 (52%) 65+ (8%)
23	Tiree Resource Club	Outreach staff and associated costs to support the lunch club	£25,500	£25,228	£18,923	£1,960	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 148 Support Service outings • 45 weeks of twice weekly lunch clubs • 38 weekly social activities (library visits and afternoon teas) • 19 bingo and whist sessions, which are attended by the wider community • 20 exercise classes • 11 visits to lunch club by a community nurse (monthly) • 656 'people interventions' to other organised community events (also encourages social integration - 96 of these were for Carers) 	11	35	5-9 (12) 10–16 (10) 17–24 (6) 65+ (18)
24	Tobermory Marine Exhibition/Aquarium	Towards costs of graduate student to develop a volunteer and work experience programme	£9,980	£9,981	£7,981	£2,000	The graduate placement provided visitors with a hands-on learning experience through touch pool sessions which proved to be very popular. Also developed was a volunteer programme to ensure the ongoing viability of the business and	Figures not broken down into gender		0-16 (4597) 17–64 (5589) 65+ (1974)

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4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1. All organisations have been sent an end of project report and to date all 24 reports have been received.
- 4.2 The project monitoring form has a section asking for comments on the grant process. Not all applicants have completed this section but of those received the comments have largely been very positive. The majority note that the process is simple, straightforward, clear and concise. Thanks are noted for the support received from staff and elected members.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the Oban, Lorn and Isles area budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants in 2015/16.

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

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