

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2017/18

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund (previously Third Sector Grants) to Third Sector organisations for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.
- 1.2 Applications are considered once a year in April. This is intended to ensure allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable organisations to have the maximum amount of time within the financial year to utilise the fund.
- 1.3 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2017/18 is £28,000. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2016/17 of £1,000 that had been allocated to Mull Safe & Sound but was not required, making a total amount available for allocation of £29,000.
- 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 31 applications have been received, 25 of which were eligible to be assessed, 4 of which are for Events and Festivals.
- 1.6 A request has been received from Oban Gaelic Choir that members give consideration to granting a carry forward of the portion of their 2016/17 award that was allocated for the recording of a CD. The choir are staging a concert to be held in the Corran Halls in June 2017 featuring Argyll and Bute musicians and wish to record the performance.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 17 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £29,000.
- 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 2016/17 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).

- 2.4 Grants will be awarded pending receipt of the correct paperwork and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).
- 2.5 Oban Gaelic Choir carry forward a portion of their 2016/17 award that was allocated, to allow for the recording of a CD in June 2017.

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 15/16	Grant 16/17	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2017
1	1 st Oban Boys Brigade	New	New	£2,920	£1,460	£750
2	Appin Community Development Trust	New	New	£5,600	£2,800	£2,550
3	Argyll & Bute Youth Forum	£250	n/a	£5,550	£694	£0
4	Argyll Riding for the Disabled Driving Group	n/a	£0	£3,900	£1,950	£1,000
5	Aros Hall	New	New	£13,312	£4,000	£3,600
6	Bridge of Orchy Village Hall	£1,960	n/a	£6,090	£3,045	£0
7	Clan MacLean Association	n/a	n/a	£11,272	£3,272	£3,100
8	Coisir Ceann an Tuirc (Argyll Male Voice Gaelic Choir)	n/a	n/a	£800	£400	£0
9	Coisir Gaidhlig Taigh an Uillt (Taynuilt Gaelic Choir)	£200	£240	£560	£280	£0
10	Curam Thiriodh Ltd	£1,960	New	£37,684	£4,000	£1,000
11	Developing Potential – Oban Link Club	n/a	n/a	£6,860	£3,260	£0
12	Dunollie Projects Limited	n/a	n/a	£4,466.27	£2,233	£2,000
13	Feis na h-Apainne	New	New	£7,948.10	£3,000	£1,500
14	GalGael Trust	n/a	£0	£55,067	£4,000	£0
15	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	£1,500	£1,200	£29,837	£2,000	£1,000
16	Hope Kitchen	n/a	n/a	£29,250	£4,000	£0
17	Isle of Kerrera Community Trust	New	New	£14,000	£4,000	£3,600
18	Lorn and Oban Healthy Options	New	New	£21,088	£3,392	£3,250
19	Luing Community Trust	New	New	£48,494	£4,000	£2,000
20	Mull Safe and Sound	n/a	£1,161	£1,000	£500	£500
21	Newstart Oban	n/a	£1,161	£2,500	£500	£250

22	Oban Lorne RFC	New	New	£3,000	£1,000	£1,000
23	Oban Youth Cafe	n/a	£500	£3,420	£700	£0
24	Salen SWRI	New	New	£953.75	£300	£150
25	Tiree Piping Society	New	New	£4,977	£2,488.50	£2,250
Total funding available						£29,000
Total funding allocated						£29,000

**Events and Festivals*

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	1 st Oban Company Boys Brigade	This organisation works with young people across a range of ages and are looking for support with revenue costs. Their fundraising is currently focussed on generating money for capital outdoor equipment and sports and activities materials. A contribution towards uniform costs and disposable (non-capital) equipment is recommended.
2	Appin Community Development Trust	This project will see the development of community transport to support older and less physically able people in the Appin area to access services and activities. They have identified a clear need, presented funding projections and have evidenced support from other partners.
3	Argyll & Bute Youth Forum	The AB awards are a biennial event which showcase young people's contribution to the area and overcome negative portrayals of young people. The event is receiving support from the Council with a number of associated costs and no award is recommended in this instance.
4	Argyll Riding for the Disabled Driving Group	Group have identified this is a one-off request since they have experienced significant capital outlay to replace equipment which has left them low on funds. A one-off grant to assist this year due to their exceptional circumstances is recommended.
5	Aros Hall	This hall hosts a range of activities for the local community and visitors. The grant will contribute towards salary costs for three part-time members of staff to support the hall and provide a place for local activities to take place. The committee are rolling out a programme of continual improvements as funding is secured.
6	Bridge of Orchy Village Hall	The hall are undertaking extensive improvements to the building and this project aims to upskill local community members with a tiling course run in the local hall. The practical element of the course will be delivered in the hall through a drop-in course with follow up work to support individual projects however it is not clear how many people will drop-in and therefore what the community benefit will be. Support to source alternative

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
		funding will be offered.
7	The Clan Maclean Association	This grant is to provide better facilities (erection of marquee, mobile toilets and associated infrastructure) for the participants of the 5-yearly meeting of the Clan Congress in Mull from the 20th to 25th June 2017.
8	Coisir Ceann an Tuirc	This group pulls together members from across Argyll and with that come challenges with travel and costs. The group runs with little profit generated and manages to meet its running costs annually. No unexpected expenses have been identified for this year. An offer of support to source alternative funding will be made.
9	Coisir Ghaidhlig Taigh and Uillt	This project have received funding over the last three years for the same purpose and there is no additional developmental aspect to the application. An offer of support to source alternative funding will be made.
10	Cùram Thiriodh Ltd	This group provides a service for older and less able people who are unable to access mainland services and provision. They are now expanding what they do and working with North Argyll Carers Centre to provide occasional 1:1 carer's support where required.
11	Developing Potential - Oban Link Club	Developing Potential supports people experiencing mental health difficulties and have applied for assistance to fund a range of activities including outdoor adventure, trips away and dining out experience. The application is for additional activities rather than core expenses and support to identify other potential funding sources and other local activities the group can potentially access will be offered.
12	Dunollie Projects Ltd	This project will offer the opportunity for people with mental health difficulties to gain skills through environmental improvement activities. It will be adopted into the Dunollie Links project and included in its fundraising strategy. This group are requesting some one-off start-up funding and an award is recommended.
13	Fèis na h-Appaine	Feis na h-Appaine is a relatively new organisation and have run a pilot to trial whether the project would be successful. The feedback and numbers indicate that there is a demand for the project.
14	The GalGael Trust	This project aims to offer residential and day programme support to people from Argyll and Bute at their centre in Barmaddy, Loch Awe side. This is a pilot project and demand from Oban, Lorn and the Isles is not yet known. The application focusses on an Argyll and Bute wide audience and may be better suited to look at area wide grants. The group will be signposted to other potential funding sources.
15	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	The grant is to fund an additional day of the festival to enable more children and young people to take part in the classes. The grant will also provide a schools event involving primary schools and nurseries from across the area. The festival will take place between the 28th April and the 1st May 2017.

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
16	Hope Kitchen	This projects supports lonely, vulnerable and isolated people in the Oban area to access food and support services either through provision at HOPE Kitchen itself or through outreach services such as their Foodbank. The project is well established and is seeking on-going running costs – no additional developmental aspect has been identified. Assistance to identify other potential sources of funding will be offered.
17	Isle of Kerrera Development Trust	This award will support the group with consultancy and development support to look at the costings and feasibility of a number of community led projects.
18	Lorn and Oban Healthy Options	This group are aiming to roll out their “healthy villages” programme to Dalmally, Port Appin and the Isle of Seil. The project works with older people through a range of activities including falls prevention work and exercise classes.
19	Luing Community Trust	This project will support staffing costs for the Atlantic Islands Centre and a range of cultural and arts activities including the development of Luing Arts trail, 14 cultural events, 6 workshops, Luing Slate Festival and 5 exhibitions.
20	Mull Safe and Sound	This group were awarded funding in two stages in 2016/17 but did not draw down the second stage. The funding will support training for group members, training for trainers so that group members can then train others on WRAP (wellness recovery action planning). Also the development of Social Prescribing for people with physical and mental health difficulties and website costs to raise the profile of the group.
21	Newstart Oban	This group supports people moving from homelessness into new tenancies with start-up packs. An award to contribute towards non-capital items is recommended.
22	Oban Lorne RFC	Oban Lorne RFC are developing their young player academy and a contribution towards coaching and training costs and non-capital items is recommended.
23	Oban Youth Café Project	This organisation works with young people and is requesting assistance with funding for residential trips in the Summer. An award was given for Summer activities last year – support will be offered to identify other potential funding sources for this project.
24	Salen SWI	The Christmas lunch is well attended and brings together older people from around the Salen area at a time of year where people can feel isolated. Transport is supported to allow participation from all older people and a contribution is recommended.
25	Tiree Piping Society	This project provides traditional music tuition for young people on the Isle of Tiree. With no piping tutor currently on the island, the group faces additional funding challenges in securing tuition.

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

Rona Gold
Community Planning Manager
Community Planning and Community Development

17 March 2017

For further information contact: Laura Macdonald, Community Development Officer for Oban, Lorn and the Isles Tel No 01631 567944