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Oban, Lorn and the Isles

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2019/20

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the distribution of the Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) Grants for 2019/2020.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2019/20 is £25,250.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 13 organisations, listed in section 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £25,250.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The report details recommendations for the award of the Supporting Communities Fund to Third Sector organisations for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.
- 2.2 Applications are considered once a year. 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 funds.
- 2.3 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2019/20 is £24,500. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2018/19 of £750 from returned grant funding making a total amount available for allocation of £25,250.
- 2.4 24 applications have been received, 2 of which are for Events and Festivals. 17 are new applicants.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that 13 of the 24 organisations listed in the table within section 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £25,250.
- 3.2 Grants will only be awarded funding on receipt of the correct paperwork and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The applicants are listed in alphabetical order in Table 1 below. The applicants recommended for award of funding are indicated by the recommended award shown. Unsuccessful applicants are marked 'no award'.
- 4.2 24 eligible applications were received in Oban, Lorn and the Isles. The process of scoring applications against criteria remains the same as in previous years of the fund. 13 projects of the 24 projects listed are recommended to receive funding.
- 4.3 Applicants can receive full funding of their project up to a maximum of £2,500. It may be the case that some projects have an element of reliance upon other funds. Delivery of any project funded will be monitored in the same way as previous years and so any spend not incurred will be returned.
- 4.4 Information on resources and training available to support organisations looking for alternative funding will be given to groups which are not recommended for an award.

Table 1 – Grant Recommendations

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 18/19	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2019
1	ACT - Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	N/A	£2,912.53	£2,500	£1,250
2	Air Ghleus	N/A	£2,500	£2,500	No award
3	Argyll RDA Carriage Driving Group	£2,052	£6,150	£2,500	£2,500
4	Bookends Festival, Benderloch	£495	£555	£555	£555
5	Coisir Ghaidhlig an Obain (Oban Gaelic Choir)	N/A	£13,698.09	£1,500	No award
6	Comunn Gaidhealach an Obain (Oban Mod Academy)	£2,000	£9,184.50	£2,500	No award
7	Comunn Gaidhealach Mhuile (Mull Junior Mod Club)	N/A	£1,020	£900	No award
8	Co-Roinn Ghàidhlig Mhuile agus Idhe (Mull & Iona Gaelic Partnership)	N/A	£2,751	£2,500	£1,690
9	Craignure Recreational Activity Facility Team (CRAFT)	N/A	£72,603.60	£2,500	£2,500
10	Crossroads North Argyll	£2,480	£3,440	£2,500	No award
11	Footprint Alba	N/A	£2,498.33	£2,498.33	£2,498
12	Friends of Kilbride	N/A	£1,996	£1,231	£1,231
13	Glencruitten Cathedral of Trees (SCIO)	N/A	£26,478	£2,500	£1,250
14	Grab Trust	N/A	£4,302	£1,152	No award

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 18/19	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2019
15	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust	N/A	£2,500	£2,500	No award
16	Hope Kitchen	N/A	£2,300	£2,300	£2,300
17	Mull Museum	N/A	£10,975.20	£2,500	£2,500
18	Oban Communities Trust – The Rockfield Centre	£2,500	£3,366	£2,240	No award
19	Oban Winter Festival*	N/A	£27,350	£2,500	£2,500
20	Oban Youth Cafe	£2,000	£1,908	£1,608	No award
21	Project Trust*	N/A	£5,328.80	£2,224.80	£1,976
22	Roses Charitable Trust	N/A	£4,440	£2,500	£2,500
23	Seil Island Community Hall Charity	N/A	£5,290	£2,500	No award
24	Sound Waves SCIO	£2,500	£54,698	£2,500	No award
		Total Available			£25,250
	* Events & Festivals	Total Recommended			£25,250

4.5 Rationale for each application is shown in the table 2 below.

Table 2 – Rationale for Grant Allocation of those recommended to be funded

Ref	Organisation	Rationale for Grant Allocation
1	ACT - Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	“Moving On” sessions to maintain continuity of activities for participants of ‘Branching Out’ aimed at those affected by mental health. Full funding will provide a 5 week programme, although this will be reduced according to funding awarded. The programme will be delivered by Greenshoots.
3	Argyll RDA Carriage Driving Group	Support with running costs including farrier costs, vet costs, training, clipping, feed and livery for two ponies, hire of toilets, and insurance.
4	Bookends Festival, Benderloch	Hall hire and utilities for monthly Pop-Up Reading & Activity Sessions in Benderloch.
8	Co-Roinn Ghàidhlig Mhuile agus Idhe (Mull & Iona Gaelic Partnership)	Tutors and venue hire for Gaelic classes and drama workshops for adults and children on Mull.
9	Craignure Recreational Activity Facility Team (CRAFT)	Legal costs for lease & planning costs. Installation of playpark equipment at Craignure near the village hall.
11	Footprint Alba	Installation of local beach boards in Oban reminding the public about marine litter and encouraging litter picks. The boards will be sited at the three areas adopted by HOPE Kitchen, the Scouts and Park Primary School to support their efforts.

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12	Friends of Kilbride	Interpretation boards for tourists who visit Historic Kilbride when volunteer guides are not available to give a tour.
13	Glencruitten Cathedral of Trees (SCIO)	12 week outdoor activity programme for individuals affected by mental health staffed by trained staff and a mental health nurse. The programme will be delivered in the Cathedral of Trees.
16	Hope Kitchen	Running Costs for Martyn's Monday Club & MMC Women's Club. Both clubs have a focus on mental health and suicide prevention.
17	Mull Museum	Archaeology for Mull Museum: 2 week programme of archaeological works at the burial ground site known as Lephin Chapel or Port Bhraonian, on the Isle of Mull.
19	Oban Winter Festival	Entertainers & workshop costs for Winter festival event. A grant is recommended to be released upon confirmation of what the workshops will be and that they meet grant conditions.
21	Project Trust	Global Citizenship Festival for primary school children from across Argyll and Bute.
22	Roses Charitable Trust	6 week outdoor activity programme during the Summer holidays for vulnerable young people: instructors & overheads. Participants will be identified by Oban High School as young people in need of additional support.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The grant application and assessment process has been completed as set out within the application pack and within the guidance.
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2019/2020.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: None
- 6.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation
- 6.3 Legal: None
- 6.4 HR: None
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: The Supporting Communities Fund contributes to tackling poverty, reducing inequality and building a fairer and more inclusive Scotland.

- 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll & Bute Council.
- 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: None known
- 6.5.3 Islands: 8 of the applicant projects are island based. 2 of these are recommended for funding.
- 6.6. Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council.
- 6.7 Customer Service: None

7.0 Appendices

- 7.1 Table 3 No Grant Recommendation

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Appendix 1

Table 3 – No Grant Recommendation

Ref	Organisation	Not Recommended for Grant Allocation
2	Air Ghleus	Tutoring in Gaelic song, language & culture to prepare children for local and national MÒDs to increase participation from Mull.
5	Coisir Ghaidhlig an Obain (Oban Gaelic Choir)	Attendance and performance at the Estonian Song and Dance Celebration in Tallin, Estonia in July 2019.
6	Comunn Gaidhealach an Obain (Oban Mod Academy)	Tutors and resources to support children to prepare for local and national MÒDs to increase participation from Oban and Lorn.
7	Comunn Gaidhealach Mhuile (Mull Junior Mod Club)	Uniforms for junior Gaelic choir: matching polo shirts, kilts and fleeces for the children.
10	Crossroads North Argyll	Costs to run a carers' support group including transport and activities/trips.

Ref	Organisation	Not Recommended for Grant Allocation
14	Grab Trust	Removal of the dilapidated portacabin at LORI to allow for the installation of a new building to store and sell second hand goods diverted from landfill.
15	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust	Curriculum-linked workshops for 150 school pupils on the Isles of Mull and Iona.
18	Oban Communities Trust – The Rockfield Centre	3 weeks of community arts workshops: Make-it-for-Christmas Project. 12 workshops will be offered each week with the focus on spending time and making things for family for Christmas rather than spending money.
20	Oban Youth Cafe	Overnight trip for vulnerable youngsters to Strathfillan wigwams: accommodation, food & youth workers
23	Seil Island Community Hall Charity	Costs to support a project to bring students from the Conservatoire to Seil for a residential study trip. As part of the project, the students would provide workshops and performances for the local community.
24	Sound Waves SCIO	Tutor fees/accommodation and marketing of monthly music workshops.