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**SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2019/20**

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**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 Helensburgh & Lomond for 2019/20 is £30,321.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 16 organisations listed in 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £30,321.

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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 Helensburgh & Lomond.
- 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 Helensburgh & Lomond for 2019/20 is £24,500. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2017/18 of £5,821 from returned grant funding making a total amount available for allocation of £30,321.
- 2.4 21 applications have been received, 1 of which was ineligible, 4 of which are for Events and Festivals. 7 are new applicants.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that 16 of the 20 organisations listed in the table within section 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £30,321.
- 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 20 eligible applications were received in Helensburgh & Lomond. The process of scoring applications against criteria remains the same as in previous years of the fund. 16 projects of the 20 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 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	£2,500
2	Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust	£3,703	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
3	Civil Rights First	n/a	£2054.70	£2,054.70	£2,055
4	Cove & Kilcreggan Community Council	n/a	£1,150	£1,150	£1,150
5	Cove & Kilcreggan Lunch Club	£1,150	3,557.34	£1,571.55	No award
6	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café	£2,500	£5,500	£2,000	No award
7	Cove Burgh Hall *	n/a	£2,200	£1,800	£1,800
8	Enable Scotland	£2,210	£2,468	£2,468	£2,468
9	Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association	£2,092	£2316.20	£2,316.20	£2,316
10	Garelochhead Senior Citizens	n/a	£800	£500	No award
11	Garelochhead Station Trust	n/a	£41,314	£2,245	£2,245
12	Grey Matters	n/a	£3,740	£2,490	£1,018.50
13	Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank	£2,000	£2,354	£2,354	£1,018.50
14	Helensburgh Savoy *	n/a	£16,100	£2,500	£2,500
15	Helensburgh Seafront Development Project	n/a	£20-30k	£2,500	No award
16	Loch Long Jetty Association	£2,025	£1,901.14	£1,900	£1,900
17	Project Trust *	n/a	£5,328.80	£248	£248
18	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering *	£2,500	£14,250	£2,500	£2,500

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 18/19	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2019
19	Route 81 Youth Project	£2,500	£4,887.34	£2,477.34	£2,477
20	Welcome In	n/a	£2,125	£2,125	£2,125
		<b>Total Available</b>			<b>£30,321</b>
<i>*Events and Festivals</i>		<b>Total Recommended</b>			<b>£30,321</b>

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

**Table 2 – Rationale for Grant Allocation**

Ref No	Organisation	Reason for grant
1	ACT - Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	The delivery of 'Moving On' outdoor skills sessions aimed at providing support for those affected by mental health. This is an extension of the well-established 'Branching Out' project.
2	Arrochar and Tarbet Community Development Trust (Generation Communities Group)	Costs for intergenerational group activities including transport and venue hire. Children from Arrochar Primary and seniors from the Arrochar, Tarbet and Succoth area will take part in the project.
3	Civil Rights First	Civil Rights First are a new organisation seeking funding to provide justice and money advice as well as authorised lay representation. They aim to work in partnership with existing service providers for referrals.
4	Cove & Kilcreggan Community Council	The Community Council are seeking to enhance Cove and Kilcreggan for residents and visitors through the provision of plants, creation of visitor information and an improved online presence.
7	Cove Burgh Hall	Costs towards the annual Sea Change culture and arts festival on the Rosneath Peninsula.
8	Enable Scotland (Jean's Bothy)	Costs towards the delivery of activities at Jean's Bothy mental health hub including writing courses, kitchen and gardening equipment.
9	Gareloch Riding for the Disabled Association	Funding for the upkeep of one horse, specifically suited to the needs of children affected by disability.
11	Garelochhead Station Trust	A new organisation in Garelochhead seeking costs towards a drop-in support facility for veterans and their families to

		access information and take part in activities.
12	Grey Matters	Helensburgh based seniors group seeking a contribution to excursions for up to 52 people and a Christmas party for up to 100.
13	Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank	The provision of kitchen utensils and equipment for soup making for lending to families, as well as stationery for the 'Meal in a Bag' project.
14	Helensburgh Savoy	Costs towards staging the group's main production, including hire of hall, costumes and insurance. The project provides an opportunity for young people to develop their skills and confidence.
16	Loch Long Jetty Association	The project will create an educational booklet and provide safety equipment for children to access the Loch Long pontoon.
17	Project Trust	Contribution to 'Global Citizenship Festival' including volunteer expenses, printing of resources and staff costs. The event will take place in Oban, with primary school children from Helensburgh and Lomond invited to attend.
18	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	Contribution towards running the annual Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering.
19	Route 81 Youth Project	Staff costs and materials for 28 week 'Footprint Friday project' which aims to educate and motivate young people in the Garelochhead area to be more environmentally aware.
20	Welcome In	The Welcome In is a peer-led community café which supports people in recovery from drug and alcohol misuse, as well as those who experience mental health issues and loneliness. Funding is being requested to extend the activities of the group. Costs requested include the purchase of gardening equipment, travel costs and National Trust Memberships.

## 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: None
- 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**

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Not Recommended for Grant Allocation</b>
5	Cove & Kilcreggan Lunch Club	Funds towards the general running of the lunch club, including transportation for members, outings and a Christmas party.
6	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Café	Costs for a 5 day Ocean Voyage yacht trip for 12 young people.
10	Garelochhead Senior Citizens	Funds towards the general running of the seniors group including hall hire, expenses for speakers and a Christmas lunch.
15	Helensburgh Seafront Development Project	To produce an engineering study.