
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**Mid Argyll and the Islands
Area Committee: Special Committee**

CHIEF EXECUTIVES UNIT

24 APRIL 2019

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 Mid Argyll and the Islands for 2019/20 is £25,869.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 15 organisations listed in section 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £25,869.

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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 Mid Argyll and the Islands.
- 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 Mid Argyll and the Islands for 2019/20 is £24,500. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2018/19 of £1,369 from returned grant funding making a total amount available for allocation of £25,869.
- 2.4 42 applications have been received, 2 of which were ineligible, 6 of which are for Events and Festivals. 32 are new applicants.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that 15 of the 40 organisations listed in the table within section 4.0 are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £25,869.
- 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 40 eligible applications were received in Mid Argyll and the Islands. The process of scoring applications against criteria remains the same as in previous years of the fund. 15 projects of the 40 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	£2,500.00	£1,254
2	Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise	£1,760	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	No award
3	Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group*	N/A	£3,100.00	£2,500.00	No award
4	Campbeltown Unit Sea Cadets	N/A	£5,000.00	£2,000.00	No award
5	Craignish Village Hall	N/A	£3,675.00	£2,429.00	No award
6	Dochas Centre	N/A	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	No award
7	Fèis an Tairbeirt	£1,218	£3,889.94	£1,693.94	No award
8	Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation	£1,071	£1,931.79	£953.79	£954
9	Inspire Inveraray	N/A	£6,852.00	£1,440.00	No award
10	Inveraray Senior Citizens	N/A	£1,712.00	£1,000.00	£1,000
11	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Ltd.	N/A	£4,028.00	£2,500.00	No award
12	Islay & Jura Dolphins	N/A	£4,500.00	£2,250.00	No award
13	Islay Baptist Church	£1,530	£1,530.00	£1,530.00	No award
14	Islay High School Parent Council	N/A	£81,639.00	£2,215.00	£2,215
15	Islay Link Club	N/A	£354.76	£304.76	£305
16	Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust	N/A	£2,350.00	£1,750.00	£1,750
17	Jura Care Centre	£2,500	£2,467.75	£1,617.75	No award
18	Jura Development Trust	N/A	£2,725.00	£2,500.00	No award

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 18/19	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2019
19	Jura Development Trust (2)	n/a	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	No award
20	Jura Sports Group (MUGA)	N/A	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	No award
21	Jura Village Hall	N/A	£3,674.00	£2,500.00	£1,012
22	Kintyre Seasports*	£1,700	£2,105.00	£1,055.00	£1,055
23	Kintyre Six Circle Group	£878	£4,350.00	£2,000.00	No award
24	Loch Fyne Viking Festival*	N/A	£2,250.00	£2,250.00	£2,250
25	Lochgilphead Community Council*	N/A	£6,940.00	£2,500.00	No award
26	Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service	N/A	£1,917.00	£1,917.00	No award
27	M S Centre	N/A	£5,407.20	£2,484.00	£2,484
28	Mid Argyll Athletics Club	N/A	£2,058.00	£1,732.00	No award
29	Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Limited, Mid Argyll Community Pool.	N/A	£2,926.60	£2,500.00	No award
30	Mid Argyll Music Festival*	N/A	£9,356.00	£2,500.00	No award
31	Mid Argyll Pipe Band	N/A	£8,535.00	£2,500.00	No award
32	Mid Argyll Shooting Club	N/A	£3,166.68	£1,592.18	No award
33	PACTMAK	N/A	£2,890.00	£2,090.00	£2,090
34	Port Charlotte Primary & Under 5s Parent Council	N/A	£2,320.00	£2,320.00	No award
35	Project Trust*	N/A	£5,328.8	£2224.80	No award
36	Shopper Aide	N/A	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,500
37	South Kintyre Development Trust	N/A	£3,190.00	£2,000.00	£2,000
38	Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust	N/A	£12,580.00	£2,500.00	£2,500
39	Tarbert Village Hall	N/A	£2,400.00	£2,400.00	No award
40	Tayinloan Villagers Association	N/A	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500
		Total Available			£25,869
<i>* Events and Festivals</i>		Total Recommended			£25,869

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

Table 2 – Rationale for Grant Application

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 and also to invite new participants.
8	Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation	Creation and delivery of new teaching materials to support oyster bed restoration project, and involve schools.
10	Inveraray Senior Citizens	Running costs to free up funds for purchase of new folding tables and thereby increase usage of the Nicoll Hall.
14	Islay High School Parent Council	Towards unexpected overheads of a self-funded school trip to India, which has already engendered many hours of volunteering.
15	Islay Link Club	Bee Friendly gardening for those affected by poor mental health.
16	Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust	Fees towards the design of multi-use games area in a young person-led project.
21	Jura Village Hall	Running costs for the community hall, particularly insurance.
22	Kintyre Seasports	Making their regatta sustainable by training volunteers in marine safety awareness to support the event.
24	Loch Fyne Viking Festival	Pre-festival activities to prepare for and build commitment for the Viking festival, involving volunteers and engaging the community.
27	M S Centre	The MS Centre's first evening opening sessions offering their pain toolkit and other therapies to persons with long term conditions who have been unable to access formerly.
33	PACTMAK	Support assistance to ensure that people with impairments can enjoy activities on the same footing as everyone else.
36	Shopper Aide	Hall fees for Elderberries group & lunch club, which runs twice a week, for a year, which provides a day service for the most frail.
37	South Kintyre Development Trust	Development of a shared interest community lunch group for all that will link people to local sources of support, and thereby improve their circumstances.
38	Tarbert and Skipness Community Trust	The re-opening of the former Tourist Information Centre as a community hub and heritage centre, engaging locals and visitors.
40	Tayinloan Villagers Association	Playing fields lease & digger to prepare for the installation of new play equipment and the rejuvenation of the site.

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: 12 of the projects are island based, of which 4 have been put forward for award, covering 3 islands.

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	Blarbuie Woodland Enterprise	Professionally led exercise sessions for the outdoor gym at Blarbuie Woods, encouraging new users to start using it
3	Campbeltown Christmas Lights Group	Christmas Lights Switch-On and entertainment.
4	Campbeltown Unit Sea Cadets	A wide variety of on and off-shore courses in seamanship and other valuable skills for the cadets.
5	Craignish Village Hall	Training in use of lighting and sound equipment for the hall volunteers in order to maintain the sustainability and quality of arts programme.
6	Dochas Centre	Craft, cuppa and chat meetings for Carers offering specialist and peer support to maintain the caring role.
7	Fèis an Tairbeirt	Multi-media Gaelic Filming project by young people to celebrate heritage and promote Tarbert.
9	Inspire Inveraray	Installation and laying of four visitor boat moorings in the bay by Inveraray
11	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Ltd.	Staffing costs for a link worker for Chit Chat Support Hub to outreach to remoter residents.
12	Islay & Jura Dolphins	Travel to 4 swimming competitions
13	Islay Baptist Church	Running costs of community minibus
17	Jura Care Centre	Supporting lunch club activities and their minibus for residents of Jura Care centre
18	Jura Development Trust	Development of an app to provide essential local Jura information
19	Jura Development Trust (2)	Creative Sessions for visitors and residents of the isle of Jura.
20	Jura Sports Group (MUGA)	Architecture fees to plan a Community Sports Barns
23	Kintyre Six Circle Group	Transport, Rent, 2 special events and other activities of the group
25	Lochgilphead Community Council	Celtic & Pictish Festival: re-enactments & workshops to bring the community together and attract visitors, on Lochgilphead Front Green.
26	Lomond and Argyll Advocacy Service	Self Advocacy Skills Workshops to improve confidence for people for whom it would make a real difference, in Kintyre.
28	Mid Argyll Athletics Club	Hall Hire & purchase of medals so that this group can organise and deliver competitive athletics tournaments across west Argyll, giving young people a taste of competition beyond their school.
29	Mid Argyll Community Enterprises Limited, Mid	25 bursaries for swimming for young people in financially constrained circumstances and training in swim safety for

	Argyll Community Pool.	volunteers to aid sustainability and recruitment.
Ref	Organisation	Not Recommended for Grant Allocation
30	Mid Argyll Music Festival	Venue hire, musician fees & marketing for the 40 th Festival in March 2020, only one of 13 accredited festivals in Scotland.
31	Mid Argyll Pipe Band	Transport and accommodation to support competitions and events
32	Mid Argyll Shooting Club	A sessional worker to develop a youth section and personal safety items
34	Port Charlotte Primary & Under 5s Parent Council	Intergenerational book café in the school library to improve reading outcomes and involve the older generation.
35	Project Trust	Global Citizenship Festival in Oban to which all Argyll schools are invited.
39	Tarbert Village Hall	Labour for painting and repairing the hall to maintain its quality and attractiveness to hirers and the community.