
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands

Area Committee

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

4th March 2020

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2020/21

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the distribution of the Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) for 2020/2021.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2020/21 is £23,422.29.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 13 applicants are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £23,422.29.

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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.
- 2.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2020/21 is £22,500. In addition, there is a carry forward from the financial period 2018/19 of £922.29 from returned grant funding making a total amount available for allocation of £23,422.29.
- 2.3 Applicants could apply for a total of £2,500. The total amount applied for, from 30 eligible applications, is £59,843.67. The total fund available is £23,422.29.
- 2.4 Applications are scored against criteria set out in the guidance which includes reduced scoring for repeat applicants and requirements to evidence impact on issues including social and rural isolation. (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>)

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that 13 applications are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £23,422.29. These are listed with an award recommendation in Table 1 within 4.0 of the report.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 30 eligible applications were received in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands requesting a total of £59,843.67. Eligible applications to the fund are listed in alphabetical order, by applicant name, in Table 1.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 All applications provided satisfactory essential information on governance and finance to be eligible for scoring. The scoring is based on a set of criteria outlined in the guidance to the Fund and made available on the council's website. (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>)
- 4.4 27 of the applicants were not in receipt of an award in the previous year.
- 4.5 13 applications are recommended to be awarded funding from the total available of £23,422.29. Three of these are island based projects, from a total of eight island based projects received. The applications recommended for award of funding are indicated by the award amount shown in column 'Award 2020/21' of Table 1. Details of these projects are in Table 2.
- 4.6 Unsuccessful applicants are marked 'no award'. Information on resources and training available to support organisations looking for alternative funding will be provided to applicants which are not recommended for an award.
- 4.7 Delivery of any project funded will be subject to end of project monitoring. The results of this, showing the impact of the project and any funds to be returned, are brought to Area Committee in autumn 2021.

Table 1 – Supporting Communities Fund Recommendations of Award 2020/21

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 2019/20?	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Award 2020 / 21
1	19th Argyll (Lochgilphead) Scout Group	N/A	£5,300.00	£2,500.00	£2,500
2	Achnamara Village Hall	N/A	£2,390.00	£1,870.00	No award
3	Bruichladdich Hall Committee	N/A	£3,800.00	£2,500.00	No award
4	Carradale Music Festival*	N/A	£15,611.00	£1,500.00	£1,500
5	Clachan Village Hall	N/A	£9,984.00	£2,000.00	No award
6	Dalintober & Milknowe Senior Citizens Monday Social Club	N/A	£720.00	£720.00	£720
7	Dochas Carers Centre	N/A	£2,700.00	£2,500.00	No award
8	Heads Up Mid Argyll	N/A	£3,250.00	£2,500.00	No award
9	Inveraray Highland Games*	N/A	£4,625.00	£2,500.00	No award
10	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Limited	N/A	£7,416.00	£2,000.00	£2,000

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11	Islay & Jura Youth Wind Band	N/A	£3,835.20	£2,500	No award
12	Islay Community Council	N/A	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500
13	Islay Community Council*	N/A	£4,460.00	£2,460.00	No award
14	Keeping it Local CIC	N/A	£9,021.88	£2,500.00	£2,500
15	Kintyre Link Club	N/A	£4,361.42	£1,348.67	£1,348
16	Kintyre Seasports	£1,055	£8,234.00	£1,500.00	No award
17	Lochgilphead Community Council*	N/A	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,500
18	MacTaggart Community Cybercafé	N/A	£1,368.00	£1,368.00	£1,368
19	Mid Argyll Youth Development Services (MAYDS)	N/A	£6,020.00	£2,000	No award
20	Mid Argyll Music Festival*	N/A	£9,960.00	£1,500.00	£1,500
21	PACTMAK People and Agencies Coming Together Mid Argyll and Kintyre	£2,090	£10,000.00	£2,500.00	No award
22	Port Ellen Juniors Football Club (PEJFC)	N/A	£11,203.00	£2,500.00	No award
23	Shopper-Aide Ltd	£2,500	£10,437.00	£2,500.00	£1561.29 (partial award)
24	South Kintyre Seniors Forum	N/A	£2,890.00	£2,000.00	No award
25	Tarbert Soccer Centre	N/A	£3,588.83	£2,500.00	£2,500
26	Tarbert Village Hall	N/A	£1,525.00	£925.00	£925
27	The Community Bureau	N/A	£4,425.00	£2,425.00	No award
28	The Easy Club Mid Argyll	N/A	£2,290.00	£1,745.00	No award
29	This is Islay	N/A	£3,535.00	£1,635.00	No award
30	WorkingRite	N/A	£73,884.00	£2,147.00	No award
		Total Available			£23,422.29
	* Events & Festivals	Total Recommended			£23,422.29

Table 2 – Supporting Communities Fund Recommendation

Ref	Organisation	Application Detail
1	19 th Argyll (Lochgilphead) Scout Group	Towards an adventure weekend for up to 104 children and young people that will give them improved opportunities, skills and confidence from learning together in the outdoors, while reducing the costs for low income families.
4	Carradale Music Festival	Towards the 3rd Carradale Music Festival which aims to showcase the best in Scottish traditional music over 2 stages on

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		the weekend of 10-12 April 2020 as well as offering music workshops to young people and promoting local produce.
6	Dalintober & Milknowe Senior Citizens Monday Social Club	4 tea dances for Campbeltown Senior Citizens, including residents of the local care home, to include transport, thereby reducing social isolation and improving health.
10	Islay and Jura Community Enterprises Limited	Towards continuation of a part-time Link Worker post who supports remote rural residents with long term health conditions by connecting them to services and their community for the improvement of their health.
12	Islay Community Council	To hire a consultant to complete a Community-led Action Plan for the island of Islay ensuring they can realise their own ambitions and overcome issues of lack of coordination and finance.
14	Keeping It Local CIC	Business overheads towards development of this CIC into a non-profit visitor information centre, which includes digital outreach and affordable business start-up sites, thus supporting the improvement of the economy of Kintyre.
15	Kintyre Link Club	20th anniversary celebration of this mental health peer support group with enhanced wellbeing events and developmental activities, including the addition of some social enterprise endeavours to decrease grant reliance and increase the skills and confidence of members.
17	Lochgilphead Community Council	Towards the delivery of the 5th annual Lochgilphead Celtic and Pictish Festival which the Community Council anticipates will meet their aims of fostering community spirit, celebrating heritage and putting Lochgilphead on the map, as well as contributing to local business.
18	MacTaggart Community Cybercafé	Sessional worker for 3 hours a week to support the weekly intergenerational community café: "Tuesday Teas" which offers a safe, affordable and inclusive space for all.
20	Mid Argyll Music Festival	Delivery of the 2021 Mid Argyll Music Festival, one of only 13 festivals in Scotland affiliated to the British and International Federation of Festivals. This festival brings together individuals, choirs and ensembles from across the area celebrating and improving our musical heritage and skills.
23	Shopper Aide	Towards the running costs of the 4 vehicles which support Shopper-Aide's services of shopping, housekeeping and addressing social isolation with visits and outings – all for the most elderly and frail. Demand for their service is increasing, especially out of town.
25	Tarbert Soccer Centre	Winter sports kit for the children and the volunteers in order to encourage continued uptake of football in the winter months as no indoor facilities are available and there is a drop off in participation partially due to the affordability of the correct sportswear.
26	Tarbert Village Hall	The hall will host a produce and industries show, which will bring all ages together and increase skills in both cooking and gardening helping the community become fitter and more resilient as well as improving the environment.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Supporting Communities Fund application and assessment process has been completed as set out within existing guidance to the fund.
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2020/2021.
- 5.3 Due to the high demand from community groups to the Supporting Communities Fund, and the reduction of funds available through Council budget savings over the past 4 years, it is expected that the Community Planning Manager will review the fund and bring recommendations to a future Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: n/a
- 6.2 Financial: Recommendations in the report are limited to the budget allocation available in 2020/21 for the Supporting Communities Fund in MAKI.
- 6.3 Legal: Applications are initially assessed to ensure that groups are constituted with managed accounts.
- 6.4 HR: n/a
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: The Supporting Communities Fund supports community groups in tackling poverty, reducing inequality and building a fairer and more inclusive Scotland.
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: Applicants are given the options of receiving the application in large print and other languages.
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: None known
 - 6.5.3 Islands: 8 of the applicant projects are island based. 3 of these are recommended for funding.
- 6.6 Risk: risk to the public pound is managed through the assessment and scoring, and through the end of project monitoring process.
- 6.7 Customer Service: None

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