

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands - Area Committee Planning Group Meeting
on 24th August 2021

Covid-19 micro Grant Fund for Village Halls and Community Organisations

Purpose

- To highlight a new Council Covid-19 response fund for community groups

Recommendation

- Any organisation or partner is welcome to help promote the fund and the information to do this is within the details section below.

Background

- At Council on 24 June, it was agreed that an amount of £30,400 be available from the Flexible Fund to support impacts of Covid-19 on community groups and in particular village halls.
- The fund (details below) enables groups to apply for up to £500 to help community facilities to re-open safely and support community-led recovery activities.
- The fund was launched on 28th July and applications are being received. The deadline for applications is 31 August. Awards will be made by the Community Development Team from 1 October 2021.
- The fund is being promoted through social media, website (see links below) area community planning group Basecamp, Communities E-Bulletin from the Community Development Team, and the council's Funding Bulletin.

Details

Argyll and Bute Council is delighted to announce the launch of a new Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund for Village Halls and Community Organisations.

The micro grant fund is open to not for profit community organisations to apply for **up to £500** to enable community facilities to re-open safely and support community-led recovery activities.

Projects must be related to recovery from the pandemic, examples of the types of activities the fund aims to support include the provision of cleaning materials or Personal Protective Equipment, training of staff and volunteers, and the delivery of events to bring the community together.

Please note that all activities must be within the current Scottish Government guidelines. Detail of eligibility criteria can be found in the guidance notes within the application form and [the FAQ's on our website](#).

Please find the application form attached, [this can also be downloaded from our website](#) along with the scoring matrix that will be used for assessment.

If you have any questions, require assistance or would like to request a paper copy of the application form, please contact the Community Development Team on 01436 657647 or email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk.

The closing date for applications is 31st August 2021.

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