
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND
THE ISLANDS – AREA COMMITTEE**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

02 MARCH 2022

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2022/23

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the allocation of the council's Supporting Communities Fund (SCF) for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for distribution in 2022/23 is £24,619.59.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 12 applicants are awarded funding.
- 1.4 Applicants awarded funds from the council's Supporting Communities Fund have 18 months in which to spend the funds.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The report details recommendations for the award of the Council's Supporting Communities Fund (SCF). The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2022/23 is £22,500. In addition, there are unspent funds from the financial period 2018/19 of £1,639.30. A further sum of £480.29 remaining from the Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund has been allocated to the MAKI Supporting Communities Fund for distribution in 2022/2023. The total available for allocation is £24,619.59.
- 2.2 Organisations applying to the fund were able to request up to £2,500 and the period of spend is 18 months.
- 2.3 The SCF is a popular fund and has attracted 16 applications from the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area, requesting a total of £34,005.32 in funding.
- 2.4 Applications are scored against criteria set out in the guidance (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>)
- 2.5 Where an organisation has been recommended for an award and received funds in 2021/22, the award recommended within this report is either for a different project or where the original award has been spent and an End of Project Monitoring Form received.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to agree that 12 applications are awarded funding from the Supporting Communities Fund budget totalling £24,619.59. These are listed in order of assessment score in Appendix 1 and details of the projects are noted in the same order in Appendix 2.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 The SCF is marked through a robust process which involves financial checks and contact with the applicant to verify any information where required. All applicants need to provide satisfactory essential information on governance and finance to be eligible for further assessment. The scoring is based on a set of criteria outlined in the guidance and made available on the council's website: ([Guidance for applicants](#)). Applications to the fund in January 2022 must meet one or more of the criteria:

- Fairer Communities – tackling poverty by sharing opportunities.
- Resilient Communities – rebuilding and repairing from a pandemic; noting that this is only in the case of the group being unable to access other specific funds for this, e.g. Scottish Government funding.
- Greener, cleaner communities – climate change mitigation
- Creative Communities – creativity for health and wellbeing

4.2 Of the 16 eligible applications (requesting a total of £34,005.32), 7 organisations have not applied to the fund in the previous two years. Applications to the fund are listed in assessment score order, in Appendix 1.

4.3 Of the eligible applications to the SCF, 12 are recommended to be awarded funding from the total available of £24,619.59. One of these is an island based project. The applications recommended for funding are indicated in the recommendation column with 'Award' and are highlighted green in Appendix 1. The detail of the projects is in Appendix 2.

4.4 Unsuccessful applicants are marked as 'No Award' and highlighted in red in Appendix 1. These applicants will be offered support from the Community Development team and provided with information on alternative sources of funding.

4.5 Successful projects funded have to complete a report at the end to evidence the impact of the spending of the money. The results of this are brought to Area Committee in March 2024, if not before depending on project duration.

4.6 Remaining funds from the Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund of £480.29 have been allocated to the MAKI Supporting Communities Fund for distribution in

2022/2023. These funds are ring fenced to the highest scoring project under the 'Resilient Communities' criteria.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Supporting Communities Fund application and assessment process has been completed as set out within its guidance. (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>).
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2022/2023.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: N/A
- 6.2 Financial: Recommendations in the report are limited to the budget allocation available in 2022/23 for the Supporting Communities Fund in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.
- 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: 3 of the applicant projects are island based. 1 of these is being recommended funding.
- 6.6 Climate Change: One of the four criteria within the process is specific to mitigating climate change.
- 6.7 Risk: risk to the public pound is managed through the assessment and scoring, and through end of project monitoring process.
- 6.8 Customer Service: None

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1- Assessment Score and Recommendations

Appendix 2 – Project Summary Sheets

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Ref	Applicant	Recommendation	Assessment Score	Value of Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Award 2022/23	Cumulative total
1	Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Limited *	Award	7.2	11,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
2	Kintyre Seasports	Award	7.2	14,680.00	2,432.40	2,432.40	4,932.40
3	Argyll and Bute Befrienders	Award	7.1	2,500.00	602.00	602.00	5,534.40
4	Dochas Carers' Centre	Award	7.0	5,810.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	8,034.40
5	Craignish Village Hall - Arts Programme	Award	6.9	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	10,534.40
6	Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation	Award	6.8	1,275.92	640.92	640.92	11,175.32
7	Shopper-Aide Ltd	Award	6.7	3,450.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	13,675.32
8	Achnamara Village Hall	Award	6.5	4,885.00	2,365.00	2,365.00	16,040.32
9	Kintyre Link Club	Award	6.1	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	18,540.32
10	Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust	Award	5.8	3,100.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	21,040.32
11	19th Argyll Scout Group	Award	5.8	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	23,440.32
12	Kintyre Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service	Award (part-fund)	5.6	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,179.27	24,619.59
13	Jura Development Trust	No Award	5.4	15,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	24,619.59
14	The Community Bureau	No Award	5.3	2,800.00	2,440.00	0.00	24,619.59
15	Dunaverty Hall	No Award	4.9	2,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	24,619.59
16	The Museum of Islay Life	No Award	4.9	2,625.00	2,125.00	0.00	24,619.59
	TOTAL			89,025.92	34,005.32	24,619.59	

* Project recommended to receive the remaining £480.29 from the Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund.

Appendix 2 – Project Summary Sheets

Applications Received (in order of scoring by Community Development Officer)

For submission to Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee for final decision (maximum value £2,500).

* Project recommended to receive the remaining £480.29 from the Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund.

Ref:	1
Applicant: Islay & Jura Community Enterprises Limited*	
Recommended Award: £2,500.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.2
Project Summary:	
To provide 45-minute Aquacare warm water therapy sessions for up to 30 mentally and physically disabled adults per week on Islay & Jura. Sessions will be held between April 2022 and March 2023 and include free transportation support on request. The project will improve mental and physical health by increasing access to services that have been closed or very limited during the pandemic, and offers linked respite and social opportunities to users and families/carers. Funding is requested as a contribution to overall project costs of £11,500.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	2
Applicant: Kintyre Seasports	
Recommended Award: £2,432.40	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.2
Project Summary:	
To support a programme of training and skills development for young people to work towards sailing instructor qualifications. Building on try-out sessions (already funded) for up to 72 people, 12 will be selected to complete basic sailing skills (5-day course, May-June 2022) of which 6 will continue to a Powerboat Level 2 course (2 days, September/October 2022) and continuing after school club. Partnership with Campbeltown High School will ensure recruitment is targeted at low-income or academically-disengaged individuals. The programme will create a pipeline for qualified seasports staff, increasing employment opportunities.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	3
Applicant: Argyll and Bute Befrienders	
Recommended Award: £602.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.1
Project Summary:	
To fund therapeutic and personal development activities for young people affected by childhood adversity, where families are unable to afford the associated costs. Activity selection and co-ordination is supported by a volunteer befriender or support worker. Funds are requested to cover the fees of activity and workshop	

providers and entry fees for sporting and cultural activities between April 2022 and March 2023. (32 sessions planned for 12 beneficiaries in MAKI region - £602).

Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	4
Applicant: Dochas Carer Centre	
Recommended Award: £2,500.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.0
Project Summary:	
To support an established befriending service for 35-40 unpaid carers in Kintyre, including recruitment and provision of training for additional volunteers. Funding is requested as a contribution towards staff costs (manager/financial admin), social event costs for befriendees, first aid training and volunteer mileage expenses between April 2022 and January 2023.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	5
Applicant: Craignish Village Hall - Arts Programme	
Recommended Award: £2,500.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.9
Project Summary:	
To fund a series of cultural events as part of Scotland's Year of Stories, to help local young people recover from negative effects of lockdown. Themed around Scottish and Polish myths, the programme aims to improving confidence, mental health and skills and building capacity within the community. Funding is requested to cover materials, tutor fees and publicity for a series of 7 lantern-making workshop and community parade and a storytelling workshop.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	6
Applicant: Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation	
Recommended Award: £640.92	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.8
Project Summary:	
To support a feasibility study on Otter road casualty remediation between April and December 2022. Led by community concerns, the collaborative study will build local skills in surveying and involvement in planning processes, and will identify targets to combat concerning increases in otter mortality driven by climate-change. Funding is requested as a contribution towards equipment costs, staff time and travel expenses and a community engagement event.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	7
Applicant: Shopper-Aide Ltd	
Recommended Award: £2,500.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.7

Project Summary:	
To support organisation and preparation of activity boxes for use by disabled and elderly citizens, supporting mental health following negative impacts of the pandemic. Funds are requested to support sessional worker (2h/wk) and admin support (1hr/wk) between April 22 and March 23), fuel costs for delivery of activities, and 2 tables for hall based activities.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	8
Applicant: Achnamara Village Hall	
Recommended Award: £2,365.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.5
Project Summary:	
A series of 26 community activities and training sessions between April 2022 and August 2023 to improve physical, mental and social health and wellbeing and to learn and share rowing and coxswaining skills. Funding is requested towards activity costs, tutor fees, and a skiff rowing/coxing course for two members.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	9
Applicant: Kintyre Link Club	
Recommended Award: £2,500.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.1
Project Summary:	
To support the recovery of members of Kintyre Link Club, a mental health club, from the effects of the pandemic through a regular programme of social, creative and walking activities. Activities will be provided 3 days per week for around 30 beneficiaries, for 13 weeks between April 2022 and March 2023. Funds are requested to cover the salary of a sessional worker for 10 hours per week, plus a small contribution towards materials.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	10
Applicant: Tarbert & Skipness Community Trust	
Recommended Award: £2,500.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.8
Project Summary:	
To sustain community support and engagement with the trust and local partners' work by employing a professional communicator. Costs are requested towards appointment of a part-time contractor for 8h/wk between April 2022 and September 2023, to inform, engage and consult the community about progress on various projects.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	11
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Applicant: 19th Argyll Scout Group	
Recommended Award: £2,400.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.8
Project Summary:	
Hire of specialist instructors for 128 hours to run a series of adventurous and outdoor activities for 86 children and young people. Delivered between April 2022 and March 2023, the activities will be free of charge, removing cost barriers for low income families and will have a positive impact on participants' personal development, mental health and confidence.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	12
Applicant: Kintyre Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service	
Recommended Award: £1,179.27 (part funding of request for £2,000.00)	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.6
Project Summary:	
To provide ~40 weekly arts workshops (April 2022- April 2023) for up to 10 women with problems associated with drug and alcohol dependency. The project aims to aid recovery from the negative effects of the pandemic by increasing participants' confidence, mental health and network-building. Costs are requested for equipment and materials, and towards wages for two sessional workers (@1.5h/wk x 40 weeks). Part-funding would fund approximately 23 sessions.	
Recommendation:	Award [part fund]
Conditions:	None

Ref:	13
Applicant: Jura Development Trust	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.4
Project Summary:	
To support Listening in the Landscape, a project to turn audio recordings of local stories into a listening trail and booklet, between April 2022 and September 2023. The resulting trail would engage locals and visitors with Jura's heritage and encourage walking. Funds are requested as a contribution towards staff costs, a community event, software and office supplies.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	14
Applicant: The Community Bureau	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.3
Project Summary:	
A series of 16 sessions across April-August 2022 to engage under-represented segments of the community in plans and consultations that impact their lives. The project would build participants' confidence and empower them to participate in	

influencing public services. Funding is requested to cover sessional staff time, venue hire and travel expenses for staff and volunteers.

Recommendation: No Award

Conditions: None

Ref: 15

Applicant: Dunaverty Hall

Recommended Award: £0.00 **Assessment Score (out of 10):** 4.9

Project Summary:

To provide activities for use at home and regular Covid-safe events (25 x weekly events between April and September 2022), to promote safe socialising within the community for those combatting isolation and other problems. Funds are requested to cover the costs of refreshments, hall rental, hand gel and sanitiser, and a contribution towards games and music for use in the home.

Recommendation: No Award

Conditions: None

Ref: 16

Applicant: The Museum of Islay Life

Recommended Award: £0.00 **Assessment Score (out of 10):** 4.9

Project Summary:

To produce a fully illustrated colour booklet detailing elements of Islay's history and places of interest by March 2023. Co-ordinated by museum staff with contributions from local school children and placement students (vulnerable school leavers), it aims to re-engage locals and visitors with the local environment and historic sites. Copies will be distributed free of charge to school children and care home residents, aiming to spark memories in those with dementia.

Recommendation: No Award

Conditions: None