
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

1 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 Bute and Cowal.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for distribution in 2022/23 is £22,980.29.
- 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 Bute and Cowal for 2022/23 is £22,500. An additional sum of £480.29 remaining from the Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund has been allocated to the Bute and Cowal Supporting Communities Fund for distribution in 2022/2023. The total available for allocation is £22,980.29.
- 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 17 applications from the Bute and Cowal area, requesting a total of £34,407.98 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 £22,980.29. 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 – environmental action to support addressing climate change
- Creative Communities – creativity for health and wellbeing

4.2 Of the 17 eligible applications (requesting a total of £34,407.98), 12 of these have not applied to the fund within 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. Two of these are for island based projects.

4.4 The applications recommended for funding are labelled as 'Award' in the recommendation column and are highlighted green in Appendix 1. The detail of the projects is in Appendix 2.

4.5 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.

4.6 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.

- 4.7 Remaining funds from the Covid-19 Micro Grants Fund of £480.29 have been allocated to the Bute and Cowal 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 Bute and Cowal.
- 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: 2 of the applicant projects are island based. 2 of these are 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 Sheet

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Ref	Applicant	Recommendation	Assessment Score	Value of Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Award 2022/23	Cumulative Total
1	*Dunoon Community Development Trust	Award	7.2	£ 2,800.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
2	Argyll & Bute Befrienders	Award	6.8	£ 2,500.00	£ 680.00	£ 680.00	£ 3,180.00
3	Cairndow Community Childcare Ltd	Award	6.2	£ 2,250.00	£ 2,250.00	£ 2,250.00	£ 5,430.00
4	Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd	Award	5.7	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 7,430.00
5	Achievement Bute	Award	5.6	£ 3,752.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 9,930.00
6	Waterbaby Arts SCIO	Award	5.6	£ 3,099.00	£ 2,499.00	£ 2,499.00	£ 12,429.00
7	Tighnabruaich District Development Trust	Award	5.6	£ 3,768.88	£ 948.88	£ 948.88	£ 13,377.88
8	Bute Community Land Company	Award	5.5	£ 3,700.00	£ 2,464.70	£ 2,464.70	£ 15,842.58
9	Cowal Choral Club	Award	5.4	£ 18,143.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 18,342.58
10	Dunoon Junior Shinty Club	Award	5.4	£ 3,191.60	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 20,842.58
11	Cowal Community Orchestra	Award	5.4	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 22,342.58
12	Argyll Mausoleum Limited t/a Historic Kilmun	Award (partial award)	5.3	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 637.71	£ 22,980.29
13	Crossroads Caring for Carers Cowal & Bute SCIO	No Award	5.2	£ 2,011.00	£ 1,735.40	-	£ 22,980.29
14	Argyll Arts Collective	No Award	5.1	£ 8,740.00	£ 2,500.00	-	£ 22,980.29
15	Friends of Glenan Woods	No Award	4.6	£ 2,730.00	£ 2,230.00	-	£ 22,980.29
16	Sandbank Village Hall	No Award	4.4	£ 2,835.23	£ 2,500.00	-	£ 22,980.29
17	Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust	No Award	4.4	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00	-	£ 22,980.29
	TOTAL			£ 67,720.71	£ 34,407.98	£ 22,980.29	

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

Appendix 2 – Project Summary Sheet

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

For submission to Bute and Cowal 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: *Dunoon Community Development Trust	
Recommended Award: £2,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.2
Project Summary:	
To establish a growing space in the grounds of Kirn Primary School for access by children and the wider community. Adult volunteers will seek to create a ten-bed rotation vegetable garden to support year-round food growing activities. Intergenerational learning will be shared about the environment, climate, nutrition, food supply chains and the value of local growing. Funds are requested to purchase small tools and plants, to cover promotion, volunteer expenses and insurance, as well as a contribution to materials for raised beds, irrigation and plant propagation.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	2
Applicant: Argyll & Bute Befrienders	
Recommended Award: £680.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.8
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. This is an Argyll and Bute wide project, 40 sessions are planned to be delivered in the Bute and Cowal area.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	3
Applicant: Cairndow Community Childcare Ltd.	
Recommended Award: £2,250	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.2
Project Summary:	
To provide a series of bicycle maintenance workshops and training sessions at the Fyne Den run by skilled facilitators to help the local community maintain their bicycles, learn new skills and encourage increased safe use of bicycles in Cairndow and surrounding areas. Costs are required to deliver six day sessions and will support trainer fees, tools, promotion and administration.	
Recommendation:	Award

Conditions:	None
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Ref:	4
Applicant: Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.	
Recommended Award: £2,000	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.7
Project Summary:	
To provide 2 free theatrical events during Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. 1 event will be aimed at children and the other for adults. The performances will be free of charge to welcome the community and visitors to celebrate the woodlands and encourage them to return. Funding is requested to support theatre company costs, production and marketing fees and expenses for performers.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	5
Applicant: Achievement Bute	
Recommended Award: £2,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.6
Project Summary:	
To provide a programme of heritage and history based outdoor activities for children on the Isle of Bute during 2022, with a particular focus on ensuring equality of access for those with disabilities and families on low incomes. The project will offer children a range of experiences to investigate, explore and interpret local landmarks and sites of historical interest, as well as take part in unique, educational immersive experiences celebrating the history of the island. Funding is requested to support tutor fees, transport costs, art materials and costumes.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	6
Applicant: Tighnabruaich District Development Trust	
Recommended Award: £948.88	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.6
Project Summary:	
To support bringing Gaelic back into the community. Funding is requested to hold a series of 60 Gaelic classes for adults, Gaelic music and song sessions for pre school children and to incorporate Gaelic into holiday scheme play sessions for children. The funding will further support Gaelic in the environment workshop in Glenan community woodland. Costs are requested to support printing of materials, a Zoom account, leaders and materials for the play schemes and woodland event.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	7
Applicant: Waterbaby Arts SCIO	

Recommended Award: £2,499	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.6
Project Summary:	
To create a high quality dance film to capture the creative response to Covid of 2 dancers with additional support needs. The project will support 6 weeks of bespoke dance workshops which will be adapted to suit the needs of the participants, followed by the production of the films which will then be showcased in local shops and the Burgh Hall. Funding is requested to support movement tutor and filmmaker fees, studio hire and transport for participants.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	8
Applicant: Bute Community Land Company	
Recommended Award: £2,464.70	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.5
Project Summary:	
To support the 2022-2023 programme of community engagement events that will combine volunteer involvement and community education. The events will include a children's geo-cache trail, tree and wildflower identification, 'Fungi Foray', bracken and rhododendron clearing, tree planting and woodcraft activities. Costs are requested to deliver 6 events and will include the purchase of equipment and materials, expert fees and marketing costs.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	9
Applicant: Cowal Choral Club	
Recommended Award: £2,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.4
Project Summary:	
To support the delivery of multiple musical events and productions throughout 2022. The project seeks to grow membership numbers moving forward from the pandemic and increase performance opportunities for existing members. Funding is requested to contribute towards venue hire and Musical Director fees.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	10
Applicant: Dunoon Junior Shinty Club	
Recommended Award: £2,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.4
Project Summary:	
To support voluntary coaches to obtain coaching qualifications and Camanachd membership and required insurance. The project also seeks to sustain the activity of the club by contributing to pitch fees and purchasing shinty helmets that will be available for those who don't have their own or for families who are unable to afford. Funding is requested for training fees, Camanachd Association	

Membership and insurance for 8 voluntary coaches, the purchase of 8 helmets and support towards annual pitch fees.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	11
Applicant: Cowal Community Orchestra	
Recommended Award: £1,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.4
Project Summary:	
To assist in the selection and composition of new music for the orchestra to continue to challenge and develop the skills of members and ensure that performances are relevant to a wide range of audiences. Funding is requested to ensure at least two years' worth of music is available and will cover the purchase of music needed for each section of the orchestra, as well as 50 hours of Musical Director orchestration.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	12
Applicant: Argyll Mausoleum Limited t/a Historic Kilmun	
Recommended Award: £637.71	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.3
Project Summary:	
To fund the preparation of a feasibility study for the development of St Munn's Church, Kilmun. The project will include the delivery of a community consultation and the co-creation creation of a concept design to support preplanning discussions. Funding is requested to cover architect fees.	
Recommendation:	Award (partial award)
Conditions:	None

Ref:	13
Applicant: Crossroads Caring for Carers Cowal & Bute SCIO	
Recommended Award: No Award	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.2
Project Summary:	
To deliver welcome back events for carers in Bute and Cowal. The 2 events will give carers an opportunity to take a break from their caring role, build new relationships and develop networks of support. The events will help to promote local services and partner organisations such as ALIEnergy will be invited along to share information and advice. Funding is requested to deliver two events, 1 in Bute and 1 in Cowal and will cover hall hire, refreshments, advertising costs and promotional materials.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	14
Applicant: Argyll Arts Collective	
Recommended Award: No Award	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.1
Project Summary:	
To build on the 'Cultivating Creativity in Cowal' project to maximise access to the arts across the rural communities of Cowal. The project will deliver 7 arts events including storytelling, women in music and pantomime. Funding is requested to support performer fees, hall hire, production fees and marketing costs.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	15
Applicant: Friends of Glenan Wood	
Recommended Award: No Award	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.6
Project Summary:	
To provide access to certified chainsaw training for members of the community to increase the organisation's capacity to undertake necessary maintenance, allow for safe forestry work to be carried out and provide skills development opportunities for participants. In addition, support is requested towards improving paths in the wood, in particular boggy areas, to increase access. Costs are requested for 2 specialist chainsaw courses for up to 5 people over 7 days, as well as a contribution to timber boarding for path improvement.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	16
Applicant: Sandbank Village Hall	
Recommended Award: No Award	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.4
Project Summary:	
To remodel the hall storage room to increase available storage for users of the hall and add value to a community facility. The hall is in regular use by a diverse range of groups who require storage for their equipment including exercise classes, a parent and toddlers group and senior citizens lunch club. Costs are requested towards the materials and installation of bespoke shelving.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	None

Ref:	17
Applicant: Benmore and Kilmun Community Development Trust	
Recommended Award: No Award	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.4
Project Summary:	
To support the continued publication of the Loch'n'Glen News. This is a hard-copy community magazine serving the communities in and around Kilmun, Benmore, Strone, Blairmore and Ardentinn. Printing costs are requested for 300 copies of each of the next 4 editions.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	None

