

JOHN OF LORN BEQUEST AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

1.0 APPLICATIONS

- 1.1 This report gives Members information regarding seven applications that have been received for support from the John of Lorn Bequest.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee are asked to:

1. award £100 to the five family applicants who meet the criteria;
2. refuse the one family applicant who does not meet the criteria; and
3. refuse the one individual applicant who does not meet the criteria.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee on 09 September 2020 agreed new distribution arrangements for the John of Lorn Bequest, which had been established to support 'poor persons resident in the Burgh of Oban'. In order to be considered for an award applicants must:

- 3.1.1 be in receipt of a qualifying benefit (Jobseekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Income Support, or Universal Credit) and for those people who are employed/self-employed, they must be in receipt of some amount of Universal Credit as well (a nil payment due to deductions for earned income would mean they do not qualify);
- 3.1.2 live within the Burgh of Oban; and
- 3.1.3 be over the age of 16.

- 3.2 Furthermore, it was agreed that successful individual applicants would receive £50 while those applying on behalf of their family would receive £100.

- 3.3 Six applications have been received on behalf of families. Five of these applications are being recommended for award. One application is recommended for refusal as the applicant does not live within the Burgh of Oban.

- 3.4 One application has been received on behalf of an individual. This application is recommended for refusal as the applicant does not live within the Burgh of Oban.

Details of each application can be found at appendix 1.

- 3.5 The total funds available for distribution from the John of Lorn Bequest are approximately £15k. Should members be minded a total of £500 will be awarded during this award cycle.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider application that have been received for support from the John of Lorn Bequest and to approve the financial awards recommended with the report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy	None
5.2 Financial	None, the Council acts as trustee for the Fund, it does not represent assets of the Council. However, there is a risk that the Council would have to repay the Trust if an objection was raised as to the use of the funds.
5.3 Legal	Area Committees, as Trustees, must ensure that the distribution arrangements comply with the terms of the funds, failure to do so would result in the Council being liable.
5.4 HR	None
5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty	None
5.5.1 Equalities – protected characteristics	None
5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty	None
5.5.3 Islands	None
5.6 Climate change	None
5.7 Risk	None
5.8 Customer Service	None

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1: Spreadsheet of applications