
ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**OBAN, LORN AND THE ISLES
AREA COMMITTEE**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

13 September 2023

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND - Monitoring of Projects Funded

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide monitoring information on the funding given to community projects from the council's Supporting Communities Fund.
- 1.2 The time period of this report covers projects funded within 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. Due to the disruption of Covid 19 on the planned funded projects of community groups, the council agreed to lengthen the time projects had to be delivered. Therefore this report summarises projects completed within the years disrupted by Covid 19.
- 1.3 Members are asked to consider the contents of the report showing a summary of the information supplied by organisations in their End of Project Monitoring Reports.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Oban, Lorn and the Isles through the allocation of the Council's Supporting Communities Fund between 2019/20 and 2021/22.
- 2.2 A total of 52 projects were awarded funding. Due to the challenges throughout that period for community groups and adjustments that had to be made to the running of their projects, it has been more challenging to receive an End of Project Monitoring Report from all awards of funding. These were exceptional years and we are grateful to the 42 grant recipients who were able to submit information for this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee:

- 3.1 Note and consider the positive contribution of the Supporting Communities Fund detailed in section 4 and the attached table.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The funded projects supported approximately 13,897 people to participate in a variety of themed activities including outdoor activities, sports, music and mental health. Highlights include:

- Friends of the Argyll Papers

A multi-media project inspired by Tìree stories and themes and the Tìree landscape. Myths and 'true' stories were extracted from historical records from different periods in both Gaelic and English. Musicians, a songwriter and a filmmaker responded, creating new music, songs and films, re-telling traditional stories and creating new ones.

The works have been published on the project website and were incorporated into a multi-media performance delivered in June. The project welcomed 2,356 participants and culminated in an exhibition of complete works of drama, music, song, filmmaking and creative writing linked to the history of the island and its landscape. The grant supported artist fees, poetry and creative writing group, production of a booklet, performance costs and evaluation for a bi-lingual community arts project.

- Hope Kitchen

Martyn's Monday Club and a new Women's Club provided a weekly space for people in the Oban area who have experienced suicidal thoughts or who have been affected by another person taking their own life.

The grant enabled Hope Kitchen to partner with Martyn's Monday Club to deliver 92 sessions. On average 20 people attended the men's group on a weekly basis and 19 attended the women's group.

- Mull and Iona Community Trust

The Ulva Ferry Transport Project ran a scheduled 3 day a week accessible minibus service and electric car, helping residents to access local services. The bus service was utilised to deliver food to those shielding or on low income during Covid-19 restrictions.

An elderly resident did not arrive at the arranged time, the driver knowing the person, went to check. He was found to be in need of first aid and immediate hospitalisation and without the bus service would have died.

- South West Mull and Iona Development

The project workers transformed an overgrown green space in Bunessan into a vibrant community garden and tree nursery, the grant enabled the employment of a sessional worker and provided tools and transport for volunteers. Schools and pre-school groups, a nature club, volunteers and allotment bed holders have accessed the garden to participate in activities and workshops, plant swap events and to gather produce from the raised beds, poly tunnels and fruit cages.

- 4.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 4.3 42 grant recipients have submitted an End of Project Monitoring Report.
- 4.4 In the 2020/21 funding cycle, Oban & District Access Panel were granted an extension to complete their project of funding for a P/T

Secretary to 31 March 2024. They are listed as project no. 9 in the 2020/21 list.

4.5 In the 2021/22 funding cycle, Oban & District Access Panel were granted an extension to complete their project of funding for a P/T Secretary to 31 March 2024. They are listed as project no. 11 in the 2021/22 list.

4.6 In the 2021/22 funding cycle, Tiree Community Council were granted an extension to complete their project of funding for a Community Garden to 1st October. They are listed as project no. 16 in the 2021/22 list.

2019/20 SCF Round of Funding

No	Organisation	Project Funded	Award	End of Project Achievements	No. of people in communities benefiting
1	ACT - Argyll & the Isles Coast & Countryside Trust	Moving On sessions to maintain continuity of activities for participants of 'Branching Out' aimed at those affected by mental health	1,250.00	As planned, the sessions took place out of doors and the trained staff facilitated the activities such as green wood working, spoon carving, weaving, gardening and tidying and participants cooked and shared a communal meal each day. Activities undertaken also included coordination and set up, design of evaluation forms, site visits to help with monitoring and cover support staff.	10
2	Air Ghleus	Tutoring in Gaelic song, language & culture	242.00	A total of 5 schools were visited on a regular basis 4 in Mull, one in Ardnamurchan, reaching out to those who otherwise would have no access to music or Gaelic.	151
3	Argyll RDA Carriage Driving Group	Running Costs & Livery for two ponies	1,650.00	Our drivers enjoyed the season, in spite of some wet days, and the ponies were kept fit. Three of our client drivers competed at the Hopetoun Horse trials and all did exceedingly well.	28
4	Bookends Festival, Benderloch	Pop-Up Reading & Activity Sessions & Hall Hire	400.00	We held regular pop-ups bringing young families, school aged children and adults of every age together in a safe and friendly space. This year we saw more teenagers than before as the effects of bringing authors into Oban High School begins to take effect. Several young mums, dads and grandparent carers who had not attended before became regular visitors as the word gets out that we are there for all ages.	1668
5	Coisir Ghaidhlig an Obain (Oban Gaelic Choir)	Attendance at the Estonian Song and Dance Celebration in July 2019	242.00	The visit had a great team building impact on choir members as a whole and we are sure contributed to our focus and further development prior to the National Mod in Glasgow in October 2019, where we achieved first place in the Lovat & Tullibardine Shield competition.	25
6	Comunn Gaidhealach an Obain (Oban Mod Academy)	Tutors and resources to support children to prepare for local and national MÒDs to increase participation from Oban and Lorn.	1,000.00	As a result of Mod Academy tutors working with St Columba's Primary, Rockfield /Gaelic Medium, Dunbeg and Oban High School, we had an excellent number of children competing at Oban Provincial, Tobermory and the Royal National Mod. Several of the parents also entered and took their children to Lochaber,	100

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				Ardnamurchan and Barra. We have been delighted with the results and the positive adjudications – many of the children bringing home trophies and prizes.	
7	Comunn Gaidhealach Mhuile (Mull Junior Mod Club)	Uniforms: matching polo shirts, kilts and fleeces for the children.	500.00	The children all felt very proud to be wearing their new kilts, and it gave them a sense of ‘togetherness’, very important for choir activities!	22
8	Co-Roinn Ghàidhlig Mhuile agus Idhe (Mull & Iona Gaelic Partnership)	Tutors and venue hire for Gaelic classes	500.00	We continued to run regular Gaelic classes, in the Ross of Mull and in Tobermory. We also organised more Gaelic drama workshops in October 2019, run by Artair Donald. We organised workshops for the Gaelic medium pupils in Buessan Primary School, Salen Primary School and Tobermory High School. We also had two community workshops, one in Creich Hall and one in Tobermory High School.	123
9	Craignure Recreational Activity Facility Team (CRAFT)	Land lease & installation of playpark equipment	2,500.00	We placed a first order for new play park equipment in December 2019 and were able to have this equipment installed in early March 2020. This first installation comprised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two swing sets, featuring toddler swing seats, a normal child seat and an additional needs seat - A climbing frame with slide for toddler/preschool age - A playboat with seating for toddler/preschool age - An agility trail with a range of items 	Unknown
10	Crossroads North Argyll	Respite for Carers: Trips and Carers mileage	750.00	The Carers/cared-for were picked up from their homes and driven to wherever they were meeting that day. We visited a different place each week, sometimes places of interest eg. Oban War and Peace Museum, the Slate Islands Museum on the Isle of Seil, Cruachan Power Station, coffee shops, trip on the ferry to Mull.	7
11	Footprint Alba	Installation of local beach boards reminding the public about marine litter	1,500.00	Footprint Alba did not draw down the £1,500 awarded to them. The project did not go ahead due to resourcing issues.	N/a
12	Friends of Kilbride	An interpretative board on the history of Kilbride	1,231.00	The information board has been in place for some months now and is very well received by Visitors as it gives information, not only about the Churchyard, but also of the surrounding area and	Unknown

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				local historical sites.	
13	Glencruitten Cathedral of Trees (SCIO)	Woodland activities for vulnerable groups: provision of food and mental health nurse	1,250.00	Project not delivered	£1250 returned for rollover to 2021/22 cycle
14	Grab Trust	Diverts furniture, electricals and household goods from landfill: supports homeless people entering new tenancies	242.00	Project not delivered - Grab Trust were unable to secure full funding for their project	£242 returned for rollover to 2021/22 cycle
15	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust	Curriculum-linked workshops for pupils on the Isles of Mull and Iona	242.00	We visited all eight primary schools on the Isle of Mull and Iona and delivered inspiring workshops to 201 Pupils. The new workshop included stories, photos, maps and data from our research, sharing the secret lives of whales in our waters, whilst putting Scotland's seas into a global context. In partnership with the Glengorm Wildlife Project, we supported S3 pupils from Tobermory High School to achieve their John Muir Discovery Award through outdoor learning and active conservation. Two volunteers under 26 years old and in the early stages of their careers supported the delivery of the project, gaining valuable work experience.	224
16	Hope Kitchen	Running Costs of Martyn's Monday Club & a new Women's Club for vulnerable and marginalised people	2,300.00	The aim was to provide a space for people in the Oban area who have experienced suicidal thoughts or who have been affected by another person taking their own life. The 2 groups met every week - 92 sessions were delivered and Hope Kitchen partnered with Martyn's Monday Club to deliver these sessions. On average 20 people attended the men's group on a weekly basis and 19 attended the women's group.	100
17	Mull Museum	Archaeology for Mull Museum: 2 week programme of archaeological works at the	1,000.00	Excavation at Lephin Isle of Mull in 2018 and 2019 by Mull Museum and Argyll Archaeology, yielded a wide range of artefacts including pottery sherds, stone, bone iron and non-ferrous metalwork artefacts. Mull Museum will create a display in the	120

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		burial ground site known as Lephin Chapel or Port Bhraonian, on the Isle of Mull		Museum with the story and artefacts recovered.	
18	Oban Communities Trust – The Rockfield Centre	Workshops: Make-it-for-Christmas Project	242.00	TRC held Create Christmas event on site with help from 3 volunteer tutors. Event was open to all – free with attendance of 70 family groups. Sessions were booked with 2 sessions 3 hour slots. All children went home with gift they had made.	Unknown
19	Oban Winter Festival	Entertainers & workshop costs	2,500.00	The 2019 festival was the 9th and saw over 100 events taking place over the 10 days together with St Andrew’s weekend. The key event for 2019 was the Winter Woods which built on the 2018 event and was hugely popular with families. We had excellent attendance at our markets held at the Distillery, Corran Halls, the View and the Perle Hotel. This provided opportunities for local vendors and was hugely popular with locals and visitors alike with 10,300 attendances.	Unknown
20	Oban Youth Cafe	Overnight trip for vulnerable youngsters: accommodation, food & youth workers	750.00	Vulnerable young people were supported to engage with their peers and youth work staff to participate activities that increased their life skills, challenged their thinking and supported their transition into adulthood.	Unknown
21	Project Trust	Global Citizenship Festival	1,976.00	In the workshops the Ambassadors covered topics such as rights and responsibilities, daily routines of children around the world, preconception and realities of developing countries, and global citizenship values.	114
22	Roses Charitable Trust	Outdoor Activities: instructors & overheads	2,500.00	We carried out outdoor activity sessions working in partnership with the Oban Hostel, the Youth Café and Oban High School. Young people aged 11-13 from the hostel were taken coastering/sea swimming. Young People identified via Oban Youth Café went rock climbing and hill walking.	25
23	Seil Island Community Hall Charity	Seil and Easdale Music Scheme (SEMS) Running Costs	241.00	Delivering a programme of live musical events through residencies, concerts and community based actions; working towards development of events programme in partnership with established local and national organizations.	130

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24	Sound Waves SCIO	Tutor fees/accommodation and marketing of monthly music workshops	242.00	Grant not taken	£242 returned for rollover to 2021/22 cycle

2020/21 SCF Round of Funding					
No	Organisation	Project Funded	Award	End of Project Achievements	No. of people in communities benefitting
1	Connel Community Council // Connel Village Hall	bunting and decorations, World War 2 memorabilia for display, electricity and a community lunch for a World War 2 Memorial Day to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day as part of the national programme of events.	£400.00	Funds not taken	£400 returned for 2022/23 cycle
2	Friends of St Conan's Kirk SCIO	the costs of running the St Conan's Kirk Christmas Tree festival in December 2020 including marketing, information leaflets, signage, heating, catering, a shuttle bus, children's activities, insulated floormats for volunteer workstation, temporary lighting and administration support.	£2,500.00	COVID was a major barrier to the Christmas Tree Festival 2020 and prevented it running as intended. The festival is a local community indoor event run by a wide range of volunteers including older people. In response to the pandemic and community feedback we changed the format to be a month long outdoor activity with exterior festive lighting for visitors. This was open to the public, visible from the A85 passing the kirk.	Unknown
3	Friends of the Argyll	artist fees, poet, a creative	£2,500.00	We selected a number of Tìree stories for the project, arranged by	2,356

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	Papers	writing group, production of a booklet, performance costs including venue hire, lighting/scenery, costumes, publicity, recording and evaluation for a bi-lingual arts project on Tiree involving local artists, children and community members. The project will culminate in a final exhibition of the finished works which will use drama, music, song, filmmaking and creative writing to create pieces linked to the history of the island and its landscape.		themes and each associated with a specific place on Tiree, with historical records (written document, drawing, photograph) or features in the landscape such as stones or structures. The stories came from a range of historical periods and included myths as well as 'true' stories, in both Gaelic and English. Musicians, songwriter and a filmmaker responded to these stories, creating new music, songs and films which have been published on the project website and were incorporated into the multi-media performance delivered in June. The new music, songs and films re-tell traditional stories and also introduce new stories, drawn from the historical records.	
4	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	venue hire, stewarding, adjudicators, equipment hire, advertising and fringe events for a 3 day traditional music and dance competition event. Any award will be dependent on submission of a copy of event insurance.	£2,500.00	A large number of participants attended the Piping and Dancing events, some as young as 5 years, dancers worked hard all year, some hadn't competed before - to win cash and trophies. After a two year break, there was much enthusiasm for reinstating the festival, now in its 40th year. Friends were made and reunited and the event attracted visitors out-with Argyll and Scotland as far as USA, bringing revenue to the town and creating a wonderful 'buzz' during the weekend. We'll gradually expand competitions and events to include a Schools' Day and other musical events.	1207
5	Isle of Kerrera Development Trust	marquee and venue hire, sessional co-ordinator costs, entertainment, prizes, medals, bibs, volunteer transport and catering, safety equipment, bike hire	£1,225.00	We hosted a bike event for children aged 3-16 years and their families and friends. This event was for islanders, locals from the mainland and other visitors and it created important opportunities for families to meet and socialise, along with encouraging cycling and being active.	130

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		and marketing to trial a cycling event on the Isle of Kerrera, with a view to it becoming an annual event. Any award will be dependent on submission of a copy of event insurance.			
6	Kilmore and Kilbride Public Hall Committee	One-off contribution towards revenue costs for Kilmore and Kilbride Public Hall.	£2,500.00	Our main project which was to build a new kitchen for our local hall, has made a significant improvement to the lives of the local community. Not only is the kitchen a healthy safe place to prepare food but it has in turn encouraged people to make use of the hall itself. Gatherings such as children's parties and family celebrations have increased plus fund raising functions such as soup lunches and book sales.	139
7	Mull and Iona Community Trust	running costs of the Ulva Ferry Transport Project – the project runs a scheduled 3 day a week accessible minibus service and electric car which supports access to services.	£2,500.00	In April 2020 we had virtually changed into a community food delivery service, with the Bus running 2 days a week to deliver food for those shielding or on low income. This tied in with social distancing requirements, meant that we could only have 4 people on our bus at any time. We also had a case where an elderly resident did not arrive at the arranged time and our driver knowing the person, went to check. He was found to be in need of first aid and immediate hospitalisation and without the bus service would have died.	179
8	Mull Safe and Sound	running costs for mental health support charity operating in Salen, Tobermory, Bunessan and Craignure. Costs include venue hire, transport, refreshments for meetings, information and merchandise (e.g. wristbands).	£2,500.00	We had to adapt our project due to the covid pandemic, we moved as much as possible to online using zoom, phone calls and private messaging services. We also provided information leaflets with helpline numbers and info on what we were making available during lockdowns, we started a dedicated men's group on zoom that is still ongoing supporting many males from the island and surrounding villages, we also moved our peer-to-peer group from in person to zoom supporting on island and Oban residents.	75

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9	Oban & District Access Panel	creation of a paid part-time post of secretary for the Panel which would allow the current voluntary secretary to concentrate on access audits and scrutiny of planning applications.	£1,972.00	Project not delivered	Extension requested
10	Ross of Mull and Iona Community Transport Scheme	costs of running a community transport scheme in the Ross of Mull including Co-ordinator salary, vehicle running costs, insurance and volunteer expenses.	£2,500.00	We responded to all transport needs of the local community from elderly going to lunch clubs, individuals attending doctors and hospital appointments and young people attending community events such as the Feis. We also funded a Sunday lunch club called Linda's meals which was attended by on average 14 people per week.	384
11	South West Mull and Iona Development	costs to establish a Community Garden Project in Bunessan, including a sessional worker, hand tools, transport and a small subsistence budget for volunteers.	£2,500.00	We have succeeded in transforming an overgrown green space within Bunessan into a vibrant community garden, with raised beds, sheds, polytunnel, fruit cages, and a tree nursery. We have become a venue for school groups, pre-school groups, a nature club, as well as a regular place to visit for volunteers and allotment bed holders. We regularly hold events such as plant swaps, home produce days, and creative activities and workshops.	69
12	WorkingRite	the costs of supporting 15 vulnerable young people to find sustained jobs in their own area with 16 weeks intensive support thereby contributing to the local economy and preventing population decline. This contribution is requested towards participant's travel, Protective Personal Equipment and extra training courses.	£1,073.00	The Mentor to motivate Project has succeeded in helping put Argyll and Bute's most vulnerable young people onto a better pathway into adulthood by offering job and life skills and mentored work experience. The barriers that these young people experienced were wide ranging, but included: Lack of any work experience School refusers Social Anxiety Self-Harm Special Needs Ethnic Minorities, including Travellers Substance Issues	32

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No	Organisation	Project Funded	Award	End of Project Achievements	No. of people in communities benefitting
1	Ardchattan Centre	A contribution towards initial running costs for the Ardchattan Centre which is scheduled to transfer to community ownership on 1 April 2021.	£1,800.00	We have managed to host pop-up tearooms to enjoy home baking and communicate with neighbours and friends. We hosted a very successful open day last September, we used outdoor marquees and the all day event attracted people who enjoyed book sales, craft market and homemaking. The popular Christmas craft fair and tearoom was welcomed back after lockdown, this was successful with local crafters and well supported.	60
2	Artmap Argyll	Support for the fourteenth Artmap Argyll open studios event in August 2021.	£600.00	We were able to run the Open Studios event as planned, even though studio numbers were slightly down on expected numbers. The funding from the Supporting Communities Fund was essential to help make this happen. Feedback from the participating studios was overwhelmingly positive.	3,462
3	Bendoran Watersports CIC	Delivery of two "Watersports and Wellbeing" - learn to sea kayak courses for the people of the Ross of Mull and Iona. One course will be targeted at young people under 18 at the other course targeted at people who are not in full time employment.	£2,500.00	The young person activity week included sailing, sea kayaking, sea kayaking expedition and an over night camp at Market Bay on the Ross of Mull. We included Mindful activities such as building stone towers on rocky beaches and beach cleaning. For the adult group, the activity focussed on sailing and the main benefits were combating isolation by getting people together. Getting out on the water allowed people to get away from daily stresses and feel the achievement of earning something new with other people from the community.	40
4	CHARTS	Support pilot project offering simultaneous translation at community meetings within Gaelic speaking communities.	£2,048.00	The project met its key aims to introduce simultaneous Gaelic translation to the partnership and pilot this inventive for Argyll and Bute region, also believed to have been the first Gaelic project of its type nationally, outside the Scottish Government.	79

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5	Comunn Gàidhealach an Òbain (Oban Mod Academy)	PVG registered tutors to support Gaelic and non Gaelic speaking children from the local area, to prepare for Local and National Mods.	£1,500.00	The aim of the project is to support Gaelic and non-Gaelic speaking children from the local area, to prepare for Local and National Mods. This was achieved by appointing a PVG approved native Gaelic speaking tutor to teach the children via zoom.	40
6	Hebridean Pursuits Outdoor Learning	The delivery of regular Outdoor Art and Creative sessions on a 121, (or small family group) basis, with local young carers/young carers and their families.	£2,000.00	We took young carers from the local area, and sometimes their families as well, on outdoor adventures with a creative focus. Sessions included outdoor activities such as rock climbing, coastering, walking and spending time in nature; sometimes we also sketched and other times just observed and discussed the colours of nature. Our aims were to work with local young people from North Argyll Carers Centre (NAYC) and develop the non-residential strand of our work. We met this aim and feel that our relationship with NAYC has been strengthened and we have more experience in working in this way with local young people and their families.	32
7	Lorn and Oban Healthy Options	Deliver core activities of community based health improvement project.	£2,500.00	All services were provided free of charge to the clients, unless they felt able to pay a small monthly fee. We feel we met our aims during this period of removing financial barriers for the people in our communities to access sports and wellbeing activities.	308
8	MECOPP - Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project	Deliver a series of traditional basket making workshops involving members of Mid and North Argyll's Gypsy/Traveller community	£1,225.00	Participants reported high levels of satisfaction of, and engagement with, the activity highlighting that it brought back memories and stories from childhood of a more traditional way of life. Participants also enjoyed coming together with other community members having been isolated due to lockdown restrictions, noting a positive benefit on mental health and wellbeing. Confidence was also increased from learning new skills and being encouraged to participate in a new activity.	19
9	Mull and Iona Community Trust	A contribution towards the costs of the Ulva Ferry Transport Project. The	£905.00	In 2020, we were still collecting and delivering shopping & prescriptions to help our elderly and shielding residents of Ulva Ferry. We were delivering groceries and prescriptions to around	1,392

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		project provides: an accessible minibus 3 days a week, an electric car offering transport for max 3 passengers, 7 days a week door-to-door service on Mull outside the scheduled service.		60 households per month until the end of July. We have increased traffic with over 90 healthcare appointments for wheelchair/disabled users. These are journeys that would have possibly required Scottish Ambulance Service or other outside help. We are the only provider of wheelchair accessible vehicles in North Mull.	
10	North West Mull Community Woodland	Cost of materials and workshops to create a living willow project.	£905.00	The aim was to have inter-generational workshops. It was hoped that it would encourage various generations to work together post Covid-19 and it was hoped that this would promote mental health and well-being within the community. We had 2 community workshops. The youngest participant was a young toddler and the oldest a local community member of 77. The workshops were led by a local willow artist.	36
11	Oban & District Access Panel	Sustain the part-time post of support officer for the Panel and help to support part-time fundraising assistance so that the support position and other work of the Panel will be sustainably funded going forward.	£1,500.00	Project not delivered	Extension required
12	Oban Men's Shed	Restore the WWII Register Number 552 (Small Craft) Clinker Built Dipping Lug Sail boat, work to make it sea worthy and enable it to be restored as a valuable piece of local history.	£1,946.00	The project ended up being a lot more work than anticipated; but members gained experience in working with wood.	13
13	Ross of Mull and Iona Community Transport	Hire of local community facilities, catering and flexible community transport arrangements to facilitate	£2,000.00	The main events that were supported were community meals held in Creich Hall, this included regular Sunday lunches and also community cafe which were held at the same time as opening the library.	160

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		community activities (in line with Covid guidance) to encourage and support the re-establishment of community activities in the Ross of Mull. The project will particularly support the participation of the elderly and vulnerable.		In addition several other community events were supported with Transport and Funding such as the Children's Fundraising Disco, the local PTA fundraiser. A film which documented the history of local fishing over the last 50 years and it has changed. Transport to the Feis which provides traditional music lessons for young people in the community. Transport to the turning on of Christmas lights and street party.	
14	Seil and Easdale Community Council	Community improvement, activities. Post Covid: card and food parcel to lift the spirits of older people, books and educational activity packs for young children. General: repair of public seating at the Square at Ellenabeich, repair to seating area at the playing field, signs and information boards, pots, compost and plants	£905.00	We provided activity packs for the children, carried out repairs to the village square, and placed potted plants around the bus shelter. We also put up signs and a notice board.	739
15	The Community Bureau SCIO	Costs to staff and run outdoor activities for older people, people with long-term health conditions and people with mental health issues, to support them with the impact of lockdown.	£1,000.00	The main activities were provision of low level walks, themed around exploring our woodlands. This aimed to bring people and communities together. Each walk over the better weather taking place in different location, alongside other outdoor and fun activities (an example was wild swimming). Enabling people to engage with each other, gain confidence and new skills; also to improve mobility for those who have largely been confined to their homes for long periods.	99
16	Tiree Community Council	To establish a community food growing garden to aid food resilience throughout the island of Tiree. The	£2,400.00	Extension granted.	N/a

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		money will be used to provide a number of raised beds, hand tools, suitable groundworks and storage facilities.			
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5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The project monitoring form has a section asking for comments on the grant process. Not all applicants have completed this section but of those received, the comments have largely been very positive.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy: None

6.2 Financial: The report sets out the expenditure from the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area 2018/19- 2021/22 budget for the allocation of Supporting Communities Fund. The timeline at the bottom of the report encompasses monies which would have been rolled over from 2018/19 to be spent in the 2019/20 cycle and is included for completion.

6.3 Legal: None

6.4 HR: None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty/Equalities/Islands: Compliant with policy and noting that 8 of the funded projects were on islands (Mull and Coll).

6.6 Risk: None

6.7 Customer Service: None

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