

GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2012/13

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations in Bute and Cowal.
- 1.2 The Executive agreed to the proposal that applications would be considered twice yearly in April and again in August. This is intended to avoid allocation of the full budget at one meeting and enable activities held later in the year to be funded.
- 1.3 The Committee is asked to consider holding back a minimum of £5,000 for allocation in the second round of applications in August 2012.
- 1.4 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2012/13 remains at £35,00

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Four out of 26 applications received have been for Events and Festivals which represents 29% of the total budget allocation. It is therefore recommended that all grant applications are treated on merit.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the organisations listed below are awarded funding of £18,546 from grants to the Third Sector. This is pending confirmation of receipt of End of Year Reports for 2011/12; outstanding documentation; and financial assessment. If agreed, the amount available for consideration at the area committee in August is £16,454.
- 2.2 Due to the large number of applications against the budget, the recommendations are based on the following:
 - a. The recommendation for applicants for Events and Festivals that have received funding in the last 2 years or more is 25% of the amount requested;
 - b. The recommendation for other applicants who have received funding in the last 2 years or more is 25% of amount requested;
 - c. The recommendation for first time applicants is in the main 50% of amount requested.

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2011/12</u>	<u>Amount Requested 2012/13</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2.1	Ardentinny Community Trust	No	£2,875	£6,124.	£1,440
2.2	Bute Advice Centre	No	£5,000	£99,739	£1,250
2.3	Bute Community Media	No	£1,133	£2,266	£570
2.4	Bute Youth Project	£3,600	£6,000	£40,300	£1,500
2.5	CLASP (Cowal Local Action for Special Projects)	£3,000	£5,000	£9,580	£0.00
2.6	Colintraive Village Hall Management Committee	No	£610	£1,220	£305

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2.7	Cowal Choral Club	No	£340.00	£687.60	£170	
2.8	Cowal Dog Training Club	No	£533.28	£1133.28	£270	
2.9	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	£1,080	£1,438	£7,618	£360	
2.10	Cowal Marketing Group/Stronger Cowal	No	£750	£1,500	£375	
2.11	Cowal Walking Festival Association *	£1,000	£5,550	£10,550	£1,387	
2.12	Crossroads (Cowal and Bute)	No	£231.64	£463.28	£120	
2.13	Dunoon Community Development Group Recyclers Project	No	£500	£1,000	£250	
2.14	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	No	£300	£1,167	£150	
2.15	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	£6,750	£12,050	£24,100	£3,000	
2.16	Dunoon Burgh Hall Project Group	No	£7,710	£11,810	£2,955	
2.17	*Fyne Fest	No	£1,000	£48,094	£500	
2.18	Home Start Majik	No	£10,000	£22,000	£0.00	
2.19	Isle of Bute Sailing Club	No	£1,500	£3,000	£0.00	
2.20	Kirn Gala Committee *	£1,280	£1,280	£5,052	£320	
2.21	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Club	No	£2,016	£5,210	£504	
2.22	Rothesay and District Pipe Band	No	£2,000	£11,100	£1,000	
2.23	Rustle Way Foundation	No	£16,750	£28,000	£0,00	
2.24	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	£400	£850	£2,850	£220	
2.25	*Strachur and District Youth Club	No	£2,800	£5,600	£1,400	
2.26	Youth Stuff	No	£999	£8,643	£500	
	Total		£89,915.92	£358,806	£18,546	
	Recommendation					£18,546
	Area Budget					£35,000
	Balance Remaining					£16,454

3. DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
2.1	Ardentinny Community Trust	The grant will contribute towards the employment of a part-time sessional worker who will lead a weekly programme of events and activities for volunteers within the walled garden. This will help regenerate the garden and provide opportunities and skills for volunteers. Children from Strone Primary School will also engage in gardening activities under the supervision of one of their teachers.
2.2	Bute Advice Centre	The grant will contribute towards project costs. Bute Advice Centre provides an invaluable service for the Island and is especially needed in the current financial situation. There has been an increase in requests for money advice at present.
2.3	Bute Community Media	The grant will contribute towards the purchase of equipment to allow the continuation of broadcasting during periods of loss of power.
2.4	Bute Youth Project	The grant will support the delivery of youth services and activities on the Isle of Bute. This includes diversionary activities during school holidays and drop in facilities for the young people.
2.5	CLASP (Cowal Local Action for Special Projects)	The application is to provide support to a set of activities at Benmore Outdoor Centre for children. The grant is for children's activities, which is covered by Argyll and Bute Social Work Children and Families grant funding. The applicant has applied to this fund. Recommendation Nil
2.6	Colintraive Village Hall Management Committee	A contribution towards the production of a promotional booklet to market Colintraive to visitors to the Heritage Centre
2.7	Cowal Choral Club	Contribution towards the costs of uniform blouses for use by the Choir to make them look more professional when performing at concerts. The club produces a number of productions that add to the quality of life of local residents and the surrounding area.
2.8	Cowal Dog Training Club	To contribute towards marketing and publicity materials for the group and its activities in an attempt to promote responsible dog ownership in the area.
2.9	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	To contribute towards the cost of tuition of adults and children especially those that could otherwise not afford the full fees. The activity is teaching Scottish fiddle techniques and performing for local disabled groups. Grant allocated in 2010/11.
2.10	Cowal Marketing Group/Stronger Cowal	To contribute towards the costs of a comprehensive Events Diary for groups in Cowal
2.11	*Cowal Walking Festival Association	The grant will be used to help rebuild the Cowalfest website to allow better collation of information and participant feedback. It will also be used to expand the marketing of the festival by producing more brochures for distribution.
2.12	Crossroads (Cowal and Bute)	To contribute towards promotional material for a new service of outreach work to support care in the home. It is hoped that this will identify new carers in a rural location.
2.13	Dunoon Community Development Group Recyclers Project	Contribution towards costs of buying computer hardware/software to allow the continued operation of recycling old computers.
2.14	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	The grant is to support costs of activities for the group including bus trips, a Christmas luncheon and a pantomime.
2.15	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	To contribute towards supporting young people to develop group programmes for specific age and interest groups; with issue based activities for all ages.
2.16	Dunoon Burgh Hall Project Group	A contribution towards hosting of an exhibition of photographic work by Robert Mapplethorpe as part of the Artists Room Scottish tour.
2.17	*Fyne Fest	Contribution towards a four-day event over the Jubilee weekend.

2.18	Home Start Majik	To carry out family engagement activities in Cowal and Bute. Recommendation is nil as the grant application is for pre-school children which is covered by Argyll and Bute Social Work Children and Families grant funding. The applicant has applied to that fund.
2.19	Isle of Bute Sailing Club	The funding is for two new boats which are considered capital costs and the project is therefore ineligible Recommendation nil.
2.20	*Kirn Gala Committee	Assistance with costs of running Kirn Gala. The gala has run successfully for a number of years and has gone from strength to strength. It provides a valuable contribution to the community life.
2.21	Lochgoilhead Fiddle Club	A contribution towards the annual running costs of activities for the group. The group received funding in 2011. Recommendation is 25%.
2.22	Rothesay and District Pipe Band	A contribution towards the travel costs for the group to visit Sulzberg for 40 th Twinning Anniversary.
2.23	Rustle Way Foundation	This is a new organisation requesting a contribution towards the costs of establishing an Art and multimedia school in Port Bannantyne. The group does not have sufficient funds to match 50% of their request. It is recommended that funding is not approved and the group resubmit when they have sufficient funds.
2.24	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	To assist with the regular activities of the Club including hall rental, payment for entertainment, catering and general running expenses
2.25	*Strachur and District Youth Club	This is the second event; the first event went very well and a large number of letters of support have been received. The event is celebrating and promoting the local culture. Activities are planned by the community as a whole which is in line with the council's priority to enhance the quality of life of the residents and to build the capacity of the community. Strachur is a natural hub for the surrounding area and events held are well attended.
2.26	Youth Stuff	A contribution towards venue rental for the project to provide arts and drama opportunities for young people in Cowal

*Applications for Events and Festivals

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed, and presented for financial assessment where applicable. Some recommendations are pending a successful outcome of the financial assessment.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the (insert committee) budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants. this grant budget are disbursed in manner that will deliver optimum support to Third Sector organisations

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.

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