

GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR 2012/13

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants. At its meeting on 3 April 2012 the Area Committee agreed that seven applications should be continued pending further information. This included an application for the Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project which was subsequently considered and approved by the local Area Committee on 16 April 2012.
- 1.2 It should be noted that the eligibility criteria states that organisations can submit only one application in each financial period. Also noted is the amendment to the assessment form to reflect justification for continued funding beyond 2 years, in order to avoid grant dependency.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2012/13 is £35,000. A total of £26,088 was awarded including the six applications below totalling £5,219. If after further consideration the following recommendations are approved the remaining Third Sector grant total is £8,912

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations based on the further information received.

Ref No	Name of Organisation	Grant Awarded 2010/11	Amount Requested 2012/13	Total Project Costs	Recommendation
2.1	Bute Youth Project	£12,500	£6,000	£40,300	£3,600
2.2	CLASP (Cowal Local Action for Special Projects)	£3,000	£5,000	£9,580	£0
2.3	Cowal Walking Festival	£1,000	£5,550	£10,550	1387
2.4	Crossroads (Cowal and Bute)	£0	£232	£464	£232
2.5	Fynefest	£0	£1,000	£48,000	£0
2.6	Homestart MAJIK	£0	£10,000	£22,000	£0
	Total Recommended				£5,219

3. DETAILS

Ref No	Name of Organisation	Details
3.1	Bute Youth Project	<p>Clarification sought on role/involvement of local elected members in the governance/committee of Project.</p> <p>A local councillor will be invited to attend the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 23 May, and future meetings, as ex-officio member, in accordance with the constitution. Meetings are scheduled at approximately 2 monthly intervals.</p>
3.2	CLASP (Cowal Local Action for Special Projects)	<p>Clarity of status of the application made to Children and Families Grant Funding Scheme.</p> <p>The organisation submitted an application to Children and Families Social Work Grant funding scheme and were awarded £10,000. The Commissioning Team has confirmed that organisations should not be funded from different departments of the Council for the same project.</p>
3.3	Cowal Walking Festival	<p>Clarity on application to Big Lottery.</p> <p>The organisation has confirmed that they were unsuccessful in their submission for Big Lottery funding.</p>
3.4	Crossroads (Cowal and Bute)	<p>Agreed in principle subject to completion of financial checks and clarification of the totality of funding for the project.</p> <p>Financial documents have been checked. Total costs of project £464 to be spent on leaflets, business cards and posters to promote the new outreach service.</p>
3.5	Fynefest	<p>Subject to satisfactory financial and governance checks.</p> <p>The organisation has failed to comply with the necessary procedures for the award of grant funding. Despite many requests no constitution, bank statement or letters of support have been received. The event is due to take place on the 2–5 June. The recommendation has been changed to Nil</p>
3.6	Homestart MAJIK	<p>Clarity of status of the application made to Children and Families Grant Funding Scheme.</p> <p>The organisation submitted an application to Children and Families Social Work Grant funding scheme and were awarded £21,000. The Commission Team has confirmed that organisations should not be funded from different departments of the Council for the same project.</p>

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the Bute and Cowal budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants.

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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