

**THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2012/13**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2012/13 is £35,000.
- 1.4 To date £28,152 has been awarded to 32 organisations at the Area Committee meeting in April. The total budget remaining for allocation is £6,848
- 1.5 10 applications have been received in this third and last round of applications, one of which is for Events and Festivals.
- 1.6 One group who received an underwrite for an event have submitted a paper requesting the remaining funds be allowed to be drawn down for another purpose as per the attached paperwork (appendix 1).

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That seven organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget, as per the table below.
- 2.2 That those organisations that have received funding for two years or more take a reduction from the amount they received in 2011/12.
- 2.3 That MacDougall of Dunollie be allowed to draw down the amount initially allocated for their event underwrite and to use this for the purpose detailed in their report (see appendix 1).
- 2.4 There are two application rounds for the Third Sector Grants. An additional third round was offered in Oban, Lorn and the Isles to encourage applications from groups, who may have missed the previous rounds, to access the balance of funding. This third round has failed to attract applications for projects of a sufficient calibre to award the remaining funding and, in line with Council policy, it is recommended that the remaining balance of £941.50 be returned as a budget saving.

### 3.0 DETAIL

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2011/12</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
3.1	Oban & District Primary Football League	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£0
3.2	Isle of Mull Junior Mod Club	£0	£5,100	£1,000	£500
3.3	OASIS	£0	£7,000	£3,500	£0
3.4	Isle of Mull Gaelic Choir	£0	£3,005	£1,500	£300
3.5	Oban Friendship Club	£0	£3,250	£1,000	£250
3.6	New Start Oban	£0	£1,600	£800	£0
3.7	Tiree Community Development Trust	£0	£2,100	£1,000	£250
3.8	HOPE Kitchen	£1155	£1,213	£606.50	£606.50
3.9	Dalavich Improvement Group	£0	£7,500	£3,750	£2,500
4.0	Oban Fireworks Committee	£0	£5,200	£2,000	£1,500
	<b>Total</b>				
			<b>Total Recommended</b>		<b>£4,406.50</b>
			<b>Balance</b>		<b>£941.50</b>

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Rationale for grant allocation</b>
3.1	Oban & District Primary Football League	The group do not, as yet, have final costs for the project and have not yet carried out an audit of training needs. As the application is for training costs and there is no specific timescale, no award is recommended at this point.
3.2	Isle of Mull Junior Mod Club	As with many MOD clubs, the Isle of Mull Junior MOD Club puts a lot of effort into fundraising to covering costs associated with MOD participation. This club encourages youth participation in the MOD, and faces additional travel expenses due to its island location. An award of £500 to assist with one-off uniform costs and travel is recommended.
3.3	OASIS	This is an ambitious project to create film and video diaries for their client group which would benefit from time to look at various costing options and external funding opportunities. It is recommended that no award is made at this point, but that the application is considered in 2013/14.
3.4	Isle of Mull Gaelic Choir	This group is making an attempt to undertake a project which would provide an income stream for the group, producing a CD that they will promote locally and to tourists. An award of £300 is recommended towards initial costs.
3.5	Oban Friendship Club	This group has been formed out of an intergenerational project initially started by another organisation. The project is due to end and the volunteers and group members are keen to set up a group that continues to support the activities. This group aims to improve the health and well-being and develop the knowledge of elderly people in the Oban area. Initial start up support of £250 is recommended as a one-off grant to support the group to get started. Any award will be dependent on submission of a bank statement / account number and signed financial projection.

3.6	New Start Oban	This group provides support to previously homeless individuals, who are moving into their own tenancies. The group provides start up packs to help equip their homes and works with local churches and organisations to raise funds to provide these. This application is not to support the organisation itself, but to support the purchase of electrical equipment which would be distributed to individuals. No award is therefore recommended in this instance.
3.7	Tiree Community Development Trust	Tiree is one of our most isolated communities and the community therefore has had to develop a resilience to support itself. Community volunteering forms a key part of this, and this activity would combine the safety aspects of a community fireworks display, with a small volunteer award ceremony to recognise the contribution that local volunteers make to island life. An award of £250 towards the fireworks display is recommended pending submission of a business plan that satisfies the requirement of events and festivals paperwork.
3.8	HOPE Kitchen	This group provides a drop-in service and soup kitchen for people in the community who are lonely, feel vulnerable, are recovering from addictions or are socially isolated. The application is towards the purchase of a washing machine, tumble dryer and potato oven. An award of £606.50 is recommended.
3.9	Dalavich Improvement Group	The Dalavich Village Hall is a charitable social enterprise, providing a key social function within a remote rural community. The hall supports a range of events and activities which contributes to community cohesion. The Dalavich Social Club is also housed within part of the structure. The hall is timber built, in keeping with much of the housing in the village and is in need of repainting to stop the deterioration of the structure. The group is intending to match fund from its own resources. An award of £2,500 is recommended.
4.0	Oban Fireworks Committee	This event is supported by CPP partners as a means of improving community safety around Guy Fawkes Night. The event is normally sustained through donations, a funding package. There has been a significant change in the committee which has caused the group to lose some momentum and this application would be a one off to assist in a difficult year. An award of £1,500 is recommended, pending successful financial assessment.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed, and where applicable, have received financial approval unless otherwise stated.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.
- 5.6 Risk: None
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

#### **6.0 APPENDICES**

6.1 Officer assessment report submitted.

6.2 Additional appendix requesting change of use of allocation by one applicant

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