

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2013/14

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 Bute and Cowal.
- 1.2 Applications are considered twice yearly in April and 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 total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Bute and Cowal for 2013/14 is £35,000.
- 1.4 The Area Committee agreed to an upper limit of £4,000 to any one organisation in any one financial period, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 1.5 A minimum of £5,000 should be carried forward for allocation at the Area Committee meeting in August.
- 1.6 Thirteen applications have been received, including 3 for Events and Festivals, and 1 which is for capital works and therefore ineligible.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 12 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget, as per the table below.
- 2.2 Those organisations that have received funding for two years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2012/13 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application.
- 2.3 Where possible, and if appropriate, new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs), unless a very large amount of funding is sought.
- 2.4 Grants will only be awarded pending receipt of the correct paperwork; an approved financial check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant Award 11/12	Grant Award 12/13	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Recommendation
3.1	Beachwatch Bute	£650	N/A	£2,812	£1,400	£1,050
3.2	Bute Advice Centre	N/A	£2,000	£2,550	£1,275	£845
3.3	*Bute Agricultural Society	£720	N/A	£12,600	£1,200	£900 (Underwrite)
3.4	Caol Ruadh Sculpture Park	N/A	N/A	£5,020	£2,500	£2,500
3.5	*Cowal Walking Festival Association (Cowalfest)	£1,000	£2,775	£4,800	£2,400	£1,585
3.6	Dunoon & Cowal Youth Project	£6,750	£6,750	£23,500	£11,750	£4,000
3.7	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	£450	£300	£1,175	£500	£300
3.8	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	N/A	£2,955	£10,500	£5,000	£2,500
3.9	Dunoon Community Development Group - Recycling Project	N/A	£250	£1,000	£500	£375
3.10	*Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	N/A	N/A	£4,000	£1,000 across all 4 areas	£250(from each area)
3.11	Helensburgh Orchestral Society	N/A	N/A	£2,340	£910 across two areas	£410 (from each area)
3.12	Strachur & District Community Development Co Ltd	N/a	N/A	£3,005	£2,005	£1,500
				Total Recommended		£16,215
				Balance		£18,785

**Events and Festivals*

3.0 DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Beachwatch Bute	The funding is required for insurance and promotional equipment. Beachwatch Bute is a well-established organisation who carry out environmental projects such as beach cleaning and educational programmes with the schools on Bute
3.2	Bute Advice Centre	The funding is required for a case management Information system to allow the group to provide a more efficient service. Bute Advice Centre provides support to an increasing number of clients, in particular, the elderly, carers, people with

		disabilities and low income families.
3.3	*Bute Agricultural Society	The funding is a contribution towards the annual agricultural show which is a well-established event that attracts a large number of people. Over the last few years the committee have lost a number of sponsors and weather has not been kind to them but they are working hard to make the event successful.
3.4	Caol Ruadh Sculpture Park	The funding is a contribution towards the cost of three performances of Global Water Dances to take place in Colintrave and the surrounding area. Each performance will be unique to its location and choreographer. The event should help to boost local tourism and the economy.
3.5	*Cowal Walking Festival Association (Cowalfest)	The funding is sought for promotional materials to market the Cowal Walking Festival which takes place over 7 days in October.
3.6	Dunoon & Cowal Youth Project	The funding is towards salary and sessional costs to deliver a programme of events in the youth centre for children between the ages of 11-16. This organisation is supported by many volunteers which helps sustain the project. No matched funding has been identified.
3.7	Dunoon and Cowal Elderly Forum	The funding is a contribution towards the costs of social events and outings throughout the year. This organisation has 40 members age 60+.
3.8	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	The funding is a contribution towards marketing costs and exhibition costs for a local heritage and contemporary art project. The project will celebrate artist/designer Bob Stewart, design pioneer of the 20 th century. The education programme is for local volunteers, the community and schools in Cowal.
3.9	Dunoon Community Development Group - Recycling Project	The funding is for the purchase of spare parts and software to allow the group to upgrade old computers which are then distributed to the community. At present the group has a waiting list for computers.
3.10	*Argyll and Bute Youth Forum.	The funding is for an event that will support the achievements of young people across Argyll and Bute. Each Area is being asked to contribute £250 towards the event which will be held in Oban.
3.11	Helensburgh Orchestral Society	The funding is required to deliver an outreach programme of two concerts in Arrochar and Dunoon. The organisation has carried out feasibility studies in each area and identified appropriate partners within these communities. This would give members of the organisation the opportunity to increase their skills and bring music to local communities.
3.12	Strachur & District Community Development Co Ltd	Funding is for the improvement of drainage of Strachur sports centre pitch.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed.

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: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Officer assessment reports submitted.

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