

**THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2013/14**

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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.
- 1.2 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 Oban, Lorn and the Isles 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 Nineteen applications have been received, 5 of which are for Events and Festivals.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The 19 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).

2.5 That Oban Community Sensory Garden be allowed to accrue £220 forward for spend by the end of April 2013 to accommodate their rescheduled study trip to another garden project.

2.6 That Bridge of Orchy Community Association be allowed to accrue £425.55 for spend by the end of April 2013 to accommodate project delays caused by weather.

Ref No	Organisation	Grant Award 11/12	Grant Award 12/13	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Recommendation
3.1	1st Tobermory Guides/Tobermory Scout Hall	N/A	N/A	£2,710	£2,460	£1,016
3.2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum *	N/A	N/A	£4,000	£1,000	£250
3.3	Coisir Ghaidhlig Taigh an Uillt - Taynuilt Gaelic Choir/mixed choir and ladies choir	N/A	N/A	£600	£300	£135
3.4	Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor (CELM) The Lismore Historical Society	£1,500	£3,100	£11,750	£750	£750
3.5	Craignure Village Hall	N/A	N/A	£7,937	£1,437	£1,347
3.6	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT)	N/A	N/A	£5,300	£2,650	£2,650
3.7	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival *	£1,600	£2,000	£44,154	£9,000	£4,000
3.8	Loch Awe Improvement Association	N/A	N/A	£14,881	£7,381	£3,600
3.9	Lorn Agricultural Society *	N/A	£1,000	£11,265	£3,000	NIL
3.10	Mull and Iona Schools Pipers	N/A	N/A	£1,490	£745	£522
3.11	New Start Oban	N/A	Nil (£0)	£750	£650	£206
3.12	North Argyll Youth Forum	£1,500	N/A	£13,575	£600	£480 (underwrite)
3.13	OASIS	N/A	Nil (£0)	£7,000	£3,500	£1,575
3.14	Oban Phoenix Cinema	£1,955	£1,000	£45,000	£5,000	£2,750
3.15	Oban Winter Festival *	N/A	£5,000	£31,100	£15,500	£4,000
3.16	Oban Youth Cafe	N/A	N/A	£4,025	£2,000	£450
3.17	Sound of Mull Radio	N/A	N/A	£5,862	£2,862	£2862
3.18	Tiree Music Festival CIC *	N/A	N/A	£8,990	£4,450	£1,200
3.19	Tiree Resource Club	N/A	N/A	£3,829	£3,329	£1,233
				<b>Total Recommended</b>		£29,026
				<b>Balance</b>		£5,974

\*Events and Festivals

### 3.0 DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	1st Tobermory Guides/Tobermory Scout Hall	The hall is used by the Guides and Scouts, as well as a number of other clubs. The kitchen equipment is serviceable but in poor condition and volunteers generally bring crockery etc. from their own homes and businesses when they hold fundraisers and coffee mornings. They have secured other funding to undertake structural work in their kitchen area - this grant would enable the group to upgrade their existing equipment, meet health and safety requirements for cooking with young people and add some equipment that would increase the range of food based activities they can carry out.
3.2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	This event will support and celebrate the achievements of young people involved in a variety of community activities, bringing them together from across Argyll and Bute for a themed awards event. The awards committee itself comprises a number of young people with support staff – although the event is being organised by the Argyll and Bute Youth Forum, award nominations will be advertised and circulated through schools, youth organisations and partner agencies and open to all young people. An award of £250 per administrative area is recommended.
3.3	Coisir Ghaidhlig Taigh an Uillt - Taynuilt Gaelic Choir/mixed choir and ladies choir	This activity aims to increase the skills of participants, bringing tutors in from outside the area for workshops to benefit choir members.
3.4	Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor (CELM) The Lismore Historical Society	This project provides the opportunity for island memories and its Gaelic traditions and history to be recorded on DVD and CD for the benefit of Lismore and Argyllshire history – the DVDs will also add provision to the Lismore Museum, which is one of the visitor attractions on the island. Local volunteers will also work on the project, increasing their social history recording skills. They have managed to attract other external funding and the third sector grant funding would make up the shortfall.
3.5	Craignure Village Hall	This is a well-used hall in a central location on the island which has inherited a long-term problem with their water meter and which had a considerable emergency outlay last year which has made the hall financially vulnerable. This is not the first incident with their water supply, but this outlay was significantly higher because they have replaced their piping the full length from the main road down as a preventative measure. This grant is being sought as a one-off emergency payment to secure the hall and allow them to get back on a sure footing.
3.6	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT)	The project has evidenced positive feedback from previous years and combines community, youth and environmental benefits. The organisation fund their work through a variety of funding streams each year and are not in receipt of any other council funding at this time.
3.7	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance	Using an economic impact calculation model, this applicant has assessed the event brings an economic benefit to the area of around £1million – the event has potential for growth but needs to address its infrastructure to support this. They have been in discussion with the Cowal Games to learn from their experiences and have obtained quotes for developing an online registration, ticketing, payment and seat allocation system. This development would make succession planning

		easier and free up volunteer time to allow a greater focus on community involvement activities. Recommendation is that the award be split equally between the delivery of the festival and the development of online registering etc.,
3.8	Loch Awe Improvement Association	The fish stock enhancement programme restocks a popular fishing loch, contributing to local environmental improvement plans. The organisation itself assists with lochside improvements including litter cleanup and uplift and has been involved in community initiatives around the Loch Awe and Dalavich area, including Loch Watch. The organisation still has reasonable reserves however feels it is prudent to seek assistance now and implement developments that can be phased over the next few years.
3.9	Lorn Agricultural Society	The applicant received funding for the same purpose in the previous financial year and has sufficient reserves to be able to fund their advertising themselves. No award recommended. This application also included capital costs which, although advantageous, are not eligible costs under this grant stream and have been removed.
3.10	Mull and Iona Schools Pipers	The piping equipment would be owned by the group and allow a number of young people to learn piping without having to purchase their own pipes initially. This increases the opportunities for young people to participate in traditional music.
3.11	New Start Oban	This organisation provides starter packs for homeless people moving into secure tenancies – referrals are made by support agencies. The organisation finances itself mainly through donations and is aiming to increase its profile and methods of gathering donations by creating a website.
3.12	North Argyll Youth Forum	Exchange visits between youth organisations are beneficial both to the young people themselves and to their organisations. This group is working to raise funds for their exchange trip and it is hoped they will eventually be able to bring in all of the required funding themselves. An underwrite is therefore recommended that will only be drawn down if required.
3.13	OASIS	This project offers the opportunity for the organisation to record service users experiences on DVD. Although this organisation receive Council funding, this project is outwith their core funded activities and a contribution towards the project is recommended.
3.14	Oban Phoenix Cinema	This project will modernise the service and increase provision for local people to improve the project's sustainability.
3.15	Oban Winter Festival	This event takes place over several days and offers activities that the local community and visitors can participate in. The organisation gathers feedback from participants to inform their future planning and works with local charities to ensure community benefit as well. However, this festival received a high award in 2012/13 and the amount sought this year is substantially over the maximum amount agreed by the committee and higher than the amount earmarked for all events and festivals.
3.16	Oban Youth Cafe	Argyll and Bute Council work with the youth cafe and other partners to support transitional activities which aim to offer opportunities for children moving from Primary to secondary to mix. However, there are benefits to young people being able to mix socially and access activities outwith their own community and young people from this area face additional

		travel challenges.
3.17	Sound of Mull Radio	This is an ambitious project that would benefit from initial support to help it establish, but which would benefit a remote island community if achieved.
3.18	Tiree Music Festival CIC	This festival brings significant social and economic benefit to Tiree – the fencing would be removed and stored at the end of the Festival and available for use at other events and would be an asset available for the whole island. This application also included capital costs which, although advantageous, are not eligible costs under this grant stream and have been removed.
3.19	Tiree Resource Club	Singing for the Brain groups have been developing across some of the OLI communities and Tiree Resource Club have investigated the benefits the group can bring. This activity will be aimed primarily at people with Alzheimers but will be open to other members of the community, contributing to Scottish targets for involvement in wider community activities post-diagnosis. Start-up costs for other groups have proved beneficial in establishing demand – the group can then use this evidence to lever in external funding.

#### **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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