

**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 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 In April, £16,215 was awarded to 12 organisations. Subsequently Caol Ruadh Sculpture Park withdrew their application of £2,500 leaving a balance remaining of £21,285.
- 1.5 Ardentinny Community Trust was awarded a grant of £1,440 in 2013. However, due to illness of the co-coordinator they were unable to spend the total funding. The Trust has asked that the £1,115 remaining be subject to a carry forward in 2013/14.
- 1.6 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.
- 1.7 Nine applications have been received, 2 of which are for Events and Festivals.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The 9 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget, as per the table below.
- 2.2 That Ardentinny Community Trust carry forward their unspent funding from 2012/13 of £1,115 to 2013/14.
- 2.3 The balance of £14,570 is allocated at a third round of funding at the next area committee on 3 December 2013. If approved the closing date for applications would be 25 October and all funding would be required to be spent by 31 March 2014.

2.3 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 2011/12	Grant Award 2012/13	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Recommendation
3.1	Argyll and Lochaber Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	No	No	£4,942	£792 (application to 4 areas)	£80
3.2	Cowal Music Club	No	£450	£6,550	£500	£450
3.3	Dunoon Amateur Swimming Club	No	No	£3,650	£1,825	£1,825
3.4	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	£1,080	£360	£5,280	£3,000	£360
3.5	Cowal Pipe Band *	No	No	£3500	£1,750	£1,750
3.6	Girlguiding Argyll Training	£480	£658 (£130 B&C)	£4,300	£2,300 (application to 3 areas)	£130
3.7	Innellan Public Hall	No	No	£3,735	£1,600	£1,600
3.8	Kirn Gala *	£1,280	£500	£3,300	£500	£320
3.9	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	£400	£220	£3,100	£1,100	£200
				<b>Total</b>		£6,715
				<b>Total available for allocation</b>		£21,285
				<b>Balance Remaining</b>		£14,570

*\*Events and Festivals*

### 3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisations	Comments
3.1	Argyll and Lochaber Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	Assistance towards the running cost of the 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary dance in Oban. All four areas of Argyll and Bute are being asked for a contribution as members of local clubs will travel from across Argyll and Bute. Subsequent to receipt of application the group has received a grant of £500 from the Provost Fund. The balance now required is £292 across all four areas.
3.2	Cowal Music Club	The Cowal Music Club has been running this programme for several years and attracts over 100 people to the concerts. They involve service users in the planning of the programme. The grant is to go towards the payment of fees for the performances and the commissioning of a new piece of music.
3.3	Dunoon Amateur Swimming Club	The grant will allow the club to improve its current website and software and to provide equipment and training for the club. It will help to increase the number of volunteers to support the club.
3.4	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	The funding is towards the costs of hiring a professional tutor to improve on techniques of playing the fiddle. The fiddle workshop fits well with promoting the cultural heritage of the area. In addition, by subsidising costs to people who could not afford it, the group addresses some of the barriers to inclusion.
3.5	Cowal Pipe Band	Funding is being sought to support the Sunset Ceremony due to take place on 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2013. This event, which took place in previous years is being resurrected. This event would promote traditional Scottish music and dance for the local community and boost the image of the town to visitors.
3.6	Girdguiding Argyll Training	Annual County training for Girl guide leaders to ensure that the Girl guiding programme covers three areas (excluding Helensburgh and Lomond). The training weekend, is a good opportunity to disseminate information and share ideas. Costs include travel, accommodation and training.
3.7	Innellan Public Hall	The project is to establish an archive of Innellan and the surrounding area. This will be a good resource both for current residents and also for the next generation. Such an archive does not exist at present and it is a way of preserving memories of the past.
3.8	Kirn Gala	The Kirn Gala has run successfully for a number of years and has grown in size every year. It is an activity which brings together all the age groups in the Community. The letters of support received indicate the support for this event.
3.9	Sandbank Senior Citizens Club	This club provides a valuable service to the elderly in the community. It delivers social activities for the elderly that they would not otherwise have. To tackle the issue of grant dependency the group have applied for funding from other organisations which are pending.

#### **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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