

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 Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 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 Helensburgh and Lomond for 2013/14 is £35,000.
- 1.4 In April 2013, £29,995 was awarded to 21 organisations, leaving a balance of £5,005. Eight applications have been received for this round of funding.
- 1.5 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.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That 7 of 8 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 2011/12	Grant Award 2012/13	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Recommendation
3.1	Cornerstone	No	No	£3,976	£1,917	£1,485
3.2	Cove and Kilcreggan Youth Cafe	No	1040	£7,560	£3,250	£1,040
3.3	Friends of Duchess Wood	132	400	£800	£400	£320
3.4	Kirkmichael Tenants and Residents	No	No	£3,000	£1,500	£1,000
3.5	Peninsula Players	No	No	£1,239	£620	£620
3.6	Rhu and Shandon Playground Association	No	No	£6,348	£2,000	£60
3.7	Rhu and Shandon Seniors Club	481	No	£1,490	£745	£480
3.8	Argyll and Lochaber Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	No	No	£4,942	£792 (application to 4 areas)	£0
	Total			£29,355	£11,224	
				Total for allocation		£5,005
				Total Recommended		£5,005
				Balance		£0

3.0 DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Cornerstone	To provide a 20-week support programme on social skills training and activities for 10 adults with disabilities and support needs in Helensburgh. Assurances have been sought from the Area Manager for Learning Disability that the grant funding being sought is for support that is additional to what is covered in the SLA. Cornerstone, which already has an SLA with the Council, was founded in 1980 and has grown to become one of the leading providers of social care in Scotland. It delivers its services in Helensburgh through its local provider, Jigsaw.
3.2	Cove & Kilcreggan Youth Cafe	Minibus hire costs for access to football, watersports and snowboarding, as well as a contribution towards running costs.
3.3	Friends of Duchess Wood	A contribution towards attendance at a charcoal burning course and treatment of invasive species.
3.4	Kirkmichael Tenants and Residents Association	Contribution towards the creation of a community garden in an area of scrub land next to Kirkmichael Learning Centre. This recommendation is subject to the group securing a 25 year lease from the Council and would be on the understanding that KTRA is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the garden.
3.5	Peninsula Players	A contribution towards production costs and hall hire. The grant would help to kick start this new group and give them some financial foundations on which to grow and develop.
3.6	Rhu & Shandon Playground Association	Application includes funding for capital equipment, which is ineligible. The purchase of bulbs for volunteers to improve the

		amenity is eligible and the recommendation is that this is funded in full.
3.7	Rhu & Shandon Seniors Club	Christmas lunch and activities, and an autumn outing.
3.8	Argyll and Lochaber Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	Ninetieth anniversary dance in Oban which will be attended by local groups from across Argyll and Bute. The group have subsequently received £500 from the Provost fund and balance now required is £292.

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

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