

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 in Oban, Lorn and the Isles. Applications are considered twice yearly in April and August. Following receipt of further information some amendments to the recommendations made in August are now proposed.
- 1.2 At the Area Committee meeting on 14 August 2013 recommendation for allocations of Third Sector Grants were made subject to clarification of a pending application from Oban Community Council. No application has been received, and therefore the decision of the Area Committee in August has been effected, and the 10% reduction applied contingently to all awards has been reinstated.
- 1.3 Oban Viewpoint Group have subsequently indicated that they are unable to draw down their award of £800. The Area Committee is now asked to reconsider the allocation of the balance of £800 against the eleven applications considered at the August Area Committee meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget as per the table below.
- 2.3 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 2012/13	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Allocation agreed August 13		Additional recommendation
					With 10% reduction	With 10% reinstated	
3.1	Coll Recycling Group	No	£1,678	£839	£249.30	£277	£83
3.2	Hogmanay in Oban*	No	£23,096	£8,096	£2,513.70	£2,793	£287
3.3	HOPE Kitchen	650	£6,314	£2,900	£468	£520	No increase
3.4	Ross of Mull Community Cafe	No	£5,850	£1,550	nil	Nil	Nil
3.5	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	No	£1,188	£594	£176.40	£196	£33
3.6	Oban Community Playpark Group	No	£6,207	£2,791	£550.80	£612	£103
3.7	Oban Fireworks Group*	No	£6,900	£1,983	£558.60	£654	£191
3.8	Oban Mountain Bike Crew	No	£2,250	£1,125	£112.50	£125	No increase
3.9	Oban Viewpoint Group	No	£13,570	£2,000	£720 (with conditions)	£800	Withdrawn
3.10	Argyll and Lochaber Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	No	£4,942	£792 (across 4 areas)	Nil	Nil	Nil
3.11	Girdguiding Argyll Training	£658 (£128 from OLI)	£4,300	£2,300 (across 3 areas)	Nil (with comments)	Nil	£103
			Total		£5379.30	£5977	£800
			Total Recommended		£5379.30	£5977	£800
			Balance		£597.70	£0	£0

*Events and Festivals

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisations	Comments
3.1	Coll Recycling Group	This group are working hard to improve recycling on the Isle of Coll and liaise regularly with Council staff to ensure integration of provision where possible. Assistance for them to apply for change of use of the old hall would substantially increase the activities of the group, potentially providing a small income stream – if viable, securing the appropriate quality standards for their imploded glass and compost would do the same, while securing an end use for the products.
3.2	Hogmanay in Oban	This is a new group aiming to establish a regular hogmanay event in Station Square, Oban. The event will be open to all and offers a family activity within the town, and one which offers direct benefits for local community members as well as a potential economic impact. This grant is a start-up grant to assist them in their first year.
3.3	HOPE Kitchen	This application is to support the expansion of HOPE kitchen into its own premises, creating greater autonomy for the group and an increase in what it can provide – although there is a clear developmental aspect to the application, the group have received funding in the previous two years.
3.4	Ross of Mull Community Cafe	This is a good project, providing a community activity that brings people together from across a remote rural area. It generates a good turnover and distributes grants to a number of other organisations. It is recommended that the costs associated with the application could be met by the group.
3.5	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	The group are seeking a contribution towards replacing the flooring in the therapy centre with a harder surface to increase accessibility within the building. They do have some reserves, but hope to use them to make other improvements to the building.

3.6	Oban Community Playpark Group	This is a small project to maintain the motivation of local fundraisers and children – developing the overall playpark takes time but by breaking it down into small steps, people see the progress that's being made. Maintaining public support and motivation is key to this project.
3.7	Oban Fireworks Group	The annual fireworks display is a popular annual event in Oban which did not take place last year. Feedback from the emergency services is that a central event such as this reduces risks across the town, as well as creating a sense of community. The group have managed to raise a significant portion of the funding to date.
3.8	Oban Mountain Bike Crew	This is a new group working on an ambitious project to develop a mountain bike trail centre in the Oban and Lorn area, applying for some funding to assist them with start-up costs. The group is currently receiving capacity building support and a meeting space from the Council but wish to develop their publicity to gather more support and involve more of the community.
3.9	Oban Viewpoint Group	In August the committee agreed an allocation of £800 towards a feasibility study for a new build community centre in Soroba. The grant was subject to an application to Awards for All. As this was unsuccessful the group is unable to meet the conditions for the award.
3.10	Argyll and Lochaber Branches of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society	This Argyll founded organisation is celebrating its 90 th year and has identified a shortfall in its projected funding for its celebration event – there will also be some economic benefit to the Oban area. However, the group have received £500 from the Provost fund and should be able to manage the shortfall of £292.
3.11	Girdguiding Argyll Training	Annual County Training for Leaders to ensure that the Girl guiding programme is delivered in the three areas. It is a good opportunity for disseminating information and sharing ideas. The grant includes travel costs as well as costs of training weekend.

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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