

GRANTS 2013/14

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of small grants to third sector organisations from the Community Development budget for events to support the John Muir Festival and the opening of the coast-to-coast John Muir Way (the new long-distance walking route between Helensburgh and Dunbar) between 17- 26 April 2014.
- 1.2 The Community Development team recognised that no Third Sector Grant funding would be available to support the Festival in April and so set aside a small amount of funding from the community development budget to help local organisations plan events and access funds from other grant providers, including Scottish Natural Heritage.
- 1.3 Applications for funding were sought for events being held to support the John Muir Festival using the Third Sector Grant application form to ensure the assessment and monitoring process is robust.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the five organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Community Development budget in recognition of this one-off event.
- 2.2 Grants will only be awarded pending receipt of the correct paperwork and an approved financial check.

Ref No	Organisation	Total Project Costs	Amount Requested	Recommendation
2.2.1	Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs	£2990	£500	£500
2.2.2	ArtsQuest SCIO	£8570	£2,870	£1000
2.2.3	Friends of Duchess Wood	£500	£250	£250
2.2.4	Helensburgh Explorer Scouts	£600	£300	£300
2.2.5	Soulwind	£11483	£961	£500

	Total Recommended	£2,550
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3.0 DETAIL

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs	To support two John Muir Festival linked events, a Jimmy McGregor concert in the Victoria Halls that will pay homage to John Muir on April 24 and new drama to be performed on the John Muir Way/Three Lochs Way route on April 26 where 'John Muir' will meet 'Tom Weir' and around 100 walkers will converge on Goukhill.
3.2	ArtsQuest SCIO	To support the composition and performance of the John Muir Songcycle that will be written for, and performed in Helensburgh by an intergenerational group from the Helensburgh and Lomond community. The music will be written by local composer and musician Louise Burnett
3.3	Friends of Duchess Wood	To support the production of a John Muir themed walking theatre event at Duchess Woods in Helensburgh.
3.4	Helensburgh Explorer Scouts	To help the Explorers showcase their pioneering and fieldcraft skills at Hermitage Park on April 26 and give people an opportunity to make things using timber and rope. Also to link with the Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs and provide refreshments and stewarding, plus information boards and leaflets about John Muir.
3.5	Soulwind	To support the John Muir Songline, a singing project involving choirs from Dunbar to Helensburgh, culminating in an event in Hermitage Park and being organised by the local singing group Soulwind.

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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