

***GRANTS TO THE THIRD SECTOR - 2013/14 MONITORING REPORTS***

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report highlights how the funding from grants to the Third Sector was spent in 2013/14. Information was taken from the end of year project monitoring reports of those organisations who received funding through the Third Sector Grants scheme in 2013/14.
- 1.2 The total Third Sector Grants budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2013/14 was £35,000. A total of £35,000 was awarded to 26 organisations.
- 1.3 Awards were distributed in Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee meetings in April and August 2013. Organisations have up to three months from the end of the Project to complete and return the project reports.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 Organisations that do not submit an end of project monitoring report are not eligible for funding from this grant scheme in future years.
- 2.3 Loch Awe Improvement Association received a grant from the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area committee in 2013/14 and a provisional award from the Mid Argyll Kintyre and the Islands Committee, providing conditions were met. Cross-area awards are made in one payment and the group did not receive their award until 2<sup>nd</sup>. April 2014. This is an exceptional circumstance and it has not been possible for the group to undertake their project and spend the award by 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2014 and it is therefore recommended that they be given until 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2015 to complete their project.
- 2.4 Oban Mountain Bike Crew have requested to carry forward their award of £125 received in 2013/14 to be spent on training for the group in July 2014.

**3. DETAILS**

- 3.1. Detailed below is a summary of the information received from the end of project monitoring reports.
- 3.2. To date, 2 out of 26 groups have not returned monitoring forms.

No	Organisation	Project funded	Total Projected Costs	Actual Costs	Match funding	Award	Comments	Beneficiaries		
								M	F	Age
1	1st Tobermory Guides/Tobermory Scout Hall	Upgrading kitchen equipment in Tobermory Scout Hall	£2,710	£2,306	£1,290	£1,016	Purchase of the new equipment has allowed cooking to be incorporated as a main element of the programme.	25	25	5-9 (25) 10-16 (15) 25-64 (10)
2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Youth achievement event to be held in Oban in September 2013	£4,820	£3,158	£1,747	£250	The event recognised young people's achievements and showcased the positive impact they make on society. Totals not broken down for each area	49	88	10-16 (58) 17-24 (25) 25-64 (23) 65+ (1)
3	Coisir Ghaidhlig Taigh an Uillt - Taynuilt Gaelic Choir/mixed choir and ladies choir	Contribution towards the cost of inviting conductors from outside the area to run evening workshops for choir members	£600	£150	£0	£135	One out of planned three conductors engaged with the choir. Refund agreed but is allocated for 2014/15 for further two workshops.	9	10	25-64 (19)
4	Coll Recycling Group	Development and improvement of facilities and services	£1,678	£720	£360	£360	Community composting has begun. Research and development projects are on-going with the group developing its competences and skills.	Breakdown not provided. Group stated project benefits all islanders		
5	Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor (CELM) The Lismore Historical Society	Recording of a DVD and CD of Gaelic traditions and history for the benefit of Lismore and Argyllshire history	£11,750	£10,800	£9,000	£750	Detailed recording including video footage was carried out. Showing of products was held in October 2013, and schooldays events held. Huge support from islanders.	25	25	25-64 65+
6	Craignure Village Hall	Running cost for the Village Hall as a one-off emergency payment	£7,937			£1,437	Monitoring form not received			
7	Friends of Oban Community Playpark	Improvements to sensory garden	£6,207	£1,430	£715	£715	Group have focussed on planting part of project - plants have been purchased and are due to be put in place over the Summer	Breakdown not provided. Figures not available yet.		
8	Girlguiding Argyll Training	Leaders Training Weekend /Travel and equipment	£4,300	£1,279	£766	£103 (£513 across 3 areas)	Training weekend did not go ahead but training on OSCR, HMRC and management of accts held in Campbeltown, Islay, Oban, Dunoon and Lochgilphead	1	66	17-24 (8) 25-64 (56) 65+ (3)

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9	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT)	Contribution towards the cost of a five-day education trip on board the floating classroom	£5,300	£5,360	£7,000	£2,650	Children from 4 primary schools participated and learned about their local marine environment through fun activities	81	98	5-9 (67) 10-16 (35) 17-24 (23) 25-64 (36) 65+ (18)
10	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance	Contribution towards the delivery of the Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival and the development of an online registration/booking system. It is a condition of the grant award that £2,000 is to go to each of the activities.	£44,154	£31,544	£2,400	£4,000	Online registration for Highland Dancing implemented this year and is now being rolled out to other competitions. Three day festival successfully held.	360	840	0-4 (100) 5-9 (214) 10-16 (500) 17-24 (350) 25-64 (36)
11	Hogmanay in Oban	Hire of stage, sound and lights for Hogmanay event	£23,096	£19,881	£17,656	£3,080	Community event and Hogmanay party attracted a good number of people, and emerging talents were encouraged.	4,800 in total (gender and age breakdown not given)		
12	HOPE Kitchen	Rent assistance and start-up costs for new premises	£6,314			£520	Monitoring form not received			
13	Loch Awe Improvement Association	Running costs of fish stock enhancement programme	£14,881			£2,000	See main grant report for recommendation			
14	Mull and Iona Schools Pipers	Purchase of piping equipment for the pipe band	£1,490	£1,080	£558	£522	Approximately 40 young people are currently learning, with those successful progressing from practice goose to bagpipes (approx. 10 a year)			10 – 16 (10)
15	Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	Flooring for Reception Room	£1,188	£1,260	£0	£229	New flooring has improved safety and made the centre more easily accessible by wheelchair users and others.	5	25	not given

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16	New Start Oban	Publicity and development of website for the Group	£750	n/a		£206	Grant not required – refund agreed			
17	North Argyll Youth Forum	Youth Leadership International Exchange.	£13,575	£15,460	£12,599	£480	Underwrite – grant drawn down			
18	OASIS	Production of DVD (Night Owl Productions) recording service users' experiences and recovery	£7,000	£7,000	£3,500	£1,575	Service users have now completed a DVD that captures their recovery journey. This DVD is now being used within schools, group work sessions and as part of our current peer mentoring programme.	23	7	10 – 16 (500+) this figure represents groups video has been used with
19	Oban Fireworks Group	Annual Firework Display and Community Event	£6,900	£6,986	£5,893	£845	A safe family friendly free event including fire eater, fireworks display set to music was provided. Involved partners from public sector and community groups. The event's main impact factor was a zero return from the police, fire service and NHS for bonfire related incidents.	1000 +	1000 +	0-4 (200) 5-9 (500) 10-16 (300) 17-24 (300) 25-64 (700) 65+ (unable to approximate)
20	Oban Mountain Bike Crew	Initial start up costs	£2,250			£125	Group has requested carry forward to spend on training to be held in July.			
21	Oban Phoenix Cinema	Digital equipment plus associated training of staff	£45,000	£43,784	£22,551	£2,750	Meeting space developed and equipped to offer smaller groups to experience cinema, and to provide training room.	40	64	0-4 (80) 25-64 (104) 65+ (20)

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22	Oban Winter Festival	Contribution towards the cost of hosting the Oban Winter Festival 2013	£56,100	£50,892	£9,236	£4,000	The local economy benefited with an estimated £1.6k from the 10 days. Shops and restaurants have reported increased business as a direct result of the event, as have local charities. It also has the huge benefit of bringing the community together to produce the event, as has been commented on in feedback.	not given		
23	Oban Youth Cafe	Contribution towards the cost of running a summer programme of activities for young people commencing July	£4,025	£2,873	£0	£450	2 trips to Loch Lomond and Kilbowie outdoor centres held, offering young people a positive and challenging experience.	Yes	Yes	10–16 (39) 17–24 (1)
24	Sound of Mull Radio	Admin salary and running costs for Sound of Mull Radio Station	£5,862	£6,715	£5,000	£2,862	Development officer post has enabled development of a website, production of publications, and increased income from sponsorship and membership.			
25	Tiree Music Festival CIC	Contribution towards the cost of equipment for Tiree Music Festival	£8,990	£2,979	£8,505	£2,707	Increased attendance by 20%. The net direct economic impact of day visitors can be valued at £314,138. When taking multiplier effects into consideration net additional economic impact of the Tiree Music Festival was £493,197 – an overall increase of 49% on the 2012 figure.	765	1,035	0-4 (31) 5-9 (69) 10–16 (108) 17–24 (590) 25-64 (895) 65+ (103)
26	Tiree Resource Club	Contribution towards the establishment of a weekly singing and music club at An Talla for a period of one year, and a contribution towards outreach worker hours to develop services.	£3,829	£17,432	£23,557	£1,233	The singing group has been incorporated into the same day as the lunch club to enable members to attend both. Alzheimer Scotland and the Oban dementia team have delivered a session on Dementia Awareness, attended by carers and volunteer groups on Tiree.	not given	not given	25-64 (20) 65+ (42)

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1. All organisations have been sent an end of project report and to date 24 out of 26 reports have been received. The Community Development Team will continue to request reports from those 2 organisations that have not yet submitted their end of project report for 2013/14.
- 4.2 The project monitoring form includes questions seeking comments on the Third Sector Grants process. Not all applicants have completed this section, but of those who did the comments have largely been very positive. Many offer thanks to the Council for their support and are also very appreciative of the support provided by council officers.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

*Policy: None*

*Finance: The report sets out the expenditure from the 2013/14 budget for the allocation of Third Sector Grants.*

*Personnel: None*

*Legal: None*

*Equal Opportunities: The grant allocation is consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.*

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