

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2014/15

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 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 2014/15 is £35,000, of which £27,803 has been allocated leaving a remaining balance of £7,197.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 Seven applications have been received, three of which are for Events and Festivals. One application has subsequently been withdrawn and the applicant is receiving ongoing support from the community development officer to resubmit at a later stage.
- 1.6 This report also provides supplementary information to the *Monitoring of Grants to the Third Sector 13/14* report provided at the June Area Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The six organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget.
- 2.2 As a general rule, those organisations that have received funding for two consecutive years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2013/14, 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 report (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 12/13	Grant 13/14	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation
1	Artmap Argyll	£0	£1,500 (from MAKI AC)	£2,012	£1,006	£1,006
2	*Gibson Community Centre Committee	£1,300	£975	£5,770	£2,885	£2,514
3	Helensburgh & Lomond Autism/Aspergers Society	£0	£0	£4,841	£1,500	£1,500
4	*Helensburgh Savoy Musical Club	£1,500	£1,125	£11,750	£7,750	£1,125
5	*Royal British Legion - Helensburgh and District Branch	£452	£0	£815	£410	£407
6	West of Scotland Military Wives Choir	£0	£0	£6,650	£645	£645
Total Recommended						£7,197
Balance						£0

**Events and Festivals*

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.1	Artmap Argyll	To work in partnership with local artists to provide art workshops at the Helensburgh Winter Festival, or a related event in the town, increasing opportunities for visual artists and giving residents and visitors opportunities to try out a number of artistic techniques. The workshop programme would be inspired by the natural and historical settings of Helensburgh.
3.2	Gibson Community Centre Committee	To help the committee and recently recruited, skilled volunteers fund the New Year ceilidh and a refreshed programme of community events at the Hall, including two events from the following proposals - a rock concert, folk night/open mic competition, evening with a psychic medium or race night – to help raise funds for the Hall and to attract new members of the community to use it.
3.3	Helensburgh & Lomond Autism/Aspergers Society	A contribution towards a programme of activities for children with autism or aspergers through to March 2015. Activities include visits to the Glasgow Science Centre, Blair Drummond, Blacks Equine Centre, Centre 81, the Transport Museum and others.
3.4	Helensburgh Savoy Musical Club	A contribution towards the production and performance of the musical South Pacific.
3.5	Royal British Legion - Helensburgh & District Branch	A contribution towards the Service of Remembrance on November 9, which includes costs associated with the hire of the Victoria Halls, Hermitage Primary School and catering.
3.6	West of Scotland Military Wives Choir	A contribution towards the running costs of the Choir, including uniforms, stationery and the musical director's expenses.

4.0 SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- 4.1 Additional information was sought from members following the Grant Monitoring Report submitted to the June Area Committee regarding funding totalling £2,580 that was not allocated in 2013/14 due to a change in the circumstances of the applicants. The unallocated funding was mainly used to support the John Muir Festival celebrations in Helensburgh in April 2014. Five local organisations were awarded £2,550 at the February Area Committee to help them organise events. A monitoring report will follow on these grants at a later date.
- 4.2 Also at the June Area Committee, members sought clarification on what appeared to be discrepancies between what applicants had been awarded funding for and what they had actually spent the funding on.
- 4.3 Helensburgh Orchestral Society submitted a joint application to both the Helensburgh, and Bute and Cowal Area Committees seeking support for concerts in Arrochar and Dunoon. Each of the Area Committees awarded the Society £410 and both concerts were successfully delivered.
- 4.4 The applicant for Helensburgh Amateur Athletics has confirmed in writing that the TSG funding was used for the purposes for which the grant was intended, including providing an awards night, covering costs associated with training and qualifications, reducing the waiting list and helping with transportation costs.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: None
- 6.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation.
- 6.3 Legal: None
- 6.4 HR: None
- 6.5 Equalities Consistent with the Equal Opportunities policy of Argyll and Bute Council.
- 6.6 Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council
- 6.7 Customer Service: None

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