

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16

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 Bute and Cowal.
- 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 Bute and Cowal for 2015/16 is £35,000.
- 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 A minimum of £5,000 should be carried forward for allocation at the Area Committee meeting in August.
- 1.6 Fifteen applications have been received, 5 of which are for Events and Festivals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 15 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget.
- 2.2 Those organisations that have received funding for the two previous years or more should not be awarded more than the amount they received in 2014/15 unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application. These repeat applicants may be subject to a 20% reduction on the previous year's allocation. This is to reduce applicants' dependency on Council grants and encourage fundraising and income generation initiatives.
- 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 finance check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant 13/14	Grant 14/15	Total Project Cost	Amount Requested	Recommendation 2015
1	Ardentinny Community Trust	c/f £1,440	£2,000	£23,000	£4,000	£1,600
2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum *	£250	n/a	£4,760	£1,000(Applying to 4 areas)	£250
3	Bute Agricultural Society*	£900	£650	£10,799	£864	£520 Underwrite
4	Bute Community Land Company	New	New	£8,110	£4,055	£3000
5	Cowal Community Care Forum	£1,700	£2,000	£7,532	£3,766	£1,600
6	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	£360	£300	£2,640	£1,240	£240
7	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	£4,000	£4,000	£6,000	£3,000	£3,000
8	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	£2,500	£1,500	£8,390	£4,000	£1,200
9	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (B&C)	New	New	£3,000	£1,500	£1,500
10	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	n/a	£780	£4,190	£2,090	£1,500
11	Lochgoilhead Fiddle workshop	£332	n/a	£4,613	£2,213	£1,940
12	Rothsay & District Pipe Band	N/A	New	£14,820	£3,500	£3,500
13	Rothsay Pavilion Charity *	N/A	New	£37,000	£4,000	£4,000
14	Tee In the Port *	N/A	£2,208	£7,250	£3,375	£2,300
15	Visit Bute / Isle of Bute Marketing & Tourism Ltd*	New	New	£5,700	£2,850	£2,850
		Total Recommended				£29,000
		Balance				£6,000

*Events and Festivals

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	Ardentinny Community Trust	A contribution towards the cost of volunteer training and expenses, garden materials and other equipment.
2	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum	Bi-annual youth award ceremony to be held in Oban in September. The event is to celebrate youth achievement across Argyll and Bute.
3	Bute Agricultural Society	A contribution towards the running costs of the annual agricultural show. The group have received funding over the last few years and as a result the reduction formula has been applied.

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4	Bute Community Land Company	To develop regular volunteering and educational opportunities, involving the community in improving the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) area and improving access via the paths network.
5	Cowal Community Care Forum	Contribution towards supporting public involvement in health and social care development and co-production of services with statutory agencies
6	Cowal Fiddle Workshop	A contribution towards a programme to teach the Scottish fiddle to beginners and more advanced players and to provide concerts and recitals for the public.
7	Dunoon and Cowal Youth Project	Costs towards project workers salary, volunteer expenses and materials. The organisation provides a safe environment for young people to meet and socialise and get involved in issue based activities.
8	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	A contribution towards the development of a series of workshops, talks, and educational programme and an exhibition aimed at local artists and young people. The project has a cultural development aspect but there are a range of educational opportunities provided both for young people and the wider community
9	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (B&C)	To give 40 children from disadvantaged areas in Cowal the opportunity to participate in structured outdoor learning activity days that will contribute towards a John Muir certificate and help them understand and respect the environment. The practical activities will include litter picking and education programmes to understand the impact of litter on the environment and wildlife, plus repairing paths and improving habitats.
10	Innellan Bowling and Tennis Club	A contribution towards the costs of providing coaching in both bowling and tennis. Membership of the Club is increasing and the fundraising activities in the club are having a positive impact on this small rural community.
11	Lochgoilhead Fiddle workshop	A contribution towards the costs of providing teaching to young people in the traditional Scottish Fiddle by ear only. The fiddle workshops act as a stimulant to cultural activity across the area.
12	Rothesay & District Pipe Band	A contribution towards the costs of providing taster sessions within school time at all Island schools, with lessons continuing on an afterschool and evening basis.
13	Rothesay Pavilion Charity	To assist in staging a four-day festival in September 2015 to celebrate Rothesay Pavilion's cultural significance prior to the building closing for refurbishment.
14	Tee In the Port	To support the running of the "Tee in the Port" event. An annual community event of music and the performing arts to encourage participation and education of music to all ages.
15	Visit Bute / Isle of Bute Marketing & Tourism Ltd	To design and deliver a programme of entertainment with local performers in Rothesay Town centre during the high season, making the most of the new performance area on Montague Street.

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

None

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