

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 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 2015/16 is £36,006, including a carry forward from 2014/15 of £1,006.
- 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 Sixteen applications have been received, 7 of which are for Events and Festivals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 16 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 2014/15, unless increased developmental aspects are detailed in the application. 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 financial check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).

Ref No	Organisation	Grant Award 2013	Grant Award 2014	Total Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation
1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum *	£250	n/a	£4,760	£1,000	£250
2	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships *	£4,000	£4,000	£10,520	£5,000	£3,200
3	Dumbarton and District Branch - MS Society	£1,050	n/a	£4,921	£2,460	£800
4	Friends of Hermitage Park Association *	New	New	£1,500	£750	£750
5	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (H&L)	New	New	£2,880	£1,440	£1,440
6	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	New	New	£3,311	£1,655	£1,655
7	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games*	£4,000	£4,000	£26,211	£7,000	£3,200
8	Helensburgh Music Society	New	New	£15,450	£2,000	£2,000
9	Luss and Arden Senior Citizens Association	n/a	n/a	£1050	£525	£525
10	North Clyde Archaeology Society (NCAS)	New	New	£1,968	£968	£968
11	Rosneath and Clynder Senior Citizens Association	£260	£260	£2,380	£1,000	£260
12	Rosneath Peninsula Amenity Society	£290	n/a	£950	£475	£475
13	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering *	£4,000	£4,000	£8,500	£4,250	£3,200
14	Soulwind *	New	New	£17,560	£3,000	£3,000 (on condition - see rationale)
15	The Tower Digital Arts Centre *	New	New	£154,000	£4,000	£4,000 (on condition - see rationale)
16	Visit Helensburgh Limited	New	New	£27,000	£4,000	£4,000 (on condition - see rationale)
		Total				£29,723
		Balance Remaining				£6,283 (incl c/f of £1,006)

*Events and Festivals

3.0 DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for recommendation
1	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 and is being organised by young people across the four areas. Between 6-10 young people from H&L are expected to attend the event.
2	Bicentenary Pipe Band Championships	A contribution towards the costs associated with organising the championships.
3	Dumbarton and District Branch - MS Society	A contribution towards the ongoing running costs/transport of the branch's Drop-in Centre at Braeholm, Helensburgh. The centre provides flexible respite for both carers and sufferers of MS.
4	Friends of Hermitage Park Association	A contribution towards the cost of organising a Fun Day in the Park to raise the profile of the Park, as well as help raise funds for the Park's redevelopment. Activities will include 'Tea in the Park, bouncy castle, dog show, HMS Neptune Brass Band, Helensburgh Fiddle Orchestra and much more.
5	Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs (H&L)	To give 40 young people (8-18 yrs) from disadvantaged areas in the Helensburgh & Lomond area 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.
6	Helensburgh and Lomond Foodbank	A contribution towards the cost of running a satellite foodbank in Garelochhead, and establishing the need for another satellite in Arrochar or elsewhere. Also to purchase additional tables.
7	Helensburgh and Lomond Highland Games	A contribution towards the costs associated with organising the Highland Games.
8	Helensburgh Music Society	A contribution towards the production of 5 classical/modern music concerts at the Victoria Halls, Helensburgh, which brings high quality professional musicians to the town.
9	Luss and Arden Senior Citizens Association	To support two outings, including transport and lunch, at Christmas and in March 2016, for the members, some of whom are very isolated. Also to help provide small gifts for members who are unwell and unable to attend the outings.
10	North Clyde Archaeology Society (NCAS)	To contract an archaeologist to carbon date charcoal deposits and bones found in Portkil Sea Cave at Kilcreggan, and to provide a programme of evening lectures and information about the finds to local schools and libraries.

11	Rosneath and Clynder Senior Citizens Association	To help provide a coach trip for members in the summer.
12	Rosneath Peninsula Amenity Society	To help with the cost of providing broadband at the Library in Cove Burgh Hall and costs associated with knotweed control.
13	Rosneath Peninsula Highland Gathering	A contribution towards the costs associated with organising the Gathering, including school hire fees.
14	Soulwind	A contribution towards a series of singing workshops and events on the Rosneath Peninsula in June called 'Kilcreggan to Kibble' to celebrate the Kibble Palace glasshouse, which was originally built in Cove, and to tie in with the 150 th anniversary celebrations of Cove Burgh Hall. <i>NOTE: This project is dependent upon a funding application to the John Lewis Partnership being successful, and the Council requires notification of the outcome by May 22.</i>
15	The Tower Digital Arts Centre	A contribution towards delivering a Festival called 'Innovate' between 4-6 September which draws on the life and achievements of John Logie Baird. <i>NOTE: This project is dependent upon the applicant securing funding from Creative Scotland and EventScotland, and the Council requires notification of the outcome by May 22.</i>
16	Visit Helensburgh Limited	A contribution towards delivering a 'Revisit Helensburgh' tourism initiative in 2015 focussed on Glasgow and Loch Lomond markets. The campaign will tap into the Year of Food and Drink and build on the CHORD project to attract new visitors to the town. <i>NOTE: This project is dependent upon the applicant securing Visit Scotland funding, and the Council requires notification of the outcome by May 22</i>

Note: Applicants 14 to 16 may not secure the funding needed from other grant providers. If the funding is not forthcoming for all three applicants, an additional £11,000 will be added to the balance remaining for allocation at the August Area Committee. This will require additional resources to advertise and promote the Third Sector Grants prior to the deadline for receipt of applications on 15 June.

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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