

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 for Oban, Lorn and the Isles.
- 1.2 Applications are considered twice yearly in April and August. Decision on this application was deferred from the April committee for more information.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Oban, Lorn and the Isles for 2014/15 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 £5000 should be carried forward for allocation at the Area Committee meeting in August.
- 1.6 Twenty four applications have been received, 6 of which are for Events and Festivals. 2 applications were ineligible.
- 1.7 A request has been received from the Aros Hall Committee that members give consideration to granting a carry forward of their 2014/15 award which they were unable to spend in its entirety. This was due to an unforeseen hall closure as a result of structural damage. The hall has reopened and they are now in a position to spend their award.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The 19 organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget with three being carried forward for consideration in Round 2.
- 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 financial check; and an End of Project monitoring form (if a grant was awarded in previous year).
- 2.5 That the Aros Hall Committee be permitted to carry forward £1,356.50 to be spent on the original application purpose within the 2015/16 financial 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	£200
2	Argyll Voluntary Action (Oban Link Club)	New	New	£6,000	£3,000	£2,700
3	Bid4Oban *	n/a	n/a	£12,050	£3,450	£1,700
4	Bridge of Orchy Village Hall Trust	new	new	£10,643.24	£4,000	£2,000
5	Cathedral Church of St John the Divine	New	New	£10,000	£4,000	£3,000
6	Coisir Ghaidlig Taigh an Uillt	£135	£0	£540	£270	Consider in round 2
7	Crossroads (North Argyll)	n/a	n/a	£8,000	£4,000	Consider in round 2
8	Dalavich Improvement Group	n/a	n/a	£3,526	£1,763	£1,500
9	Glenorchy & Innishail Community Orchard and Woodland Garden	n/a	£390	£4,328.07	£1,894	£1,000
10	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival *	£4,000	£1,500	£40,100	£4,000	£1,500
11	Iona Village Hall *	n/a	£2,600	£13,650	£2,470	£1,500
12	Isle of Mull Riding for the Disabled	New	New	£3,010	£1,505	£1,200
13	Luing Social Committee	£0	£170	£915	£457.50	£250
14	MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust	n/a	£2,500	£2,831	£1,415	Consider in round 2

15	Mendelssohn on Mull	n/a	£3,000	£46,740	£3,000	£2,000
16	Mull Runners *	New	New	£7,240	£740	£650
17	Oban Communities Trust (Rockfield Project)	New	New	£23,517	£4,000	£3,600
18	Ross of Mull and Iona Community Transport Scheme	New	New	£1,130	£565	£500
19	Tiree Community Development Trust	na	na	£7,682	£3,682	£1,800
20	Tiree Music Festival *	£2,707	£2,000	£10,650	£3,000	£1,500
21	Tiree Resource Club	£1,233	£3,000	£25,500	£4,000	£2,000
22	Tobermory Marine Exhibition/Aquarium	na	£1,300	£9,980	£3,979	£2,000

3. DETAIL

Ref No	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
1	Argyll and Bute Youth Forum *	Bi-annual event to celebrate youth achievement. The event will help to combat the negative image that many young people suffer from and it involves them in learning new skills as they work on the planning and delivery.
2	Argyll Voluntary Action (Oban Link Club)	This organisation has taken a lead role in developing a Link Club in Oban, establishing a service that is available in other areas of Argyll and Bute. The organisation has worked in partnership with a range of partner agencies and service users to develop this club and when members are ready, will continue to support them to take an active part in running the club.
3	Bid4Oban *	This is a new pipe band event in Oban – a one-off award is recommended to support the endeavour. However, the organisation needs to plan for on-going sustainability.
4	Bridge of Orchy Village Hall Trust	The group have embarked on an ambitious project to improve the condition of the hall which combines external funding for improvements with the use of local volunteers and community organised events. Bridge of Orchy are a small fragile community and I agree that the refurbishment and reopening of their village hall is essential to building a stronger community. However, the costs are for commercial kitchen equipment but the business case for this is as yet unproven.
5	Cathedral Church of St John the Divine	This project aims to redevelop a listed building, combining improvements to the fabric of the building, with reconfiguring the space to make it more suitable for community and performance use.
6	Coisir Ghaidlig Taigh an Uillt	The project is to provide Gaelic workshops for choir members. It is recommended this application is carried forward to the second round for consideration in August
7	Crossroads (North Argyll)	This activity supports physical activity for older people in the community to promote a healthy, active lifestyle. It is recommended that this is carried forward for consideration in round 2.

8	Dalavich Improvement Group	A community action plan would enable the group to focus on identified community need – it would provide the opportunity for the whole community to influence the priorities and develop actions to address local issues. It would also provide a prioritisation for spend from any community renewables project grants scheme.
9	Glenorchy & Innishail Community Orchard and Woodland Garden	This project will increase the accessibility of a community space, creating greater opportunities for participation.
10	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival *	The Festival has a significant economic impact on the local area, measured using Visit Scotland and Event Scotland figures and indicators. It encourages the participation of young people in traditional music and dance and is aiming to increase local participation by creating a Fringe programme the community can enjoy.
11	Iona Village Hall *	The organisation is looking for a small contribution towards their second festival. The pilot event last year was supported and went well – a contribution is recommended however, the group should receive support to consider other funding opportunities available to them for 2016/17.
12	Isle of Mull Riding for the Disabled	This project will establish a Riding for the Disabled Association on Mull and prevent members of the community having to travel to Oban, or not being able to access this activity. The project is being provided in partnership with a local riding school which will keep costs minimal. A start-up grant is recommended.
13	Luing Social Committee	This group have been running social activities on the island for some time – with a new facility due to open on Luing it may be that a higher level of community activities will be available during the Winter in the future however a recommendation for award is made for this year.
14	MacDougall of Dunollie Preservation Trust	The activities programme offers a range of learning opportunities at no charge to community members and educational groups. It is recommended that this is carried forward for consideration in Round 2.
15	Mendelssohn on Mull	The provision of year round music tuition for young people on Mull was kickstarted last year with assistance from the Third Sector Grants – an award to assist the growth aspect of the project is recommended.
16	Mull Runners *	This application is for assistance to modernise and upgrade the Mull Half Marathon to enable it to accommodate and attract competitors from outwith the area, as well as the local community.
17	Oban Communities Trust (Rockfield Project)	This organisation have taken on an ambitious regeneration project however the project applied for focuses on a community learning project and the development of volunteering. This application would match other grant funding and enable the project to progress.
18	Ross of Mull and Iona Community Transport Scheme	This application is to carry out work on one of the community transport vehicles, including signage but did not score well in the sustainability section. However, the recommendation is that an award is made and that support to develop impact monitoring and improve their funding applications is offered.
19	Tiree Community Development Trust	The series of events are mainly aimed at activities in the Winter months when the island is particularly isolated. The Summer event is the annual Trust community / open day which brings residents together to discuss and influence projects taking place across the island.
20	Tiree Music Festival *	This grant would allow the organisation to address a need identified from last year's event feedback, promote local produce food providers and contribute to their sustainability policy.

21	Tiree Resource Club	This organisation provide an important service that supports elderly people on the island however, there is a concern that they are relying on the Third Sector Grants for core running costs.
22	Tobermory Marine Exhibition/Aquarium	The Marine Exhibition has undergone a major refurbishment to improve its provision and increase its attractiveness to both visitors and the local community. This project would offer the opportunity for a young graduate to gain experience and develop more community volunteering opportunities.

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

6.1 Officer assessment reports submitted.

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