

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2015/16

Update on The Tower Digital Arts Centre and Soulwind

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progress of two projects proposed by The Tower and Soulwind and provisionally awarded Third Sector Grant funding at the April Area Committee.
- 1.4 A total of £29,323 was awarded to 15 successful applicants in round 1 of the Third Sector Grants at the Area Committee in April.
- 1.5 The deadline for completed applications for funding for the second round of Third Sector Grants is Monday 15 June. More information can be found at <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the £3,000 awarded to Soulwind in round 1 is added to the funding available for the second round of Third Sector Grant funding allocated at the August Area Committee.
- 2.2 That the conditional £4,000 award agreed at the April Area Committee to The Tower Digital Arts Centre stands.
- 2.3 If recommendations 2.1 and 2.2 are agreed, the funds remaining for round 2 of the Third Sector Grants is £9,683 (including a carry forward of £1,006).

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The applicant for The Tower Digital Arts Centre has submitted a proposal to delay the Innovate Festival until March 2016. The Festival would draw on the life and achievements of John Logie Baird.
- 3.2 Soulwind received a conditional award of £3,000 at the April Area Committee but due to unforeseen circumstances the proposed 'Kilcreggan to Kibble' project will not take place in 2015. As a result the funding is no longer required.
- 3.3 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.

- 3.4 Up to 10% (or £3,500) of unallocated Third Sector Grant funding can be carried forward to the Third Sector Grants programme in the next financial year.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 That members agree to the recommendations above.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: The £4,000 awarded to The Tower Digital Arts Centre may not be drawn down if the applicant does not achieve the additional funding needed to deliver the project. Only £3,500 can be carried forward into the 2016-17 Third Sector Grants programme.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities
- 5.6 Risk: None
- 5.7 Customer Service: None

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