
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	10 March 2020
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Subject:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2019/20 – Round 2		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Committee to note awards approved at the Grants Sub-Committee on 18 February 2020.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The budget for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Fund for 2019/20 was £252,200.

2.2 At the Education & Communities Committee it was agreed that £18,900 of the core budget was allocated to pay commercial rents of four third sector organisations:

- Samaritans
- Youth Connections
- Murdieston Dam Boat Club
- 1st Gourock Scouts (6th Greenock & District) - Drumshantie Road Scout Hall

2.3 Since the Grants Sub-Committee meeting in June 2019, Property Services have advised of an increase in rental costs of £300.00 for the Samaritans. This increase has been taken into account in the above figure.

2.4 £30,000 was approved for summer playschemes at the following venues:

- Branchton Community Centre;
- Craigend Resource Centre;
- Auchmountain Community Centre;
- Youth Connections;
- Inverkip School (via Inverclyde Leisure); and
- Boglestone Community Centre (via Inverclyde Leisure)

2.5 In Round 1 of GTVO (19 June 2019), the Sub-Committee approved one-off awards totalling £196,465.60.

2.6 Taking the above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications for Round 2 was £6,834.40.

2.7 In Round 1, 2019/20 Inverclyde Autistic Support Group was awarded £1,540.00. Officers were advised in October 2019 that the group was winding up and funds would be returned to the Council. The return of funds was anticipated February 2020.

2.8 At the Sub-Committee, awards were approved to the amount of £6,827.00. A balance of £7.40 remains.

2.9 Two awards were approved subject to the return of funds from Inverclyde Autistic Support Group. This will be monitored by a Council Officer prior to funding being released.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Education & Communities Committee:-

- 3.1 Notes the awards granted to range of community groups.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 None required.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
00790	Grants to Vol Orgs	19/20	£6,827.00	n/a	n/a

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

5.3 Human Resources

There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
x	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
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x	NO
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(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
x	NO

5.5 Repopulation

There are no direct repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 Liaison took place with Finance Services to confirm the budget available for 2019/20.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 There are no background papers for this report.

APPENDIX A

Approved Awards: 2019/20 Round 2

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Awarded
1	Arts Group	Brass Sounds Inverclyde	Purchase of music stands along with Timpani and Bb Bass Tuba to meet contest requirements and enhance bands performance	£10,984.99	£627.00
2	Bowling Club	Ardgowan Club	Support to maintain the condition of the bowling greens in the best possible manner for play	£3,350.00	Reject
3	Bowling Club	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Support to fit sensor taps and hand driers in the ladies/gents toilets	£2,625.00	Reject
4	Bowling Club	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Request for lockers and benches for the portacabin to make it more suitable as changing/storage facility. Also wish to purchase a defibrillator	£3,789.00	Reject
5	Care Group	GRASP (Greenock Recovery Alcohol Support Project)	Recently moved to Auchmountain Centre. Seeking funding to expand opening times of the group. Wish to host meetings with groups from other areas to share ideas. Support also for taxi costs for members with limited mobility	£2,146.80	£1,500.00
6	Community Group	Inverkip Community Initiative	Purchase of new equipment to help groups run at their optimum – gaming, arts/crafts, musical, sports and cooking	£2,050.00	Reject
7	Community Group	Larkfield Braeside & Branchton Community Council	Support towards a gala day for the community	£2,500.00	Reject
8	Community Group	Larkfield Braeside & Branchton Community Council	Support for annual Christmas lunch for the local pensioners	£1,200.00	Reject
9	Community Group	Parklea Branching Out	Active Options Programme runs weekly therapeutic creative sessions for artistic clients. Wish to take 'artists on the road' to introduce sessions to harder to reach groups within Inverclyde. Support to develop and deliver workshops working with groups such as elderly, refugee community links and transition groups through partnership in education	£5,940.00	Reject
10	Community Group	The Church of St Mary (L Club)	Purchase of Sony monitor, in-vision anti-tip stand and installation of wifi access in two areas of the community buildings with provision for one year – this will show presentations and allow the children or adult audience clear visibility (also accessible to other groups ie Clydemen)	£1,369.49	Reject

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11	Community Group	The Church of St Mary (Heartland Circle)	Support for transport service users of Heartland Circle – weekly group for older people living with or affected by dementia. Also materials for flower arranging classes	£2,000.00	£1,500.00
12	Sports Group	Gourock Golf Club	Club wish to continue to introduce more people to the game of golf. New project designed to extend the practice facilities comprising 4 elements: supply of practice nets and equipment; supply of a close mesh net to screen view from local housing; preparation of site and installation of equipment by Green staff; installation of security equipment/lighting	£6,560.00	Reject
13	Sports Group	Greenock Boxing Club	Support towards running costs - increase in membership resulting in the club opening for longer hours which has an impact on utility costs	£3,000.00	£1,400.00 & £100.00 subject to return of funds from IASG
14	Sports Group	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Funding towards a group of 10-12 young people from Branchton Community Centre (youth club) embarking on a week long voyage along the West Coast of Scotland	£3,000.00	Reject
15	Uniformed Group	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards operational costs and training events for the units/division	£7,000.00	£1,000.00
16	Voluntary Group	Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock	Funding for marketing material, advertising, travel costs, planning permission, meeting room hire and production of plans for the dry dock	£7,910.00	£1,440.00 subject to return of funds from IASG
17	Voluntary Group	Gourock Business Club	Support for operational costs of the kiosk	£800.00	£800.00
18	Voluntary Group	Inverkip Primary School & Nursery Class Parent Council	Support to Schools Grounds Project. Contribution towards the trim trail and creation of a garden	£4,000.00	Reject
19	Voluntary Group	Lady Alice Family Tree	Support to purchase sports kit for school athletics team	£3,000.00	Reject
20	Voluntary Group	Morton Club Together	Support towards meeting Year 1 operational costs allowing community funds to be channelled directly to first team budget	£4,950.00	Reject

Total Requested

£78,175.28

Total Awarded

**£6,827.00
& £1,540.00 subject to funds being
returned from Inverclyde Autistic
Support Group**