

PLEASE NOTE START TIME OF MEETING

Ref: LC/GSC

Date: 10 September 2021

A meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee will be held on Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 2pm within the Municipal Buildings, Greenock.

Members may attend the meeting in person or access the meeting by remote online access. Separate Webex invites have been issued for the meeting to all Members and Officers. Members are requested to notify Committee Section by 12 noon on Tuesday 21 September how they intend to access the meeting.

In the event of connectivity issues, Members joining remotely are asked to use the join by phone number in the Webex invitation and as noted above.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded for internal administrative use only.

ANNE SINCLAIR
Interim Head of Legal Services

BUSINESS

| 1. Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | Page |
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| 2. Community Grants Fund 2021/22 - Round 1 Report by Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources. | |
| The documentation relative to the following item has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the nature of the exempt information being that set out in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act. | |
| 3. Appendices relative to Item 2 providing further information on applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2021/22. | |
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| Report To: | Grants Sub-Committee | Date: | 22 September 2021 |
| Report By: | Tony McEwan, Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources | Report No: | GR/01/21/RB/HS |
| Contact Officer: | Hugh Scott, Service Manager - Community Learning and Development, Community Safety & Resilience and Sport | Contact No: | 01475 715459 |
| Subject: | Community Grants Fund 2021/22 – Round 1 | | |

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2021/2022.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The purpose of the Community Grants Fund is to enable the Council to provide financial support to community, sports and voluntary organisations within Inverclyde. Grants are capped at £10,000 to enable more organisations to benefit from financial support from the Council.

- 2.2 At the Education & Communities Committee it was agreed that £18,600 of the core budget is allocated to pay commercial rents of four third sector organisations:

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

- 2.3 £30,000 has also been approved for summer playschemes at the following venues:

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

- 2.4 The budget for the Community Grants Fund for 2021/2022 is £418,000. Taking the commitments at 2.2 and 2.3 above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications is £369,400.

- 2.5 Details of the grant applications received are given in Appendix A. In total, 67 one off grant applications were received with the sum requested being £530,542.01.

2 applications were deferred from the previous Grants to Voluntary Organisations Round 2 2020/2021 with the sum requested being £9,300.00. Details of these grant applications are provided in Appendix B. The total sum requested for this Round is £539,842.01.

- 2.6 To assist the Grants Sub-Committee, officers recommend indicative awards within the budget available. These reflect previous awards made to applicants, awards made to similar projects approved by the Sub-Committee or other conditions of grant. These recommendations are given in Appendix C – Private Paper.

2.7 Officer recommendations currently total £251,504.43, leaving a balance of £117,895.57. Equalities monitoring data forms appendix D to this report. Members are asked to note that a follow-up round of grants will open for applications Monday 18 October 2021, close Monday 6 December 2021 with Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 22 February 2022 to distribute the remaining balance of grant for 2021/2022.

2.8 Equalities monitoring information relating to applications received for this Round is given in Appendix D.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Grants Sub-Committee:

- agrees the level of funding to be allocated to the organisations set out in Appendices A & B;
- notes the dates for Round 2 applications; and
- notes the equalities monitoring information detailed in Appendix D.

Tony McEwan
Head of Culture, Communities & Educational Resources

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Education and Communities Committee agreed in May 2021 to bring together the three current schemes (GTVO, Under 19's sports grant fund and Community Waivers) into a Community Grants Fund.

4.2 The Community Grants Fund would consider grants under the following headings:

- Facilities/Core Costs: running costs linked directly to the delivery of activities/services provided by the group/organisation (i.e. heating/lighting/rent);
- Project Costs: costs linked directly to a specific project being delivered by the groups/organisation (i.e. resources/uniform/event); and
- Fee Waiver: support for organisations towards costs for the hire of Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Leisure premises.

4.3 Applications are considered from organisations where funding is being sought for various projects/activities and/or running costs and awards cannot exceed £10,000 per organisation and meet the following conditions:

- Groups/organisations are actively based and provide services in Inverclyde;
- Applying as a sports club, it is actively operating, training and playing in Inverclyde or are setting up to do so;
- The group is non-profit or in the context of a voluntary sports club have an under 19s section/players;
- The group has Public Liability Insurance, where applicable;
- The group has a constitution, set of rules or Memorandum and Articles of Association which is dated and signed as 'adopted' by an office bearer on behalf of the group;
- The group has a bank or building society account which requires at least two signatures on each cheque or withdrawal;
- The grant will be spent within one year of the date of award letter; and
- The organisation is registered with Inverclyde Council.

4.4 These provisions are in line with previous grant criteria although there is now an increased emphasis on how the funding would be used to benefit the wider Inverclyde community. Additionally, it is a condition of grant that groups will consent to acknowledging the impact of Council Community Grant in publicity or marketing materials.

4.5 There are also some restrictions to the grant criteria and the Council will not award grants:

- which cover goods or services that the group orders or receives prior to the date of the award letter;
- which ask to cover core salary costs;
- for activities which have a closed membership or that could deliberately disadvantage other groups or residents of Inverclyde;
- for private clubs for commercial activities, but would consider requests to support initiatives designed to widen access to, and increase participation of disadvantaged and under-represented groups; or
- for organisations that contract with, or intend to contract with, the private sector.

4.6 Organisations need to specify how the awarding of a grant would contribute to and benefit the wider community in line with our local priorities of: repopulation, inequalities or environment, culture and heritage.

4.7 The service will continue to monitor the community grants process to ensure it continues to achieve its objectives.

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 |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 00970 000 60005 | | 2021/2022 | £251,504,.43 | | |

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

None

5.3 Human Resources

None

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

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

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| x | YES |
| | 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?

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

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

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| | 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**

None

6.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 Liaised with Finance to confirm budget available for 2021/2022.

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Appendix A One Off Applications

| | Category | Applicant | Details | Requested | Comments |
|----|--------------|--|---|-----------|----------|
| 1 | Arts | Greenock Burns Club | Support to raise awareness of the clubs archives and to mark the bio-centenary of Colin Rae Brown by restoring the memorial at Old West Kirk. | £3,360 | |
| 2 | Arts | Inverclyde Pipes & Drums | Support towards replacement of band equipment; new jackets/waistcoats and the hire of premises for indoor practice sessions. | £5,000 | |
| 3 | Arts | Inverclyde Youth Theatre | Support towards rehearsal space to meet Covid guidance and freelance costs towards member led actor/ musician production. | £10,000 | |
| 4 | Arts | Prominence Academy of Performing Arts | Support towards performing arts; music classes for ASN children/adults; training of staff and running costs; hall rental. | £10,000 | |
| 5 | Arts | RIG Arts | Support towards physical improvements towards newly renovated facilities and assistance with yearly overhead costs. | £4,775 | |
| 6 | Arts | Riverside Youth Band | Support towards overhead costs with move to new rehearsal venue to better meet Covid guidance; support towards purchase of musical instruments/ resources/tutors for the Rookies programme. | £11,130 | |
| 7 | Bowling Club | Ardgowan Club | Support towards greens upkeep and club overheads. | £9,080 | |
| 8 | Bowling Club | Gourock Bowling Club | Support towards greens upkeep, new radiators/ toilet facilities and upgrade to bar area. | £10,000 | |
| 9 | Bowling Club | Grosvenor Bowling Club | Support towards purchase of new lawnmower allowing greens to be maintained by Club. | £2,500 | |
| 10 | Bowling Club | Inverkip Bowling Club | Support towards greens upkeep. | £3,000 | |
| 11 | Bowling Club | Lady Alice Bowling Club | Support towards coaches for the Juniors section; new lawnmower; new bowls to meet bowling regulations; greens maintenance; Covid deep clean; air conditioning unit for cellar. | £10,000 | |
| 12 | Bowling Club | Rankin Park Bowling Club | Support towards running costs and new outdoor seating/viewing area. | £6,573 | |
| 13 | Bowling Club | Wellington Park Bowling Club | Support towards greens maintenance; changing facilities upgrade and disabled ramp. | £6,175 | |
| 14 | Care | Inverclyde Council of Social Service (IVCSS) | Support towards running costs including vehicle insurance, repair and maintenance. | £10,000 | |
| 15 | Care | Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare | Support towards the hire of premises to allow for weekly programme to be expanded, filling the current gaps; support also for a personal coach, extending the current programme. | £8,880 | |

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| 16 | Care | Inverclyde Family Contact Centre | Support towards overhead costs and PPE. | £10,000 | |
| 17 | Care | Moving on Inverclyde | Support towards structured art workshops aimed at tackling loneliness and social isolation. Funding for local artist, operating costs and end of project exhibition. | £7,980 | |
| 18 | Care | Turning Point Scotland (Inverclyde Services) | Support towards a community garden at Neil Street allowing vulnerable adults to participate in meaningful activities, initially gardening leading onto cooking - shed, greenhouse, equipment, water feature and travel costs for volunteer gardener. | £8,300 | |
| 19 | Community | Auchmountain Glen Project | Support towards hall rental. | £1,500 | |
| 20 | Community | Caddlehill Allotment | Support towards improved security/ CCTV costs; replacement of chairs lost in fire; new back door and improved kitchen facilities. | £5,184.90 | |
| 21 | Community | Colourful Kilmacolm | Support for planters, plants and bulbs and hire of hall for AGM. | £1,015 | |
| 22 | Community | Cowdenknowes Residents Association | Support towards meeting room hire and admin costs. | £200 | |
| 23 | Community | Gibshill Community Centre | Support towards the installation of IT equipment to the Centre for community use - computers/tablets, projector and screen. | £5,307.18 | |
| 24 | Community | Inverclyde Community Fund | Support towards first aid service required for Inverclyde STRIDE and Chamber of Commerce membership. | £750 | |
| 25 | Community | Inverclyde to Lourdes Group | Support towards rental of charity shop for fundraising purposes. | £450 | |
| 26 | Community | Inverkip Community Initiative | Support towards the continued development of the cycling project based from the Centre - bikes, maintenance, seasonal instructor. | £9,500 | |
| 27 | Community | Kilmacolm Horticultural Society | Support towards a new projector for lectures provided during the winter months. | £500 | |
| 28 | Community | Lyle Gateway | Support towards 50% of licence fee for use of premises at Lyle Kirk - linked to National Lottery bid for building of community garden. | £3,000 | |
| 29 | Community | Parklea Branching Out | Support towards development of new covered walkway and entrance porch - for community growing spaces and outdoor activities. | £7,580 | |
| 30 | Community | Prospecthill Christian Fellowship/ Street Connect | Support towards exercise classes for Street Connect participants; resources; storage, refreshments. | £9,660 | |
| 31 | Community | Youth Connections | Support towards arts focussed workshops, working with partners and engaging the wider community – arts tutor and supplies. | £4,000 | |

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| 32 | National/ Regional | Victim Support Inverclyde | Support towards overhead costs for local office | £4,500 | |
| 33 | Sports | Birkmyre Rugby Club | Support towards insurance and pitch hire. | £11,839 | |
| 34 | Sports | BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde | Support towards summer camp/hall let; development of coaches; training equipment; Christmas family event for members; workshops with Inverclyde A Team. | £1,600 | |
| 35 | Sports | Broomhill Boys Club | Support towards training equipment; clothing; pitch hire; community project – working with Broomhill Beatz and partners – mental health support and musical group; transport; registration/ training costs. | £9,710 | |
| 36 | Sports | Clyde Netball | Support towards training clothing/balls/bibs and games hall hire. | £11,100 | |
| 37 | Sports | Clydeside AFC | Support towards hall hire and 3G pitches. | £3,000 | |
| 38 | Sports | Fort Matilda Bridge Club | Support towards running costs and adjustments to meet Covid guidance. | £7,000 | |
| 39 | Sports | Greenock & District Welfare Football League | Support towards pitch hire for league games and also for project in partnership with Man On Inverclyde. | £6,390 | |
| 40 | Sports | Greenock Cricket Club | Support towards Bowlers run up synthetic matting with shock pad. | £3,360 | |
| 41 | Sports | Greenock Glenpark Harriers | Support towards Covid hygiene costs; purchase of track equipment and hire of stadium for junior training. | £6,906.55 | |
| 42 | Sports | Greenock Juniors | Support towards training and pitch hire costs. | £4,005 | |
| 43 | Sports | Greenock Morton Community Trust | Support towards pitch hire costs for boys and girls teams across all age groups. | £9,780 | |
| 44 | Sports | Greenock Morton Youth Academy | Support towards transport costs for away matches and pitch hire. | £29,000 | |
| 45 | Sports | Greenock United | Support towards cost of pitch hire. | £10,000 | |
| 46 | Sports | Greenock Wanderers | Support towards cost of rotary sit-on grass cutting machine and hire of 3G pitches and halls for training. | £9,807.00 | |
| 47 | Sports | Inverclyde Amateur Football Club | Support towards hire of pitches for training and home match day games. | £9,897.50 | |
| 48 | Sports | Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club | Support towards first aid course to re- qualify first aiders and pool hire costs. | £9,962.88 | |
| 49 | Sports | Inverclyde American Football Community Club | Support towards helmets/uniform for developing youth team and pitch hire costs. | £8,792 | |
| 50 | Sports | Inverclyde Athletic Club | Support towards Ravenscraig stadium costs for training, development camps and competitions. | £10,000 | |
| 51 | Sports | Inverclyde Cricket Club | Support towards equipment, travel and training/game park hire. | £2,352 | |

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| 52 | Sports | Newark Angling Club | Funding to allow for subsidised travel for elderly & juniors. | £500 | |
| 53 | Sports | Ocean Youth Trust Scotland | Support towards cost of gazebo to allow open air training sessions to take place. | £500 | |
| 54 | Sports | Paisley & District Schools Football Association | Support towards league running costs - pitch hire, laundry, transport, medals and strips. | £1,230 | |
| 55 | Sports | Port Glasgow Boys Club | Support towards training clothing and equipment; training for coaches and hire of facilities for training and matches. | £28,500 | |
| 56 | Sports | Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club | Support towards hire of facilities for all teams; training kit and equipment; coach training and first aid kits. | £16,000 | |
| 57 | Sports | Port Glasgow Junior Football Club | Support towards football strips for children in the community and hire of pitches for training and match days. | £14,870 | |
| 58 | Sports | St Andrews Boys Club | Support towards hire of facilities for training and match days. | £10,000 | |
| 59 | Uniformed Organisation | 32nd Greenock & District Scouts | Support towards running costs for Bank St premises as it is developed as a community venue ahead of new projects commencing. | £3,600 | |
| 60 | Uniformed Organisation | Girl Guiding Greenock Division | Support towards annual membership fees; raising the profile of guiding and hire of facilities for Units meeting. | £10,000 | |
| 61 | Uniformed Organisation | Girl Guiding Renfrewshire (South Newton Camp & Training Centre) | Support towards ongoing repair works to South Newton Centre to ensure it is watertight. | £4,500 | |
| 62 | Uniformed Organisation | Greenock & District Scout Council | Support towards running costs for Everton, HQ and buildings; project costs for drying room, crate climbing/abseiling at Everton. | £9,676 | |
| 63 | Uniformed Organisation | Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps | Support towards annual running costs. | £5,000 | |
| 64 | Uniformed Organisation | Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade | Support towards annual running costs. | £5,000 | |
| 65 | Voluntary Organisation | Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport | Support towards annual running costs – staffing, rental, auditors, vehicle repairs. | £63,254 | |
| 66 | Voluntary Organisation | World Walking | Support towards server hosting costs – significant increase in demand since Covid pandemic. | £1,350 | |
| 67 | Youth | Inverclyde Youth for Christ | Support towards core running costs. | £2,160 | |

Total Requested

£530,542.01

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Appendix B One Off Applications Deferred from Grants to Voluntary Organisations Round 2 – 2020/2021

| | Category | Applicant | Details | Requested | Comments |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Community | Inverclyde Naval Club | Support towards Armistice Day event, dominoes competition, bingo and Christmas event. | £4,000 | |
| 2 | Uniformed Organisation | 1st Gourock Scout Group | Outdoor activity equipment – paddleboards, grass sledges, navigation, safety equipment. | £5,300 | |

Total Requested

£9,300.00