
Report To:	Grants Sub-Committee	Date:	7 March 2022
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Subject:	Community Grants Fund 2021/22 – Round 2		

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 Officers have recently been advised that rental support for Youth Connections and Scouts is not required during the financial year 2021/22. Revised figure for rental support is £7,800.

2.4 £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)

2.5 In Round 1, 69 applications for grants were made, requesting a total of £539,842.01, this included applications deferred from Round 2, 2020/21. 68 grants were approved totalling £262,934.43.

2.6 At the Education & Communities Committee it was agreed that community groups would receive fee waivers for town hall lets to the amount of £3,000 per organisation. £7,000 is being allocated for waivers within this financial year.

2.7 The budget for the Community Grants Fund for 2021/2022 is £418,000. Taking the commitments at 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications is £110,265.57.

- 2.8 Details of the grant applications received are given in Appendix A. In total, 37 one off grant applications were received with the sum requested being £245,579.10.
- 2.9 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 B – Private Paper.
- 2.10 Officer recommendations currently total £67,437.00, leaving a balance of £42,828.57. Equalities monitoring data forms Appendix C to this report.

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 Appendix B;
 - notes the equalities monitoring information detailed in Appendix C.

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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	£67,437.00		

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?

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?

	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?

x

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO

5.5 Repopulation

None

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

PUBLIC APPENDIX

Appendix A One Off Applications

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
1	Arts	Brass Sounds Inverclyde	Support towards replacing old musical equipment	£3,080.00	
2	Arts	Crow Cottage Arts	Support towards equipment required to help facilitate a stained glass art course, first step on the journey to establish a new education facility focusing on glass education	£10,025.60	
3	Bowling Club	Ardgowan Club	Support towards increased heating costs and removal/canopy reduction of trees	£7,000.00	
4	Bowling Club	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance and the erection/fit out of new extension - expansion to ladies locker room and storage	£10,000.00	
5	Bowling Club	Gourock Bowling Club	Support towards repairs to greens and upgrade to clubhouse	£10,000.00	
6	Bowling Club	Gourock Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs; wildlife fencing; greens maintenance; new bowling mats and 'topping up' the PB award to allow crazy golf course to progress	£6,100.00	
7	Bowling Club	Hillend Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance and installation of new boiler	£5,000.00	
8	Bowling Club	Inverkip Bowling Club	Support for junior section bowls; external lighting; CCTV and security door lock - upgrade ahead of Greenock & District Final this year	£2,000.00	
9	Bowling Club	Kilmacolm Bowling Club	Purchase of 6 sets of junior bowls	£700.00	
10	Bowling Club	Lady Alice Bowling Club	Support towards bowls for juniors and public; greens maintenance; running costs; new lawnmower and self-propelled lawn mower	£10,000.00	
11	Bowling Club	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Support for heat/light; defibrillator and cabinet and grounds clearance/prep for base for shelter for young players	£8,400.00	
12	Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance; running costs of club and computer/printer	£5,820.00	
13	Bowling Club	Victoria Bowling Club	Support for greens maintenance, roof refurbishment and security lighting	£10,000.00	
14	Care	Wellington Children's Centre	Support towards replacement of doors and windows at the Centre to improve air flow in line with Covid guidance	£4,250.00	
15	Community	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	Support for new fire exit and internal doors to allow for wheelchair access and new toilet facilities for same	£13,470.00	
16	Community	Inverclyde Christian Initiative	Support for street pastor film production; promotion and resources	£5,000.00	

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17	Community	Inverclyde Muslim Centre	Support for youth club start up equipment/activities; community events/activities; more active base for refugees	£6,000.00	
18	Community	Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd	Support towards signage, tent hire and resources for animal exhibit promoting field-to-plate journey	£2,787.00	
19	Community	Kilmacolm Kidston Hall (Old Kirk)	Support for wall mounted fan/water heated units to ensure use of halls is more cost effective	£5,000.00	
20	Community	Lingo Flamingo CIC	Support towards multi-lingual projects for elderly/early stages of dementia in care homes/day centres/community groups	£3,000.00	
21	Community	Man On! Inverclyde	Support towards operational costs; marketing; website; database system and training	£10,000.00	
22	Community	Tail O' the Bank Credit Union Ltd	Support towards automation and digital services for customers	£10,000.00	
23	Community	The Whisky Chairmen Ltd	Funding towards rent/utility costs to support Kickstart placements	£9,921.00	
24	Community	WISHES Group – Women's Initiative for Socialising, Health, Education & Skills	Support towards materials for weekly activities	£1,687.90	
25	Sports	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£9,750.00	
26	Sports	Fort Matilda Bridge Club	Support towards utility costs and Covid 19 safety measures	£7,700.00	
27	Sports	Gourock Golf Club	Support towards automatic power door giving ease of access to all at rear of building	£5,357.00	
28	Sports	Greenock Golf Club	Support towards regenerating outdoor social space	£10,000.00	
29	Sports	Inverclyde Curling Development	Promotion of Try Curling sessions to all local schools; creation of disability sport group - training, equipment, transport, ice rink time	£9,600.00	
30	Sports	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Support towards equipment for new teams	£2,500.00	
31	Sports	Port Glasgow Juniors Football Club	Support towards strips and hire of pitches for training and match days	£14,870.00	
32	Sports	Sport Inverclyde	Support for clubs/individuals/coaches; training courses and Covid 19 hygiene resources	£5,000.00	
33	Sports	Whinhill Golf Club	Support towards water browser and petrol pump to help maintain greens in good condition	£4,149.60	

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34	Uniformed Organisation	49F Air Training Corps (MacRoberts Reply Squadron)	Support towards annual Dine-in, military presentation/dinner	£1,050.00	
35	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards annual membership fees and raising the profile of guiding	£7,000.00	
36	Voluntary	Children in Poverty Inverclyde	Support towards summer holiday breaks for families - travel, accommodation, food and activities	£8,361.00	
37	Voluntary	RNLI Gourock Fundraising Branch	Contribution towards fuel costs for the Helensburgh lifeboat following local fundraising income being severely affected by Covid 19	£1,000.00	

Total Requested

£245,579.10