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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Grants Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 September 2022</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Grants Fund 2022/23 – Round 1</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

1.1  For Decision  For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide details of the applications which have been received as part of round 1 of the Community Grants Fund 2022/23.

1.3 The Community Grants Fund was established to enable the Council to provide financial support to sports, voluntary and community organisations within Inverclyde. The maximum grant that can be awarded is £10,000. The budget for the Community Grants Fund for 2022/2023 is £418,000.

1.4 It should be noted that part of the fund has already been committed and full details relating to this can be found at paragraph 3.7. This means the balance available for new one-off applications is £325,200.

1.5 A total of 84 one-off grant applications were received in round 1, with the sum requested being £763,806.44. Appendix A contains details of all grant applications that were received.

1.6 Appendix B is a private paper and contains recommendations relating to the applications that should be awarded a grant and the level of funding they should be allocated. These recommendations currently total £318,491.78, leaving a balance of £6,708.22

1.7 It should be noted that a follow-up round of grants will open for applications in October 2022 and close in December 2022. The Grants Sub-Committee will meet in February 2023 to distribute the remaining balance of grant for 2022/2023.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 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 C.

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### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

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

3.2 The Community Grants Fund considers 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.

3.3 Applications are considered from organisations where funding is being sought for various projects/activities and/or running costs. Awards cannot exceed £10,000 per organisation and must 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.

3.4 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 the Council's Community Grant in publicity or marketing materials.

3.5 There are some restrictions to the grant criteria. For example, 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;
- To private clubs for commercial activities. However, we 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.

3.6 Organisations are required to specify how the award 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.

3.7 The budget for the Community Grants Fund for 2022/2023 is £418,000. However, it should be noted that part of the fund has already been committed to cover the following:

- The Education & Communities Committee agreed £7,800 would be allocated to pay commercial rents for Samaritans and Murdieston Dam Boat Club.
- £30,000 was allocated to the provision of summer play schemes at 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).
- It was agreed that community groups would receive fee waivers for town hall lets to the amount of £3,000 per organisation. £15,000 is being allocated for waivers within this financial year.
- £40,000 has been approved for free swimming within this financial year.

3.8 Taking the commitments outlined above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications is £325,200.

3.9 A total of 84 one-off grant applications were received in round 1 of the Community Grants Fund 2022/23 with the sum requested being £763,806.44. Appendix A contains details of all grant applications that were received.

#### 4.0 PROPOSALS

4.1 It is proposed that indicative awards are made within the available budget of £325,200. This reflects the approach taken with previous awards made to applicants, as well as awards made to similar projects approved by the Sub-Committee or other conditions of grant.

4.2 Appendix B is a private paper and contains recommendations relating to the proposed applications that should be awarded funding and the level of funding allocated to them.

4.3 These proposals currently total £318,491.78, leaving a balance of £6,708.22.

#### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial	X		
Legal/Risk		X	
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)		X	
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty	X		
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X	
Environmental & Sustainability		X	
Data Protection		X	

## 5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
00970 000 60005		2022/2023	£318,491.78		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

## 5.3 Legal/Risk

None

## 5.4 Human Resources

None

## 5.5 Strategic

None

## 5.6 Equalities and Fairer Scotland Duty

### (a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

X	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
	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, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqIA is not necessary/screening statement.

(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 – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

5.7 **Children and Young People**

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

5.8 **Environmental/Sustainability**

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

5.9 **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 – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

**6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 Liaised with Finance to confirm budget available for 2022/2023.

**7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 N/A

## PUBLIC APPENDIX

## Appendix A One Off Applications

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
1	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	
2	Arts	Greenock Burns Club	Support towards enhancing exhibition and archive museum at Greenock Customhouse; improving community presentations and restoration and renewal of public signage about Highland Mary Campbell	£4,500.00	
3	Arts	Greenock Philharmonic Society	Support towards Christmas and Spring Concerts - orchestra and soloists costs	£1,650.00	
4	Arts	Inverclyde Voices	Support to promote a 'come and join us to sing' weekend	£2,800.00	
5	Arts	Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos)	Support towards rehearsal space; storage; insurance; venue hire; freelance costs for Sound Designer	9,051.08	
6	Arts	Kilmacolm Dramatic Society	Support towards installation of new speaker system and audio induction loop system to improve acoustics	£6,756.00	
7	Arts	Lower Clyde Pipes & Drums	Support towards uniforms; equipment; hall rental; insurance and annual fees	£4,430.00	
8	Arts	RIG Arts	Support towards community greenspace project	£9,992.00	
9	Bowling Club	Ardgowan Club Bowling Section	Support towards increased heating costs; grass cutter machine and internal/external decoration	£17,300.00	
10	Bowling Club	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance and extension giving expansion to ladies locker room	£24,200.00	
11	Bowling Club	Gourock Bowling Club	Support towards running costs; greens upgrade; bar upgrade; new bar equipment and lounge windows	£40,000.00	
12	Bowling Club	Grosvenor Bowling Club	Support towards running costs	£5,000.00	
13	Bowling Club	Inverkip Bowling Club	Support towards greens upkeep and running costs	£3,300.00	
14	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	
15	Bowling Club	Parklea Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and greens maintenance	£2,500.00	
16	Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs	£4,000.00	
17	Bowling Club	Victoria Bowling Club	Support towards running costs; greens maintenance and disabled toilet access/ installation	£7,500.00	
18	Bowling Club	Wellington Park Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance and equipment/uniform for Open Bowls Challenge	£4,897.00	



	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
19	Care	Friends4ever	Support towards hall hire and summer programme for 2023	£9,000.00	
20	Care	GRASP Group	Support for hall hire; Microsoft licence; ingredients for weekly soup and chat and leisure passes	£3,970.00	
21	Care	Inverclyde Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	Support towards running costs including vehicle insurance, repair and maintenance	£10,000.00	
22	Care	Inverclyde Enable	Support towards hall hire	£2,500.00	
23	Care	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	Support towards overhead costs and PPE equipment	£10,000.00	
24	Care	Man On! Inverclyde	Support towards operational costs; marketing; volunteer recruitment and training	£10,000.00	
25	Care	Moving on Inverclyde	Support towards structured health and wellbeing sessions	£6,300.00	
26	Care	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	Support towards annual running costs	£73,246.00	
27	Community	Access Technology Scotland CIC	Support towards 'Building a Digital Community' - collaborative project working with local groups	£7,680.00	
28	Community	Auchmountain Glen Project	Support towards hall rental and resources	£2,500.00	
29	Community	Branchton Community Centre	Support for new PC's for Computer Suite	£6,000.00	
30	Community	Caddlehill Allotment	Support towards clubhouse decoration; new storage sheds and propagator	£3,587.00	
31	Community	Colourful Kilmacolm	Support for plants and bulbs for displays and hire of hall for AGM	£700.00	
32	Community	Cowdenknowes Residents Association	Support towards hall hire; admin costs and IT equipment	£1,495.00	
33	Community	Greenock Morton Supporters Club	Support towards new roof on club	£10,000.00	
34	Community	Greenock South West Community Council	Support towards Christmas lunch and Gala day	£7,250.00	
35	Community	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	Support towards new fire alarm system	£15,933.00	
36	Community	Grieve Road Community Centre	Support towards equipment; resources; and hall rental	£10,000.00	
37	Community	Inverclyde Christian Initiative	Support for utility costs; uniforms; resources; promotional materials and travel costs	£3,400.00	
38	Community	Inverclyde Naval Club	Support towards new kitchen and boiler; Armistice Day and Christmas events and dominoes/darts competitions	£8,500.00	
39	Community	Inverkip Community Initiative	Support towards Kip Fest 2023	£10,000.00	

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40	Community	Kilmacolm Eco Space	Support towards developing a Community Eco Space to include orchards, family beds, raised planters and 'no dig' beds	£9,293.00	
41	Community	Lyle Gateway	Support towards canopies for community garden and resources for various projects	£5,000.00	
42	Community	Parklea Association Branching Out	Support towards delivering 'Community Inclusion' programme – activities and sessions for individuals with learning development and additional support needs	£22,450.00	
43	Community	Port Glasgow New Parish Church	Support towards running costs and resources for new community groups	£3,500.00	
44	Community	Prospecthill Christian Fellowship/Street Connect	Support towards exercise classes and family support for Street Connect	£7,753.00	
45	Community	Tail O' the Bank Credit Union Ltd	Support towards staffing hours to promote Credit Union and its benefits	£19,584.00	
46	Community	Wellington Allotments Garden Association	Support for removal of large sycamore trees	£1,600.00	
47	Community	Wemyss Bay Community Association	Support towards utility costs	£5,000.00	
48	National/Regional Organisation	Glasgow & Clyde Rape Crisis	Support for local base; transport and promotional materials	£10,000.00	
49	National/Regional Organisation	Home Start Inverclyde	Support towards running costs of Greenock base	£9,995.54	
50	National/Regional Organisation	Victim Support Inverclyde	Support towards overhead costs for local office	£4,500.00	
51	Older People	Greenock IBM Retirees	Support for hall hire; events and outings	£2,500.00	
52	Older People	WOOP! Singers	Support towards hall rental; insurance; outing and transport costs	£500.00	
53	Sport	AR26 Charity	Community programme offering free football to all. Weeknight football and camps for 6-14 years	£10,000.00	
54	Sport	Ardgowan Tennis Club	Support towards automated entry and disabled access to the courts	£10,000.00	
55	Sport	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	
56	Sport	Birkmyre Rugby Club	Support towards running costs; Veo Camera and pitch hire	£15,932.00	
57	Sport	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	Support towards hall hire	£2,992.00	
58	Sport	Broomhill Boys Club	Support towards training equipment; pitch hire; community project and transport	£8,747.14	

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59	Sport	Clyde Netball	Support towards training clothing/balls/ strips and games hall hire	£14,475.00	
60	Sport	Gourock Golf Club	Sets of golf clubs to support ongoing initiatives which will enhance club membership	£4,100.00	
61	Sport	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	Support towards pitch hire for league games and also for project in partnership with Man On Inverclyde	£8,406.00	
62	Sport	Greenock Cricket Club	Support towards coaching for schools and young girls via 'Female Empowerment' and promotion of club to Afghanistan refugees	£2,524.80	
63	Sport	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	Support towards cleaning; Club vests/ hoodies and track hire	£9,475.00	
64	Sport	Greenock Juniors FC	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	
65	Sport	Greenock Wanderers	Support towards storage containers and pitch hire	£13,000.00	
66	Sport	Inverclyde Amateur Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£9,937.50	
67	Sport	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire costs	£9,964.78	
68	Sport	Inverclyde American Football Community Club	Support towards transport; uniforms; playing equipment and pitch hire	£12,980.00	
69	Sport	Inverclyde Athletics Club	Support towards stadium costs for training, development camps and competitions	£10,000.00	
70	Sport	Inverclyde Cricket Club	Support towards insurance; equipment' net system; travel and training/park hire	£3,061.00	
71	Sport	Newark Angling Club	Funding to allow for subsidised travel for elderly & juniors; trophies and fishing accessories	£1,500.00	
72	Sport	Port Glasgow Boys Club	Support towards training clothing and equipment; training for coaches and hire of facilities for training and matches	£36,950.00	
73	Sport	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	Support towards hire of pitches for training and match days	£13,260.00	
74	Sport	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Support towards hire of facilities for all teams	£10,000.00	
75	Sport	Royal West of Scotland Boat Club	Support towards insulation boards for fitting to main and racing sheds improving energy efficiency	£6,000.00	
76	Sport	Team United	Support towards development of activities for young people in Inverclyde with autism	£8,970.00	
77	Uniformed Organisation	1st Gourock Scout Group	Support towards shelters; kayaks and safety equipment	£2,200.00	

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78	Uniformed Organisation	32nd Greenock & District Scouts	Support towards running costs for Bank St premises	£4,000.00	
79	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards annual membership fees; raising the profile of guiding and hire of facilities for Units meeting	£10,000.00	
80	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Scout Council	Support towards running costs for Everton and HQ buildings	£10,000.00	
81	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	Support towards annual running costs	£5,000.00	
82	Uniformed Organisation	Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade	Support towards annual running costs	£5,000.00	
83	Voluntary	World Walking	Support towards server hosting costs	£1,750.00	
84	Youth	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	Support towards core running costs	£1,943.00	

**Total Requested**

**£763,806.44**