
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	7 November 2023
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Subject:	Community Grants Fund 2023/24 – Round 1		

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 2023/24.
- 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 2023/24 is £369,000.
- 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 £306,200.
- 1.5 A total of 110 one-off grant applications were received in round 1, with the sum requested being £923,220.61. Appendix A contains details of all grant applications that were received, and recommendations relating to the applications that should be awarded a grant and the level of funding they should be allocated. These recommendations total £282,706.11 leaving a balance of £23,493.89.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee note the level of funding allocated by the Grants Subcommittee to the organisations set out in Appendix A.

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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 2023/24 is £369,000. 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 St Michael's 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. £25,000 is being allocated for waivers within this financial year

3.8 Taking the commitments outlined above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications is £306,200.

3.9 A total of 110 one-off grant applications were received in round 1 of the Community Grants Fund 2023/24 with the sum requested being £923,220.61. Appendix A contains details of all grant applications that were received and approved

4.0 PROPOSALS

4.1 It is proposed that indicative awards are made within the available budget of £306,200. 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 These proposals currently total £282,706.11, leaving a balance of £23,493.89.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

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

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	X	
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & 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
0097000060005		2023/24	£282,706.11		

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, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

(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.

(c) 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.

5.7 Environmental/Sustainability

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

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.

5.8 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 2023/24.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A

**APPENDIX 1
COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND 2023/24 – ROUND 1**

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Awarded
1	Arts	Brass Sounds Inverclyde	Support towards replacing old equipment	£3,199.00	£1,125.00
2	Arts	Crow Cottage Arts	Support towards core stock of equipment and resources for community classes	£9,600.00	£6,000.00 Conditional
3	Arts	George Wyllie Foundation (The Wyllieum)	Support towards 4-day education programme to explore art mediums then a community celebration day – October 2023	£9,890.57	Unsuccessful
4	Arts	Greenock Light Opera Club	Support towards show costs for November 2023	£3,000.00	£750.00
5	Arts	Greenock Players	Support towards storage; rehearsal space and show production costs	£10,000.00	£1,500.00
6	Arts	Inverclyde Music Festival	Support towards costs of Music Festival	£18,315.00	£3,562.50
7	Arts	Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos)	Support towards rehearsal space; storage; insurance; venue hire and sets and props hire	£9,801.58	£1,500.00 Conditional
8	Arts	RIG Arts	Support towards rent and utility costs	£6,735.00	£3,000.00
9	Arts	Riverside Youth Band	Support towards hall hire; running costs and Musical Director fees	£6,980.00	£1,870.00 Conditional
10	Bowling Club	Ardgowan Club Bowling Section	Support towards rates and energy costs and new picnic benches	£10,000.00	£1,000.00 Conditional
11	Bowling Club	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	Support towards path drainage; foundations for ladies changing room extension and replacement of bowling green surround banking	£11,100.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
12	Bowling Club	Gourock Bowling Club	Support towards running costs; lounge and lighting upgrade and new railings	£17,000.00	£1,000.00
13	Bowling Club	Gourock Park Bowling Club	Support towards utility costs; greens and machinery maintenance and new obstacles for crazy golf course	£5,015.00	£2,250.00
14	Bowling Club	Grosvenor Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and greens maintenance	£6,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
15	Bowling Club	Hillend Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance; utility costs and new radiators for the clubhouse	£9,095.00	£2,250.00
16	Bowling Club	Inverkip Bowling Club	Funding for replacement of bowling green edging	£5,200.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
17	Bowling Club	Lady Alice Bowling Club	Support towards bowls for juniors and public; running costs; greens and lawnmower maintenance and upgrade of paths ahead of Greenock & District Finals next year	£10,100.00	£2,250.00

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18	Bowling Club	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Support for heat/light costs and refurbishment of ladies' toilets	£9,500.00	£2,250.00
19	Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and outdoor seating and storage for around the bowling green	£15,600.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
20	Bowling Club	Victoria Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance and kitchen refurbishment	£6,500.00	£1,000.00
21	Bowling Club	Wellington Park Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance; scoreboards/mats/jacks and marquee for Bowl Scotland national event to be held June 2024	£4,600.00	£2,750.00 Conditional
22	Care	Ardgowan Hospice	Support towards eco-friendly environment and counselling/ physiotherapy and training for staff/volunteers	£10,000.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
23	Care	Inverclyde Enable	Support towards transport	£3,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
24	Care	Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare	Support towards the hire of premises/programme costs to allow for courses to support health and wellbeing and build resilience	£10,000.00	£3,750.00
25	Care	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	Support towards overhead costs and PPE equipment	£10,000.00	£3,750.00 Conditional
26	Care	Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	Support towards running costs including vehicle insurance, repair and maintenance	£10,000.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
27	Care	Man On! Inverclyde	Support towards operational costs and pitch hire for football sessions	£10,000.00	£3,750.00 Conditional
28	Care	Moving on Inverclyde	Support towards structured health and wellbeing sessions	£5,640.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
29	Care	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	Support towards annual running costs	£71,936.00	£7,500.00
30	Community	Access Technology Scotland CIC	Support towards building a digital community between ATS and Financial Fitness	£9,600.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
31	Community	Auchmountain Glen Project	Support towards hall rental and resources for new path and handrails throughout the glen	£4,500.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
32	Community	Belville Community Gardens Trust	Support towards increased running costs	£10,000.00	£3,750.00
33	Community	Caddlehill Allotment	Support towards replacement of doors creating a door entry system and overhead canopies for each door	£5,800.00	£1,500.00
34	Community	Campaign to Save Inchgreen Dry Dock	Support towards professional advice; website; admin costs and marketing	£8,700.00	Unsuccessful
35	Community	Financial Fitness	Support towards partnership programme with Access Technology Scotland on financial advice and digital training	£9,252.00	£1,500.00 Conditional

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36	Community	Gibshill Community Centre	Support towards sporting sessions - equipment, sports coach and volunteer expenses	£5,200.00	£2,250.00
37	Community	Gourock Garden Party (Gourock Community Council)	Support towards hosting the Gourock Garden Party 2024	£7,579.09	£2,250.00 Conditional
38	Community	Greenock South West Community Council	Support towards Christmas lunch/treat for elderly and children in the community	£3,600.00	£2,250.00
39	Community	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	Support towards new boiler and Remembrance Sunday event	£11,700.00	£1,700.00 Conditional
40	Community	Grieve Road Community Centre	Support towards resources; food/refreshments for sessions; family fun sessions; resources for clothing bank and hall rental	£10,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
41	Community	Inverclyde Across to Lourdes	Support towards rental of charity shop for fundraising purposes	£600.00	£450.00
42	Community	Inverclyde Association for Mental Health	Support towards running costs; gardening resources and admin/ marketing	£10,000.00	£1,875.00
43	Community	Inverclyde Christian Initiative	Support for uniforms; resources; promotional materials and travel costs	£5,923.00	Unsuccessful
44	Community	Inverclyde Muslim Centre	Support towards youth work activities; community events and creating a refugee base	£7,500.00	£1,875.00 Conditional
45	Community	Inverclyde Vineyard Church	Support towards community events - Autumn 23, Easter/Summer 24	£5,989.00	£1,125.00 Conditional
46	Community	Kidron Project	Support towards coaches for community courses; resources; venue hire and marketing	£10,000.00	£1,500.00
47	Community	Legal Services Agency Ltd	Support for repair to ceiling at Greenock office	£816.00	Unsuccessful
48	Community	Lyle Gateway	Support towards purchase of catering equipment and folding tables following increase in demand on services	£4,000.00	£3,000.00
49	Community	Parklea Association Branching Out	Support towards delivering 'Community Inclusion' programme - community dance, digital inclusion, multi-sport and growing and learning together	£25,350.00	£3,750.00 Conditional
50	Community	Port Glasgow New Parish Church	Support towards running costs; training and resources for community groups	£6,074.00	£1,500.00
51	Community	Port Glasgow United Reformed Church - Church Angels Project (Foodbank)	Support towards purchase of food items for emergency foodbank	£9,600.00	£3,000.00
52	Community	St Johns Church, Gourock	Support towards 2 week event celebrating Gourock Artists through lens of arts and spirituality	£9,891.00	£800.00

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53	Community	The Celtic FC Supporters Club	Support towards new heating/air conditioning system	£10,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
54	Community	The Whisky Chairmen Ltd	Support towards insurance and community project resources	£9,761.93	Unsuccessful
55	Community	Trade Rights International CIC	Support towards rental costs and the creation/resourcing of a training space	£9,805.99	£1,125.00
56	Community	Wemyss Bay Community Association	Support towards utility costs	£6,000.00	£3,000.00
57	National/ Regional Organisation	Home Start Inverclyde	Support towards rental of Greenock base and training/resources for a range of planned programmes	£9,965.00	£2,812.50 Conditional
58	National/ Regional Organisation	Parkinsons Inverclyde Support Group	Support towards transport costs	£490.00	£490.00
59	National/ Regional Organisation	Victim Support Inverclyde	Support towards overhead costs for local office	£5,000.00	£3,000.00
60	Older People	Greenock IBM Retirees	Support for hall hire; events and outings	£4,150.00	Unsuccessful
61	Older People	Silverline Dancers	Support for hall hire	£800.00	£600.00
62	Older People	St Marys Episcopal Church (Heartland Circle)	Community transport for Heartland Circle, dementia group; materials for flower arranging class and music therapy	£2,000.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
63	Older People	The Tuesday Club	Support towards outings, coach hire and Christmas gifts	£2,000.00	£750.00
64	Older People	WISHES Group (Women's Initiative for Social Health & Educational Skills)	Support towards hall hire; resources and events	£2,000.00	£750.00 Conditional
65	Older People	WOOPi Singers	Support towards hall rental and transport costs	£500.00	£375.00 Conditional
66	Sport	AR26 Charity	Community programme offering free football to all. Weeknight football and camps for 6-14 years	£6,017.50	£2,830.00 Conditional
67	Sport	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	£4,500.00
68	Sport	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	Support towards hall hire	£1,976.00	£1,482.00 Conditional
69	Sport	Clyde Netball	Support towards strips and hall hire for training and matches	£11,874.58	£3,750.00
70	Sport	Gourock Golf Club	Support to replace windows at rear of clubhouse, age of current windows is allowing water ingress resulting in damage to certain areas	£4,625.00	Unsuccessful

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71	Sport	Greenock & District Rifle Club	Support towards insulation to reduce energy costs and concrete flooring to meet hygiene standards	£9,000.00	£1,500.00
72	Sport	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	Support towards pitch hire for league games	£8,400.00	£3,750.00
73	Sport	Greenock Boxing Club	Support towards new equipment and 50% of lease costs for new premises	£9,380.00	£4,875.00
74	Sport	Greenock Cricket Club	Support towards school coaching; hire of hall for training and equipment/line marking to allow MUGA to be used by senior netball team	£2,261.00	£1,695.75 Conditional
75	Sport	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	Support towards track hire	£8,062.00	£3,750.00
76	Sport	Greenock Golf Club	Support towards cost of felling diseased larch trees following Scottish Plant Health Notice	£10,000.00	Unsuccessful
77	Sport	Greenock Juniors FC	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
78	Sport	Greenock Wanderers	Support towards pitch hire for training and games for all age groups and male and female teams	£10,000.00	£3,750.00 Conditional
79	Sport	Inverclyde Amateur Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£9,910.50	£3,750.00 Conditional
80	Sport	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire costs	£9,906.56	£7,429.92 Conditional
81	Sport	Inverclyde American Community Football Club	Support towards uniforms; equipment and pitch hire	£11,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
82	Sport	Inverclyde Athletics Club	Support towards stadium costs for training, development camps and competitions	£10,000.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
83	Sport	Inverclyde Cricket Club	Support towards insurance; equipment; travel and training/park hire	£2,560.00	£1,920.00
84	Sport	Inverclyde Sport Council	Support for clubs/individuals; coach education grants and child protection courses	£6,500.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
85	Sport	Morton in the Community	Support towards training pitch hire	£9,977.92	£7,483.44
86	Sport	Newark Angling Club	Funding to allow for subsidised travel for elderly & juniors	£1,500.00	£600.00
87	Sport	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Support towards cost of replacing the windlass to Alba Venturer	£1,500.00	£1,125.00
88	Sport	Paisley & District Schools Football Association	Support towards league running costs - pitch hire, laundry, transport, medals and strips	£1,835.00	£900.00

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89	Sport	Port Glasgow Boat Club	Support towards rental costs; repair to slipway/rails/grating and refurbishment of toilets	£16,568.00	£2,000.00 Conditional
90	Sport	Port Glasgow Boys Club	Support towards weatherproof kits for whole club; training courses and hire of facilities for training/matches	£40,443.39	£7,500.00 Conditional
91	Sport	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	Support towards hire of pitches for training and match days	£10,960.00	£3,000.00
92	Sport	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Support towards hire of facilities for all teams	£10,000.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
93	Sport	Port Glasgow Victoria Boxing Club	Support towards running costs and training for coaches with Boxing Scotland	£9,380.00	£3,000.00
94	Sport	St Andrews Boys Club	Support towards hire of facilities for training and match days	£10,000.00	£7,500.00
95	Sport	Team United	Support towards development of existing/new activities for young people in Inverclyde with autism	£8,215.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
96	Uniformed Organisation	10th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of St Columba's HS	£1,440.00	£1,080.00
97	Uniformed Organisation	32nd Greenock & District Scouts	Support towards running costs for Bank St premises	£4,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
98	Uniformed Organisation	47th/97th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of Newark PS	£1,190.00	£892.50
99	Uniformed Organisation	73rd Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of All Saints PS	£1,400.00	£1,050.00
100	Uniformed Organisation	85th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay PS	£3,360.00	£1,282.50
101	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards annual membership fees; hosting of the Renfrewshire County Thinking Day celebration and hire of facilities for Units meeting	£21,000.00	£8,500.00
102	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Scout Council	Support towards running costs for Everton and HQ buildings	£10,000.00	£5,000.00
103	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	Support towards annual running costs	£10,000.00	£3,750.00
104	Uniformed Organisation	Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade	Support towards annual running costs and hall hire	£8,100.00	£6,850.00 Conditional
105	Voluntary	Children in Poverty Inverclyde	Support towards holiday breaks for families unemployed or working poverty	£7,746.00	£3,750.00

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106	Voluntary	World Walking	Support towards server hosting costs, database backup	£2,900.00	£2,175.00
107	Youth	Friends4ever	Support towards hall hire - Westburn Parish Church; pantomime tickets and summer programme for 2024	£9,297.00	£3,750.00 Conditional
108	Youth	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	Support towards core running costs	£2,036.00	£1,125.00 Conditional
109	Youth	Youth Connections	Support towards Connect Youth Club for young people living with autism	£4,500.00	£3,375.00
110	Community	Park Farm Tenants and Residents Association	Support for visit to pantomime	£2,445.00	£1,500.00

Total Requested

£923,220.61

Total Awarded

£282,706.11