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| Report To: | Grants Sub-Committee | Date: | 26 February 2024 |
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| Subject: | Community Grants Fund 2023/24 – Round 2 | | |

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to give details of applications received for consideration for funding from the remaining Community Grants Fund in 2023/24.
- 1.3 In Round 1, 110 applications for grants were made requesting a total of £923,220.61. 102 grants were approved totalling £282,706.11.
- 1.4 Taking into account the previously agreed commitments, the balance for Community Grants funding in Round 2 is £23,493.89.
- 1.5 Details of the grant applications received are given in Appendix A. In total, 25 one-off grant applications were received with the total sum being requested being £132,887.57.
- 1.6 Officer recommendations currently total £23,199.52, which if approved will leave a balance of £294.37. Equalities monitoring data forms Appendix C to this report.
- 1.7 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.

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

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Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 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.
- 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 As part of the Council's 2023/24 budget process, the Council agreed to reduce the net budget for Community Grants by 25%, leaving a balance of £306,200.
- 3.4 Applications are considered from organisations where funding is being sought for various projects/activities and/or running costs. Awards made 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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 received 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.

3.7 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: Empowered People; Working People; Healthy People and Places; Supportive Place; and Thriving Place.

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

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

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

| SUBJECT | YES | NO |
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| 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 |

4.2 Finance

One off Costs

| Cost Centre | Budget Heading | Budget Years | Proposed Spend this Report | Virement From | Other Comments |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 00970 000 60005 | | 2023/24 | £23,199.52 | | |

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

4.3 Legal/Risk

None

4.4 Human Resources

None

4.5 Strategic

Supporting communities is a key priority of the Council Plan.

4.6 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:

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| 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?

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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 – 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?

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| | 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. |

4.7 Environmental/Sustainability

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

None

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

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| | 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. |

4.8 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 – 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. |

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 N/A

PUBLIC APPENDIX

APPENDIX A ONE OFF APPLICATIONS

| | Category | Applicant | Details | Requested | Comments |
|----|--------------|---|---|------------|----------|
| 1 | Arts | Greenock Philharmonic Society | Support towards venue hire costs for rehearsal and concert - Lyle Kirk | £2,400.00 | |
| 2 | Arts | Thistle Theatre Company | Support towards rent for storage space, hire of premises for rehearsal/performances and show costs | £3,680.00 | |
| 3 | Bowling Club | Gourock Bowling Club | Support towards running costs and new handrail | £9,000.00 | |
| 4 | Bowling Club | Inverkip Bowling Club | Support towards greens upkeep | £2,000.00 | |
| 5 | Bowling Club | Kilmacolm Bowling Club | Support towards running costs and building repairs | £5,000.00 | |
| 6 | Bowling Club | Parklea Bowling Club | Support towards greens upkeep and machinery maintenance | £3,000.00 | |
| 7 | Bowling Club | Port Glasgow Bowling Club | Support for repair to greens and electric fence following vandalism | £2,500.00 | |
| 8 | Bowling Club | Rankin Park Bowling Club | Support towards utility costs | £5,000.00 | |
| 9 | Care | Ardgowan Hospice | Support towards My Grief Matters programme delivery | £10,000.00 | |
| 10 | Care | Compassionate Inverclyde | With connections with the hospice now terminated, support towards office costs, back home boxes and accommodation hire for quarterly meetings | £10,000.00 | |
| 11 | Care | Inverclyde Family Contact Centre | Support towards IT equipment for use at the Centre in registering families | £800.00 | |
| 12 | Community | Greenock Torpedo Factory Club | Support towards new boiler | £10,000.00 | |
| 13 | Community | Inverclyde Naval Club | Support towards new boiler; Armistice Day and Christmas events and dominoes/darts competitions | £10,000.00 | |
| 14 | Community | Inverclyde Woodturning Club | Support for purchase of new lathe | £869.99 | |
| 15 | Community | Inverkip Community Initiative | Support towards Kip Fest 2024 | £5,000.00 | |
| 16 | Community | Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd | Support towards costs for enhancing the Education Area within the show | £1,762.71 | |
| 17 | Community | Kilmacolm Playgroup & Toddlers | Support towards rental costs for church hall and renewing equipment | £2,787.95 | |
| 18 | Community | The Country Club | Support towards Christmas lunch and excursions | £1,400.00 | |

| | Category | Applicant | Details | Requested | Comments |
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| 19 | Sport | Birkmyre Rugby Club | Support towards running costs and pitch hire | £6,360.00 | |
| 20 | Sport | Greenock Wanderers RFC | Support towards pitch hire for training and games for all age groups - male and female teams | £10,000.00 | |
| 21 | Sport | Inverclyde Masters Swimming Club | Support towards pool hire, gala costs and starter blocks | £10,000.00 | |
| 22 | Sport | Inverclyde Ramblers | Support towards coach hire for walks organised that are further afield | £750.00 | |
| 23 | Sport | Port Glasgow Otters | Support towards pool hire costs and other club costs including insurance, coach training and team kit | £8,076.92 | |
| 24 | Uniformed Organisation | 1st Gourrock Scout Group | Support towards running costs for Coppermine Community Centre | £7,500.00 | |
| 25 | Uniformed Organisation | Greenock & District Scout Council (Gang Show) | Support towards Gang Show costs | £5,000.00 | |

Total Requested

£132,887.57