
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	5 November 2024
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Subject:	Community Grants Fund 2024/25 – 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 2024/25.
- 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 2024/25 is £321,000.
- 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 £257,994.61.
- 1.5 A total of 107 one-off grant applications were received in round 1, with the sum requested being £856,148.77. 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 £251,375.54 leaving a balance of £6,619.07.

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 2024/25 is £321,000. 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.
- A grant of £205.39 was made to Green Tangerine to cover its liability insurance which was due to expire out with the timing of this report. This grant was agreed by the Head of Culture, Communities and Educational Resources in June 2024 in line with the terms of the scheme of delegation.

3.8 Taking the commitments outlined above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications is £257,994.61.

3.9 A total of 107 one-off grant applications were received in round 1 of the Community Grants Fund 2024/25 with the sum requested being £856,148.77. 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 £251,375.54, leaving a balance of £6,619.07.

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

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
00970-000-60005		2024/25	£251,375.54		

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:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
x	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.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

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.

(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

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 2024/25.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A.

APPENDIX 1 – COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND 2024/25 – ROUND 1

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Awarded
1	Arts	Allegria Choir	Support towards rehearsal space, concert venue costs, musical director and accompanist fees	£4,500.00	£997.50
2	Arts	Bridge of Weir Choral Society	Support towards celebratory concert marking 75 years	£2,450.00	£562.50
3	Arts	Crow Cottage Arts	Support towards school project 'a love letter to Inverclyde' leading to a display of artworks and creation of freestanding sculptural chandelier	£10,000.00	£5,000.00 Conditional
4	Arts	Greenock Burns Club	Support towards schools Burns competition, Secondary Schools Burns Supper, educational resources and school transport costs to exhibition and archive room	£3,550.00	£1,500.00
5	Arts	Greenock Light Opera Club	Support towards membership for 3 secondary school pupils and discounted show ticket cost for 60 pupils	£1,080.00	£810.00
6	Arts	Greenock Players	Support towards storage, rehearsal space and show production costs	£10,000.00	£1,500.00
7	Arts	Inverclyde Heritage Network	Support towards running costs and 3 projects: Oral Histories, Heritage Fair and Doors Open Days	£4,510.00	£1,500.00
8	Arts	Inverclyde Music Festival Association	Support towards costs of Music Festival 2025	£10,000.00	£3,562.50
9	Arts	Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos)	Support towards rehearsal space, storage, insurance and facilitators	£8,700.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
10	Arts	Kilmacolm Art Class	Support towards hall rental, exhibition space and insurance	£1,322.00	£675.00
11	Arts	Kilmacolm Dramatic Society	Support towards purchase and installation of performance lighting system	£10,533.60	£3,000.00 Conditional
12	Arts	RIG Arts	Support towards continuing delivery of Arts & Mind workshops - regular weekly mental health support for young people aged 8-18	£9,423.00	£3,375.00
13	Arts	Riverside Youth Band	Support towards hall hire, running costs and Musical Director fees	£7,350.00	£2,040.00 Conditional
14	Bowling Club	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	Support towards ladies changing room extension	£10,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
15	Bowling Club	Gourock Bowling Club	Support towards running costs, greens maintenance, new lawn mower and CCTV installation	£22,700.00	£2,250.00
16	Bowling Club	Grosvenor Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and greens maintenance	£14,400.00	£2,250.00
17	Bowling Club	Inverkip Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance	£3,300.00	£2,250.00
18	Bowling Club	Lady Alice Bowling Club	Support towards bowls for juniors and public, utility costs, greens and	£10,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional

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			lawnmower maintenance and upgrade of paths		
19	Bowling Club	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Support towards new grass cutting machinery, hand dryers to ladies' toilets and replacement of stairs and handrails giving better access to the greens	£10,000.00	£2,250.00
20	Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and greens maintenance	£10,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
21	Bowling Club	Wellington Park Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance, insurance and marquee for Bowl Scotland national event	£5,000.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
22	Care	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	Support towards replacement of carpet and ceiling lights at Jamaica St premises	£2,310.00	£1,732.50 Conditional
23	Care	Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	Support towards vehicle fleet insurance	£10,000.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
24	Care	Man On! Inverclyde	Support towards new football project for young people in Inverclyde	£10,000.00	Unsuccessful
25	Care	Moving on Inverclyde	Support towards structured health and wellbeing sessions	£6,700.00	£2,250.00
26	Care	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	Support towards annual running costs	£74,237.00	£7,500.00
27	Community	Access Technology Scotland	Support towards building a digital community between ATS and Morton in the Community and Youth Connections	£9,600.00	£2,250.00
28	Community	Ambassador Church	Support to facilitate social integration through the provision of household items, heating and school clothing for vulnerable families	£7,500.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
29	Community	Auchmountain Community Resource Centre	Support towards decoration/upgrade of main hall within the Centre	£2,910.00	Unsuccessful
30	Community	Auchmountain Glen Project	Support towards hall rental, materials and fuel costs	£2,770.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
31	Community	Belville Community Gardens Trust	Support towards increased running costs	£9,985.00	£3,525.00 Conditional
32	Community	Branchton Community Centre	Support towards new male toilets and classes for pre-school children	£10,000.00	Unsuccessful
33	Community	Gibshill Community Centre	Support towards family activity week	£2,700.00	£2,025.00 Conditional
34	Community	Gourock Garden Party (Gourock Community Council)	Support towards hosting the Gourock Garden Party 2025	£5,352.00	£2,250.00 Conditional
35	Community	Green Tangerine CIC	Support towards dog litter campaign	£1,490.00	£750.00

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36	Community	Greenock Southwest Community Council	Support towards Christmas lunch for elderly in the community	£2,450.00	£1,500.00
37	Community	Greenock Southwest Hub Committee (Grieve Road Community Centre)	Support towards food/refreshments for community meals, PA system, storage space and hall rental	£9,970.00	£1,687.50 Conditional
38	Community	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	Support towards replacement of boiler	£15,408.00	Unsuccessful
39	Community	Inverclyde Across to Lourdes Group	Support towards rental costs for charity shop	£900.00	£675.00
40	Community	Inverclyde Community Care Forum (Your Voice)	Support towards refurbishment of new premises - disabled toilets and electric power doors	£10,000.00	Unsuccessful
41	Community	Inverclyde Vineyard Church	Support towards community event for Easter 2025	£6,500.00	£1,125.00 Conditional
42	Community	Inverclyde Woodturning Club	Support for purchase of new lathe and chuck package	£1,209.97	£675.00 Conditional
43	Community	Inverkip Community Initiative	Support towards increased utility costs	£9,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
44	Community	Inverkip Scottish Women's Institute	Support towards membership subsidy and speaker costs	£160.00	£160.00
45	Community	Kidron Project	Support towards coach/materials for community course and venue hire	£5,540.00	£1,500.00
46	Community	Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd	Support towards costs for enhancing the Education Area and entertainment within the show	£29,591.00	£1,500.00
47	Community	Kilmacolm Playgroup & Toddlers	Support towards rental costs for church hall and renewing equipment	£3,049.95	£562.50
48	Community	Larkfield Community Hall	Support towards new kitchen equipment and running costs	£9,400.00	Defer
49	Community	Lyle Gateway	Support towards fortnightly Dementia Café	£6,245.00	£2,000.00 Conditional
50	Community	Parklea Association Branching Out	Support towards delivering 'Community Inclusion' programme – active option sessions and community growing and therapeutic horticulture	£28,125.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
51	Community	Port Glasgow New Parish Church	Support towards running costs for community groups and holiday club expenses	£3,800.00	£1,500.00
52	Community	Rise Against Abuse CIC	Support towards running costs, IT equipment and training costs	£10,000.00	Unsuccessful

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53	Community	The Country Club	Support towards speakers' costs	£600.00	£450.00 Conditional
54	Community	Wemyss Bay Community Association	Support towards utility/running costs	£6,000.00	£3,000.00
55	National/ Regional Organisation	Carers Gateway Inverclyde (Unity Enterprise)	Support towards the health and wellbeing of Inverclyde unpaid carers	10,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
56	National/ Regional Organisation	Cycling without Age Scotland Gourock	Support towards operating costs for trishaws	£1,169.00	£876.75
57	National/ Regional Organisation	Parkinsons Inverclyde Support Group	Support towards transport costs, hall hire, admin and outings	£708.00	£708.00
58	National/ Regional Organisation	Quarriers	Support towards running costs for year of activities held in Sommerville Weir Hall	£10,000.00	£3,000.00
59	National/ Regional Organisation	Victim Support Inverclyde	Support towards overhead costs for local office	£10,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
60	Older People	Beacon Arts Centre (Dance for Parkinsons)	Support towards weekly Dance for Parkinsons class which is followed by social event for families and carers	£9,160.00	£2,250.00
61	Older People	Greenock IBM Retirees	Support for hall hire; entertainment and Christmas lunch	£2,400.00	£750.00
62	Older People	Silverline Dancers	Support for dance tuition	£400.00	£400.00 Conditional
63	Older People	St Marys Episcopal Church (Heartland Circle)	Community transport for Heartland Circle, dementia group; materials for flower arranging class and music therapy	£2,150.00	£1,612.50 Conditional
64	Older People	The Tuesday Club	Support towards outings, coach hire and Christmas gifts	£2,029.00	£750.00
65	Older People	WISHES Group (Women's Initiative for Social Health & Educational Skills)	Support towards hall hire	£1,200.00	£900.00 Conditional
66	Sport	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	£4,950.00 Conditional
67	Sport	Birkmyre Rugby Club	Support towards running costs, new floodlights and pitch hire	£10,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
68	Sport	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	Support towards hall hire	£2,000.00	£1,500.00
69	Sport	Bridge of Weir Angling Club	Support towards installation of small bridge over burn near Quarriers Village	£2,000.00	£1,125.00
70	Sport	Clyde Netball	Support towards strips and hall hire for training and matches	£11,343.50	£3,750.00

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71	Sport	Greenock & District Rifle Club	Support towards further insulation to reduce energy costs and concrete flooring to meet hygiene standards	£10,162.00	£1,500.00
72	Sport	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	Support towards pitch hire for league games	£7,350.00	£3,750.00
73	Sport	Greenock Cricket Club	Support towards school coaching; hire of hall for training and playing kit for asylum seekers	£2,524.00	£1,893.00 Conditional
74	Sport	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	Support towards track hire	£6,954.00	£3,750.00
75	Sport	Greenock Golf Club	Support towards renovation of upstairs lounge areas within the clubhouse	£10,000.00	Unsuccessful
76	Sport	Greenock Juniors FC	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
77	Sport	Greenock Model Yacht & Power Boat Club	Support towards guttering and roof repairs	£2,634.00	£1,500.00
78	Sport	Greenock Wanderers RFC	Support towards pitch hire for training and games for all age groups and male and female teams	£17,500.00	£5,025.00 Conditional
79	Sport	Team United Programme	Support towards development of Social Community League for young people in Inverclyde	£6,325.00	£3,000.00 Conditional
80	Sport	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire costs	£9,962.88	£7,472.16 Conditional
81	Sport	Inverclyde American Community Football Club	Support towards uniforms, playing equipment, storage and pitch hire	£17,375.00	£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
83	Sport	Inverclyde Cricket Club	Support towards insurance, equipment, travel and training/park hire	£2,376.00	£1,782.00 Conditional
84	Sport	Inverclyde Masters Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire and head-to-head competition	£3,100.00	£2,325.00 Conditional
85	Sport	Inverclyde Sport Council	Support for clubs/individuals, coach education grants and child protection courses	£5,700.00	£1,500.00 Conditional
86	Sport	Lady Octavia Badminton Club	Support towards equipment, coaching and hall hire	£1,800.00	£1,350.00
87	Sport	Morton in the Community	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
88	Sport	Newark Angling Club	Funding to allow for subsidised travel for elderly & juniors	£1,500.00	£600.00
89	Sport	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Support towards vessel repairs	£2,000.00	£1,125.00
90	Sport	Port Glasgow Boat Club	Support towards upgrade of toilets and repair/maintenance of slipways/railing and bogies	£6,000.00	£2,000.00 Conditional

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91	Sport	Port Glasgow Boys Club	Support towards weatherproof kits for whole club, training courses and hire of facilities for training/matches	£37,450.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
92	Sport	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	Support towards hire of pitches for training and match days	£11,840.00	£3,000.00
93	Sport	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Support towards hire of facilities for all teams	£10,000.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
94	Sport	Port Glasgow Otters	Support towards pool hire costs and other club costs including insurance, coach training and team kit	£7,355.37	£2,325.00 Conditional
95	Sport	St Andrews Boys Club	Support towards hire of facilities for training and match days	£10,000.00	£7,500.00
96	Uniformed Organisation	10th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of St Columba's HS	£1,512.00	£1,134.00
97	Uniformed Organisation	32nd Greenock & District Scouts	Support towards running costs for Bank St premises	£4,000.00	£3,000.00
98	Uniformed Organisation	47th/97th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of Newark PS	£1,071.00	£803.25
99	Uniformed Organisation	73rd Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of All Saints PS	£1,165.50	£874.13
100	Uniformed Organisation	85th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of Inverkip & Wemyss Bay PS	£1,523.00	£1,142.25
101	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards annual membership fees, hosting of the Renfrewshire County Thinking Day celebration, volunteer leader celebration and hire of facilities for Units meeting	£19,750.00	£7,500.00 Conditional
102	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Scout Council	Support towards running costs for Everton and HQ buildings	£10,000.00	£3,750.00
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	£7,500.00	£6,125.00 Conditional
105	Voluntary	Inverclyde Tourist Group	Support towards purchase of IT equipment, running costs and creation of new website	£9,022.00	£2,000.00
106	Voluntary	World Walking	Support towards server hosting and database backup costs	£1,750.00	£1,312.50
107	Youth	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	Support towards core running costs	£2,066.00	£1,125.00 Conditional

Total Requested

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