
Report To:	Regeneration Committee	Date:	1st September 2011
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Subject:	Community Facilities Grant		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on progress of the administration and disbursement of the Community Facilities Fund of £1, 200,000.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Regeneration Committee on 28th October 2010, approved procedures for allocation of the Community Facilities Grant and the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Environment subsequently implemented phase 1 of the programme in accordance with the proposed uses and criteria.
- 2.2 Following local publicity, a total of 48 expressions of interest had been received by the closing date of 1st February 2011. Those organisations were invited to submit full applications including an appropriate Business Plan by the closing date of Friday 29th April 2011.
- 2.3 A total of 14 full applications were subsequently received, assessed and scored according to the appropriate criteria. The recommendations for approval are as listed at appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress made with the Community Facilities Grant.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to approve the recommendations at appendix 1.
- 3.3 The Committee is asked to delegate authority to the Corporate Director – Regeneration and Environment for the disbursement of funds in accordance with the procedures of Inverclyde Council and to implement appropriate monitoring procedures.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Community Facilities Fund was established at full Council in February 2010 to support the development of community facilities across Inverclyde. The fund was approved for the following purposes:-

- community facilities
- play and recreational facilities
- community allotments
- other facilities which contribute to the well being of the local community.

4.2 Following appropriate publicity, 48 organisations submitted an initial expression of interest. Subsequently, these organisations were issued application packs and invited to submit their completed bids by the closing date of Friday 29th April 2011.

4.3 All organisations were given further information and offered support through officers of Inverclyde Council if required for the completion of their bids. Specifically, applicants were advised that their submissions must fit with the following eligibility guidelines:-

- Applications are welcome from local community, voluntary and third sector organisations.
- The grant request must not exceed 75% of the total project costs
- Applicants are required to demonstrate the availability and extent of external match funding.
- Successful applicants are required to submit details of all costs incurred and secure tenders adopting current and appropriate procurement processes.
- Provide progress/monitoring reports over the duration/life cycle of the project.

4.4 By the closing date, a total of 14 bids had been received. These were then scored and assessed by appropriate officers of Inverclyde Council, using the following criteria and weightings:-

Criteria	Weighting
Business Plan/Finance	70%
Evidence of need and community benefit	10%
Sustainability	10%
Accessibility and equality	10%

4.5 Further evaluation of completed applications was made by the SOA2 group who have considered and approved the officer recommendations before seeking final approval from the Regeneration Committee.

5.0 PROPOSAL

5.1 Subject to Committee approval, all applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible after 1st September, to allow time for project activity to commence.

5.2 All successful applicants will be required to comply with procedures for the monitoring of finance and performance including the submission of regular reports at a timescale to be agreed dependent on the nature of the project.

5.3 All payments will be made in arrears on evidence of expenditure that is incurred and defrayed.

- 5.4 All monitoring of finance and performance will be completed by the existing team based within the Economic Development Programme Management Support Unit (PMSU).
- 5.5 Should funding be available for this purpose, then Phase 2 will commence in accordance with agreed Inverclyde Council procedures.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Legal:** These have been considered as part of the application process and award of grants.
- 6.2 **Human Resources:** These have been considered as part of the application process.
- 6.3 **Equality and Diversity:** These have been considered as part of the application process.
- 6.4 **Finance:**
One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Earmarked Reserves	Community Facilities Fund	2011/12 Onwards	£172, 842.		

Annual Recurring Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
n/a					

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation will be undertaken as part of the application process.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The proposed arrangements for administration and disbursement of the Community Facilities Fund identified above will assist in ensuring maximum impact of the use of public funds in delivering new/upgraded community facilities in Inverclyde whilst empowering local groups to bring forward proposals which will enhance provision of accommodation and services locally.

Contact	Organisation	Cost	Description	Score	Recommendation
Sharon Gemmel	Parklea Branching Out	£60,000	Capital investment in refurbishment of Parklea facility.	80	Approve - Have demonstrated clear link to community benefits
A Lynn	Auchmountain Community Centre	£42, 000	Revenue costs associated with delivery of youth work	N/A	Not within the scope of the funding.
Angela Moore	Overton Tenants and Residents Association	£5, 000	Erect a fence around grass area to allow children to play football	N/A	Not within the scope of the funding, refer to Environmental Services.
Chris Jewell	Discover Inverclyde – Tourist Sign Project	£19,500	Design and produce appropriate plaques and signage on the Inverclyde Heritage Trail	50	Approve - Meets a visitor need as well as a local resident need
Chris Jewell	Discover Inverclyde – Inverclyde School Choir International Visit to New York	£36, 000	Organise trip to New York for the school choir as part of "tartan day"	N/A	Not within the scope of the funding.
Karen Orr	RIG Arts Ltd	£35, 000	Revenue costs associated with delivery of community media facilities	N/A	Not within the scope of the funding.
Colin McDougall	The Greenock Cricket Club	£9,013	Provision of ladies changing facilities	78	Approve - Have demonstrated clear link to community benefits

Baljender Singh	Naga Holdings Ltd	£120, 000	Develop play area for 0-16 year olds based in Port Glasgow Industrial Estate	N/A	Not within the scope of the funding, however, follow up from Economic Development
Thomas McKay	Craigend Resource Centre	£11,528	Develop salad bar and healthy eating facility within the Centre.	75	Approve - Have demonstrated clear link to community benefits
Sid Barnett	Royal Gourock Yacht Club	£10,000	Repairs to slipway and flat roof facility	65	Approve - Have demonstrated clear link to community benefits, targeting young people
David Gray	42nd Greenock and District Scout Group	£1,065	Essential repairs to gable end of the Scout building in Kilmacolm	51	Approve - Have demonstrated clear link to community benefits
Robert Pinkerton	Ardgowan Club	£5,261	Develop loop system and external improvements	51	Approve - Have demonstrated clear link to community benefits
Elizabeth Jack	Wellington Pre-5 Nursery	£27,600	Refurbishment of shop units to accommodate pre-5 centre due to relocation from Highlanders Academy	78	Approve - Subject to building warrant but planning permission has been approved
Alison Duncan	Wellington Allotment Gardens	£28,875	Develop on site facilities, improve disabled access and cabin	57	Approve - Subject to match funding from the Lottery being confirmed.
	Total Recommended	£172,842			
Total Funding	£1, 200, 000.				
Allocated					
KNCC	£150, 000.				
Wellington	£200, 000.				
Recommendation	£172, 842.				
Total Spend	£522, 842				
Balance	£677, 158.00				