
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	17th January 2013
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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 – incorporating the additional planned expenditure for phase 2 awards.

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 The total committed at phase 1 was £973,000 with a balance of £227,000 remaining to be approved and disbursed in phase 2. An invitation to apply was issued in September 2012 and by the closing date of 30th November, a total of 16 bids had been received with a combined value of £481,000.
- 2.3 Accordingly, bids were assessed within the criteria of the Community Facilities Grant and recommended awards are as outlined in appendix 1. It should be noted from the ranked list that there are sufficient funds to provide support up to and including the Wellington Pre-5 Nursery. If approved, the funding required is a total of £196,741. leaving a budget surplus of £30,259.
- 2.4 However, the assessors have also approved additional projects, subject to additional funding being available. As outlined, the additional approved projects would require additional funding of up to £52,491.
- 2.5 The final three projects on the list are deemed out of scope for the Community Facilities Grant and therefore are not recommended for funding. However, it should be noted that steps have been taken to advise the applicants of alternative mechanisms for funding.
- 2.6 Staff have completed an exercise to obtain feedback from round 1 applicants, who have expressed satisfaction with the process of awards. It is also very clear from the feedback that the Community Facilities Grant has made a significant difference, with a range of projects being completed that otherwise would never have been undertaken.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to approve the phase 2 awards outlined in appendix 1, with a total spend of £196,741.

- 3.2 The Committee is asked to consider the further approvals requiring an investment of £52,491 and agree that any further funding required be remitted to Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Community Facilities Fund was established at full Council on 18th 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
- improving access to information or community facilities
- other facilities which contribute to the well being of the local community.

4.2 Inverclyde Council established the following criteria and weightings for assessment:-

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

4.3 Phase 1 of the award process commenced and a total of 14 completed bids were received by the closing date of Friday 29th April 2011. Following Committee endorsement, 10 applications were approved at a total cost of £172,842. In total, eight of those projects have now completed with only residual activity to be undertaken on the remaining two projects.

4.4 Additional spend was allocated and agreed as follows:-

- Kilmacolm New Community Centre £150,000.
- Wellington Community Facility £200,000.
- Inverkip Community Facility £350,000.
- Gibshill Community Facility £100,000.

4.5 Inverclyde Council agreed to proceed to phase 2, with the balance of £227,000 remaining to be approved and disbursed in phase 2.

4.6 By the closing date of 30th November 2012, a total of 16 bids had been received with a combined value of £481,000. This exceeded the available budget and consequently even if all applications received were both eligible and strong bids, there would have been insufficient funding to support 100% of the activity.

4.7 Assessment of the applications was completed by staff at Inverclyde Council within the agreed assessment criteria and scored accordingly. It should be noted that in general the quality of bids submitted was of a high standard, with local organisations putting considerable effort into preparing their applications.

4.8 Funding will be limited to a maximum of 75% of total costs and applicants will be required to demonstrate the availability of match funding.

4.9 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.

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

4.9.2 All monitoring of finance and performance will be completed by the existing team based

within the Economic Development Programme Management Support Unit (PMSU).

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 **Legal:** These have been considered as part of the application process and award of grants.

5.2 **Human Resources:** These have been considered as part of the application process.

5.3 **Equality and Diversity:** These have been considered as part of the application process.

5.4 **Finance:**
One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
Earmarked Reserves	Community Facilities Fund	2012/13 Onwards	£196,741		Additional budget request for £52,491.

Annual Recurring Costs

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

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Consultation will be undertaken as part of the application process.

7.0 CONCLUSION

7.1 The proposed awards in phase 2, will mean that the Community Facilities funding has now been fully committed. When all activity has been completed, Inverclyde Council will have spent £1,200,000 on a range of community activity across Inverclyde. Beneficiaries have included a range of organisations in the community and voluntary sector delivering benefits to the community and local residents.

Contact	Organisation	Request	Award	Description	Score	Recommendation
Stephen Mcloone	Glenpark Harriers Athletic Club	10,156	10,156	External repairs at clubhouse	86	Approve at full cost
Katrina Vine	Quarriers Village	£41,000	£41,000	Refurbishment at the community centre in Quarriers Village - lift and disabled toilets	82	Approve at full cost
Robert Pinkerton	Ardgowan Club	£2,300	£2,300	Environmental improvements including waste removal	73	Approve at full cost
Martin Jess	East End Utd. Boys Club	£37,500	£37,500	Develop dedicated changing rooms for club participants	71	Approve at full cost
Colin McDougall	The Greenock Cricket & Hockey Club	£14,315	£14,315	Floodlights and synthetic pitch provision	70	Approve at full cost
Val Knight-Rowley	Inverkip Primary Parents Association	£6,548	£6,548	School canopy to allow outside activity in inclement weather	68	Approve at full cost
Craig Bradley	Greenock and District Sea Cadets	£3,125	£3,125	Ramped access at harbourside for improved access	67	Approve at full cost
Vicki McCarthy	REACH for Autism	£46,000	£37,950	Premises refurbishment for new service for children with autism	64	Approve, deleted revenue costs, revised value £37,950
Alison Duncan	Wellington Allotment Gardens	£9,000	£9,000	Repairs to external wall at the allotments	63	Approve at full cost

Paul Bristow	Inverclyde Community Development Trust	£30,000	£30,000	Refurbishment at the Dutch Gable House		
					62	Approve at full cost
Elizabeth Jack	Wellington Pre-5 Nursery	£10,119	£4,847	Outside play area for nursery children		
					62	Approve at materials costs only - £4,847 support from employability programme.
		£210,063	£196,741	There are sufficient funds in the available budget to fund all of the above and remaining funds of £30,259.		
Sharon Gemmel	Parklea Branching Out	£50,000	£37,500	Additional refurbishment of greenhouses	59	additional funding, note reduction in award for further greenhouse improvements
David Shaw	West Coast Cinemas	£25,000	£25,000	Upgrade to local cinema including digital capacity	58	Approved subject to additional funding being available
Chris Jewell	Discover Inverclyde – Films and Images	£29,250	£20,250	Projection of heritage films and images at town centre locations	56	Approved at revised amount subject to additional funding being available
		£104,250	£82,750	The 3 projects above have been assessed as eligible, if additional funding can be made available, requires £52,491		
Chris Jewell	Discover Inverclyde	£11,350	£11,350	Municipal Building façade enhancement programme		Out of scope, however, refer to the Common Good Fund.
William Hammil	2nd Port Glasgow Boys Club	£6,314	£6,314	Purchase of percussion instruments for band		Out of scope, however, the activity is good and recommend to Grants to Voluntary Organisations.
Lynne Quinn	Gourock Community Trust	£150,000	£150,000	Amphitheatre roof		Out of scope, however, refer to CVS for funding advice.
	Total received bids	£481,000				
Available budget	227,000					
Total Recommended	196,741					
Subject to additional funds	82,750					
Funding gap	52,491					