
Report To:	Grants Sub-Committee	Date:	7 March 2017
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	Report No:	GR/01/17/WB/HS
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Subject:	Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2017/18		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Budget in 2017/18.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The budget for the Grants to Voluntary Organisations Fund for 2017/18 is £293,190. From this amount, the following payments have been set aside:-

- £183,161 to support a one year extension of funding for those groups previously in receipt of a 3 year grant awarded in the financial year 2014/15;
- £17,600 to support lease costs for Youth Connections and Samaritans; and
- Grants Sub Committee of 17 May 2016 approved the sum of £10,000 to continue the current provision of playschemes for both Boglestone and Inverkip for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Taking the above into account, the balance of £82,429 is available for Round 1.

- 2.2 Details of the grant applications received are given in Appendix A. In total, 67 one off grant applications have been received with the total sum requested being £266,130.65.

To assist the Grants Sub-Committee, Officers have proposed indicative awards within the budget available. These reflect previous awards made to applicants or similar projects approved by the Sub-Committee. These recommendations are given in Appendix B – Private Paper.

Officer recommendations currently total £36,335.21, leaving a balance of £46,093.79 with 16 awards still to be confirmed.

Members are invited to determine the final grants awarded to each application as detailed in the appendices, having regard to Officers' recommendations and the total funds available.

- 2.3 Members will be aware of the additional £150,000 made available from Reserves for Grants to Voluntary Organisations in 2017/18. This will be available to any local organisations seeking support to build a business case or increase their capacity to enable them to exercise their rights of community transfer under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 2.4 In addition to supporting these specific aims, the increased funding will mean that there remains a more general avenue for support to voluntary organisation in the course of 2017/18. This will be particularly helpful with the bulk of the existing GTVO budget being committed early 2017/18.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Grants Sub-Committee determine the level of funding to be allocated to the organisations in Appendix A

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Details of applications that have been submitted for this meeting have been given in Appendix A.
- 4.2 The total available funding for allocation through small grants in Round 1 of 2017/18 is £82,429.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications – One off costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this report	Virement from	Other Comments
009700006005 007900006100	Grants to Vol Orgs	17/18	To be confirmed	n/a	n/a

5.2 Legal: None

5.3 Human Resources: None

5.4 Equalities: Guidelines on how the grants are scored and how groups should apply, taking into account a number of equalities issues have been agreed previously by the Sub-Committee.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 None required

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

PUBLIC APPENDIX

Appendix A One Off Applications

Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
Arts Group	Greenock Art Club	Sustain help with increased rent costs, new equipment, youth awards and move back to original premises	£5,000.00	
Arts Group	Greenock Light Opera Club	Support towards theatre hire costs for musical productions	£2,000.00	
Arts Group	Inverclyde Pipes and Drums	Purchase of sporrans and flashes and maintenance/ replacement of equipment	£2,000.00	
Arts Group	Inverclyde Youth Theatre	Support towards theatre hire costs for musical productions	£4,000.00	
Arts Group	Pan Breed Productions	Wish to produce short film on Inverclyde using local film makers	£5,000.00	
Arts Group	RIG Arts Ltd	Financial assistance to insulate our studio/teaching space at Tobacco Warehouse	£2,200.00	
Arts Group	Riverside Youth Band	Looking to purchase a formal uniform - band currently have no branded clothing	£3,435.00	
Arts Group	Stedfast Silver Band	Requesting support towards tutoring/conducting costs	£660.00	
Bowling Club	Gourock Park Bowling Club	Improvements to club house	£2,500.00	
Bowling Club	Grosvenor Bowling Club	Support towards running cost with the club	£3,500.00	
Bowling Club	Lady Alice Bowling Club Junior Section	Funding for coaching scheme for Junior section	£3,000.00	
Bowling Club	Port Glasgow Bowling Club	Funding to refurbish kitchen, storage for carpet mats, 4 sets of carpet bowls Fenders and other accessories for carpet mat - indoor programme for Dementia sufferers	£2,538.00	
Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support for general running costs	£2,000.00	

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Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support to renew our 4 banks around greens due to water damage from higher grounds	£9,000.00	
Bowling Club	Wellington Park Bowling Club	Support with green costs ahead of competitive games within the Scottish Top Ten Championships.	£3,000.00	
Care Group	Children in Poverty Inverclyde	Funding for Santa's grotto and pantomime providing opportunity for the children from low incomes families	£2,240.00	
Care Group	GRASP (Greenock Recovery Alcohol Support Project)	Support with running costs	£2,000.00	
Care Group	Home Start Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	Support for admin and recruitment/training for volunteers/co-ordinator	£6,775.00	
Care Group	Inverclyde Out of School Care Network	Support with admin costs, accountancy fees and AGM costs	£2,675.00	
Care Group	MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy	Support for new carpets and furnishings on move to new premises	£5,000.00	
Care Group	MindMosaic Counselling and Therapy	Support for new IT/telephone system on move to new premises	£4,900.00	
Care Group	REACH for Autism	Support for rent costs	£12,000.00	
Community Group	Auchmountain Glen Project	Support with running costs	£4,740.00	
Community Group	Belville Community Garden Trust	Seeking overhead & accommodation costs for the new position of Volunteer Co-ordinator	£2,244.00	
Community Group	Broomhill Tenants and Residents Association	Support towards a summer outing and Christmas dinner for isolated/lonely residents	£2,000.00	
Community Group	Cowdenknowes Residents Association	Support towards admin costs, hire of hall and Christmas social evening	£500.00	
Community Group	Inverkip Community Initiative	Grant for caretaker/keyholder hours to be extended from 40-50hrs per week to allow more groups access to Centre	£2,600.00	

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Community Group	Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd	Funding to repair 2 curtain sided trailers that provide storage for equipment required for the show	£3,500.00	
Community Group	Kilmacolm Horticultural Society	Funding to create walkway and sensory garden at Old Kirk Manse Woods	£500.00	
Community Group	Slaemuir Tenants & Residents Association	Funding for outing to Blair Drummond and Ayr	£1,950.00	
Community Group	The Church of St Mary The Virgin Port Glasgow	Purchase of 2 soup kettles to assist Clydemen Lunch Club	£131.96	
Community Group	Woodhall Community Association	Funding for residents trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park, Christmas panto, training & vision days and admin costs	£7,000.00	
National/Regional Group	Arthritis Care Greenock & District	Funding towards entertainment, group outing, hire of hall and equipment for activities	£1,122.00	
National/Regional Group	Deafblind Scotland	Funding towards production of newsletters/information requests, social interaction events and information for parents/carers	£712.00	
National/Regional Group	North Ayrshire Beekeepers Association (Inverclyde Pollinator Corridor Project)	Obtaining walling stone/artist time to build a dry stone cairn - part of community biodiversity and wildflower garden	£2,403.00	
National/Regional Group	Parkinson's Inverclyde Support Group	Support with running costs: transport, hall hire & admin costs	£831.25	
National/Regional Group	Victim Support Scotland	Funding towards transforming new office into a practical and caring environment for service users and volunteers	£3,318.80	
Older People	Port Glasgow Old Mens Club	Funding for club members to travel to historic museums and events out with Port Glasgow	£1,200.00	
Older People	Woman's Initiative for Socialising, Health, Education & Skills (Wishes)	Funding towards tutors, hall rent and IT/admin costs	£5,017.00	

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Pre-School Group	Inverclyde Happy Tots	Funding towards running costs and baby sensory classes	£3,260.00	
Pre-School Group	Kilmacolm Playgroup & Toddlers	Seeking assistance with rental costs	£1,000.00	
Sports Group	Ardgowan Club	Arranging for expert attention to the vegetation (mainly trees) within the grounds of the Ardgowan Club	£3,600.00	
Sports Group	Clyde Netball Club	Purchase of new strips for Under 15 & Under 17 for District competitions - strips must differ from those used for Club games	£1,200.00	
Sports Group	Gourock Golf Club	Support towards facility for Community Golf Project which will allow sustainability of the schools engagement programme	£10,000.00	
Sports Group	Greenock Boxing Club	Introducing Junior classes and wish support in purchasing age appropriate equipment	£1,050.00	
Sports Group	Greenock Cricket Club	Wish to purchase a cassette lawnmower which will help green cope with increased demand	£2,200.00	
Sports Group	Greenock Juniors Football Club	Support with training venue costs	£4,800.00	
Sports Group	Greenock Morton Hockey Club	Support towards two programmes aimed at increasing membership	£6,451.00	
Sports Group	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire charges.	£25,307.64	
Sports Group	Inverclyde Cricket Club	Funding for coaching sessions to support 'Growing Cricket in Inverclyde' programme	£2,928.00	
Sports Group	Newark Angling Club	Funding to subsidise junior membership and those with limited resources	£610.00	
Sports Group	Paisley District Schools Football Association	Support towards running costs - coach hire, pitch hire, equipment and laundry	£2,400.00	
Sports Group	Port Glasgow Boat Club	Funding to replace perimeter security fence	£3,000.00	
Sports Group	Port Glasgow Boys Club	Grant towards first aid, child protection and coaching training	£4,280.00	

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Sports Group	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Funding to allow for promotion and expansion of football and netball teams - training for coaches and training wear/strips	£3,310.00	
Sports Group	Port Glasgow Juniors FC	Assistance with training and match day venue costs	£5,000.00	
Sports Group	Port Victoria Boxing Club	Funding towards upgrade of ladies changing room, showers, kitchen and new boiler	£9,000.00	
Sports Group	St Andrews BC U21s	Support towards running costs - not in receipt of fee waivers	£1,760.00	
Summer Playscheme	Auchmountain Community Resource Centre	Summer playscheme over 4 week period	£5,000.00	
Summer Playscheme	Gibshill Community Centre	Summer Programme of activities for children and young people in Gibshill and surrounding area	£5,000.00	
Uniformed Group	49F Greenock Squadron Air Training Corps	Support towards 'Dine-in' - formal presentation and dinner for cadets	£1,600.00	
Uniformed Group	G&D Explorer Belt	Assistance towards campsite costs for nights on expedition & emergency team items	£2,640.00	
Uniformed Group	Kilmacolm Local Area Guides	Funding towards maintenance of Guide hut - replacement of rotting timbers, wood preserver paint, new entrance door and new concrete to steps/disabled ramp	£1,900.00	
Uniformed Group	The Girls' Brigade in Scotland	Funding for equipment and resources to be used by all companies	£2,200.00	
Voluntary Group	Inverclyde Heartstart	Funding towards branded clothing for volunteer trainers and projector with built in DVD	£450.00	
Voluntary Group	Lyle Gateway (SCIO)	Funding for tables and chairs to ensure adequate provision for current and new members	£860.00	
Voluntary Group	Port Glasgow Voluntary Trans-Port Group	Funding towards running costs and employment of PT staff member to help with admin and holiday cover	£28,287.00	

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