

GRANTS TO THIRD SECTOR

1. SUMMARY

Campbeltown Picture House was awarded an Argyll & Bute Council Third Sector Grant of £1,500 in the 2010-11 financial year. This was 50% of the estimated cost of a project to replace some of the Cinema's projector lenses. In the event, the contractor, Sound Associates, was able to make significant cost savings by combining jobs and reducing travel and hotel expenses. The Cinema staff were also able to source second-hand equipment and won a small grant from Scottish Screen to further assist with costs.

As a result of a great deal of prudence by the Cinema operators and their contractor, the final cost of the work amounted to £1,705.20 (rather than the initial estimated £3,000). As the Council's Third Sector Grants are restricted to funding up to 50% of the cost of a project, this leaves an over-allocation of funding of £647.40.

The applicant has asked to retain these funds because the Cinema's projector has recently incurred additional, unexpected costs and the Cinema's operators are currently applying to a number of potential funders for £50,000 to upgrade the projection equipment to digital.

The Cinema has a number of complex financial needs and the savings were made as a result of extraordinary prudence on the part of both the Cinema operators and their contractor.

2. DETAIL

For information, Campbeltown Picture House was awarded a Third Sector Grant for £774 in the 2011-12 funding round to help purchase accounting software and pay for the services of an accountant.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Campbeltown Picture House retains the over-allocation of £647.40 to assist with ongoing maintenance costs associated with the projection equipment and the Council wishes to acknowledge their and their contractor's extraordinary prudence.

4. IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Finance: The £647.40 was accounted for in the 2010-11 financial year, but could be considered as a budget saving in the current financial year.

Personnel: None

Legal: None

Equal Opportunities: None

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