

THIRD SECTOR GRANTS 2012/13

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report details recommendations for the award of Third Sector Grants (including Events and Festivals) to Third Sector organisations for Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.
- 1.2 Applications are considered twice yearly in April and August. This is intended to avoid allocation of the full budget at one meeting and to enable activities held later in the year to be funded.
- 1.3 The total Third Sector Grant budget made available by the Council for allocation in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands for 2012/13 is £35,000.
- 1.4 £31,589 was awarded to 38 organisations at the Area Committee meeting in April. (Mid Argyll Transport Volunteers were awarded £1,200 but subsequently withdrew their application). The total budget remaining for allocation in this round is £4,611.
- 1.5 Five applications have been received in this second and last round of applications, none of which are for Events and Festivals

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The five organisations listed below are awarded funding from the Third Sector Grants budget, as per the table below.
- 2.2 Where possible, new applicants should receive all or most of the amount requested (up to 50% total project costs) unless, proportionally, a very large amount of funding is sought.
- 2.3 In 2013-14 the amount of funding held back for the second round of Third Sector Grant applications in MAKI be reduced by 50% to £2,500.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 In spite of publicity and awareness raising, demand for Third Sector Grant assistance in the second half of the year appears to be far weaker than in the first half of the year in MAKI, where demand outstrips available funding by three times. This

imbalance has resulted in a net 'underspend' of £128 in round 2. In addition, all of the applicants in the second round could potentially receive their requested levels of funding. This is in stark contrast to applicants in the first round – most of whom saw their funding reduced.

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant Awarded 2011/12</u>	<u>Total Project Costs</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
3.2	ArtMap Argyll	Nil	£4,400	£1,900	£1,900
3.3	Coisir Og Dhailriada	Nil	£2,119	£1,000	£1,000
3.4	Dochas Dancers	Nil	£1,815	£1,665	£885 (see note below)
3.5	Girlguiding Argyll	£160	£4,520	£400	£400
3.6	Mid Argyll and Kintyre PACT	Nil	£596	£298	£298
	Total	£160	£13,450	£5,263	£4,483
			Total Recommended		£4,611
			Balance		£128

	Organisation	Rationale for grant allocation
3.2	ArtMap Argyll	To use art to help take some of the objectives identified in Ardrishaig's community action plans forward and specifically to rent a temporary space from which to run creative workshops to help the community create permanent, site specific artworks in the town.
3.3	Coisir Og Dhailriada	To support the Choir's participation in the National Mod in Dunoon. This is the Choir's key project driver each year and is its main expense.
3.4	Dochas Dancers	Stay Safe! Say No! Tell Someone! pilot project. To fund adult protection themed dance training sessions. The sessions will build confidence and enable the dancers to go on to train other people. <i>Please note the recommendation is lower than the amount requested because the applicant has received £780 from the Mid Argyll Health & Wellbeing Network.</i>
3.5	Girlguiding Argyll	This organisation has applied to three areas of the Council, excluding Helensburgh and Lomond. The total amount requested is £1200, which equates to £400 from each of the three areas. The applicant is seeking a contribution towards a training weekend in Ardmay for leaders. The recommendation above is provisional and is dependent upon the applicant providing additional clarification.
3.6	Mid Argyll and Kintyre PACT	To assist with the production of two newsletters per year, with a combined print run of 600, to keep members of PACT informed and raise the profile of the group in Campbeltown and Kintyre in particular.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 All organisations have been contacted and grant applications assessed, and where applicable, have received financial approval.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy: None
- 5.2 Financial: As per area budget allocation.
- 5.3 Legal: None
- 5.4 HR: None
- 5.5 Equalities: Consistent with the Council's Equal Opportunities policy
- 5.6 Risk: Monitoring of the process will minimise any risk to the Council
- 5.7 Customer Service: None.

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