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- 1.5 The funding for 2022/23 must be committed by 31st March 2023 and be evidenced by at minimum a fully let contract or commencement of works in order to avoid having to return any unspent funds to Scottish Government. This means that there is not much time to ensure that we meet with this timeframe and as such the recommended projects in Table 1 (paragraph 4.7) are projects that not only have the ability to meet the aims of the fund, but also add value to existing pieces of work and are time critical.
- 1.6 The fund links closely to the ongoing reprioritisation focus of the Economic Growth service, and associated Economic Strategy and Economic Recovery Plan. With its 'place' focus, the fund also builds on and adds value to the previous year's PBI funding as well as previous Town Centre Fund investment, as well as previous regeneration initiatives taken forward by the council.
- 1.7 The Crown Estate funding is targeted at the sustainability of coastal communities within the following categories:
 - Environment
 - Community
 - Climate Change
 - Economic Development.

As part of the annual reporting requirements for this fund, the Council has to advise how the funding has been spent across the categories.

Community and the following changes to the funding are proposed:

1. £10,000 grant to Bute Community Forest to extend community engagement by providing e-bike and mountain bike access to the community forest, working with Fyne Futures. The funding will pay for a handover station for the transition between e-bikes, which are unsuitable in the forest, to mountain bikes. This would enable the journey from Rothesay to be car free and would also provide a 'carbon free' product.

4.2 Argyll and Bute Council's allocation for year 1 (2021/22) was £821,000. The Council's allocations for this year (2022/23) is £712,000. Forthcoming years have not yet been determined but if the same percentage were to be applied against the current total fund figures that have been given, it is estimated that the Council's allocation for years 3-5 could be in the region of £500,000 per year. However, there is no absolute certainty to these figures at this time.

4.3 The main objectives of the PBIP are:

to link and align place-based initiatives, and establish a coherent local framework to implement the Place Principle;

to support place policy ambitions such as town centre revitalisation, community led regeneration, 20 minute neighbourhoods and Community Wealth Building;

to ensure that all place-based investments are shaped by the needs and aspirations of local communities; and,

to accelerate our ambitions for net zero, wellbeing and inclusive economic development, tackling inequality and disadvantage, community involvement and ownership.

4.4 The challenge in respect of the fund is to identify projects that meet the place-based criteria, and are able to be delivered within short timeframes with our limited staff resources. Projects to be delivered under the 2022/23 allocation need to be delivered in a 9 month period and therefore need to be sufficiently well advanced in terms of their development, straightforward to deliver and/or be ready to start on site, or be able to be delivered by a third party.

4.5 Under the PBI allocation for 2021/22 the council supported a total of 8 projects and prior to the commencement of PBI funding the council supported a total of 28 projects under the previous SG 1 220-96(p)-6(r)21(e)-6(v)63(S4m[])JTJETBT1 C

	higher reflecting rises in construction costs and is now £345,224 which leaves £89,514 of a shortfall. Contract ready to be let.			
Tobermory Harbour Wall and Railings, Phase 2 To increase the wall height and introduce new railings to Tobermory Harbour as the next phase of harbour improvements; to mitigate against the effects of climate change, ensure the retail core is better protected and safer for pedestrians.	Fit with PBI and CE – Phase 1 was supported by CE and TCF	£450,000 (apply to IP for £250,000)	£100,000	£100,000
Jura Passenger Ferry infrastructure The proposal is to replace the existing ladder system with a small pontoon and gangway boarding arrangement that can be semiportable and deployed on the Feolin side when required. The funding would be used to provide the community with the means to safely board and exit the small replacement craft used as a passenger only link when the larger vessels cannot sail. The access needs to provide a safe sloped access and floating staging area for passengers which can accommodate the small craft alongside.	Fit with CE criteria Critical infrastructure that will provide inclusive access provision for Jura community and other ferry users	£100,000	£0	£100,000
TOTALS			£389,514 (PBI 2022/23 is £712,000 Leaving £322,486 to still be allocated)	£200,000 (if approved £397,453 remaining for 22/23 assuming estimated £1million ng

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