

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members of the Policy and Resources Committee:

- a) Agree to the award of eligible SEF Round 5.2 grants to 10 events amounting to £48,371 as detailed in **Appendix 1, Table 1**.
- b) Agree that any SEF grant offer only be formally issued upon confirmation from the individual event organisation that the event is formally confirmed and is definitely going ahead and still meets the SEF Round 5 criteria. These grants are detailed in **Appendix 1, Table 1**.
- c) Agree to continue delegation of powers to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth to allow any subsequent amendment to existing grant requests to be made brought about as a consequence of changes to the event/event budget. Any amendment to a current grant request/offer would only be considered if the amendment related to either the same level or a reduction in the request from and constitute up to 75% of legitimate and eligible expenditure.
- d) Note that £14,204 would be left to be earmarked towards a future SEF round as previously agreed by Committee in February 2022.

ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

**POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

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6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: None.

6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: The Fund seeks to support the economic growth of areas including a positive contribution to fragile areas.

6.5.3 Islands: The Fund seeks to support island economies by encouraging increased levels of visitors.

6.6 Climate Change - As part of the application process events have to demonstrate how they are limiting their carbon footprint and this is part of the scoring process.

6.7 Risk - The full effects of the impact of Covid is still having an influence on the events and festivals industry, however we have seen the beginning of a recovery although the industry is still fragile.

6.8 Customer Service - None.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1:

Table 1 SEF Round 5.2 Eligible Grant Applications Received April 2023

Table 2 SEF Round 5 Grants Awarded in February 2023

	<u>31,575</u>
£5,001	