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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S UNIT

4th June 2024

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2024/25

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the allocation of the C Communities Fund (SCF) for Bute & Cowal.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund available by the Council for allocation in Bute & Cowal is £30,176.69
- 1.3 It is recommended that 17 applicants are awarded funding.
- 1.4 Applicants awarded funds from the C

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The report details recommendations for the award of the

4.0 DETAIL

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Supporting Communities Fund application and assessment process has been completed as set out within its guidance.
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2024/25.
- 5.3 The 17 projects being put forward for an award will help communities to deliver priority activities in their area in 2024/25.
- 5.4 All applicants to the fund are supported throughout the process and beyond by the Community Development Team.
- 5.5 Given that fund is oversubscribed, the team is considering potential changes to the fund for the future and recommendations will come to members to decide.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: n/a
- 6.2 Financial: Recommendations in the report are limited to the budget allocation available in 2024/25 for the Supporting Communities Fund in Bute & Cowal.
- 6.3 Legal: Applications are initially assessed to ensure that groups are constituted with managed accounts.
- 6.4 HR: n/a
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: The Supporting Communities Fund supports community groups in tackling poverty, reducing inequality and building a fairer and more inclusive Scotland.
 - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics: Applicants are given the options of receiving the application in large print and other languages.
 - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty: None know

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1- Assessment Score and Recommendations
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Bute & Cowal 2024/25

Ref	Applicant	Recommendation	Assessment Score	Value of Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Award 2024/25	Cumulative Total
1	Isle of Bute Resilience	Award	7.9	£ 3,650.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
2	Crossroads Caring for Carers B&C SCIO	Award	7.8	£ 3,750.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 5,000.00
3	Heartstart Argyll	Award	7.8	£ 2,450.00	£ 2,450.00	£ 2,450.00	£ 7,450.00
4	Castle House Museum	Award	7.7	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 9,950.00
5	Waterbaby Arts	Award	7.7	£ 2,448.00	£ 2,448.00	£ 2,448.00	£ 12,398.00
6	Scenic Sandbank	Award	7.6	£ 11,549.00	£ 2,460.00	£ 2,460.00	£ 14,858.00
7	Cairndow Community Council	Award	7.5	£ 350.00	£ 350.00	£ 350.00	£ 15,208.00
8	Strachur and District Youth Drama	Award	7.5	£ 6,670.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 17,708.00
9	Bute Advice Centre	Award	7.2	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 20,208.00
10	Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust	Award	7.2	£ 9,932.00	£ 2,498.00	£ 2,498.00	£ 22,706.00
11	Patchwork Nursery	Award	7.2	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 23,706.00
12	Tignabruich District Development Trust (1)	Award	7.1	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 24,106.00
13	Bute Community Forest	Award	7.1	£ 3,700.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 26,606.00
14	Live Music Now Scotland	Award	7.0	£ 2,457.60	£ 614.25	£ 614.25	£ 27,220.25
15	Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd	Award	6.9	£ 963.00	£ 963.00	£ 963.00	£ 28,183.25
16	Cairndow Village Hall	Partial award	6.7	£ 1,450.00	£ 1,450.00	£ 996.72	£ 29,179.97
17	Youth Stuff	Partial award	6.7	£ 3,082.40	£ 2,222.37	£ 996.72	£ 30,176.69
18	Argyll Talking Newspaper	No award	6.6	£ 4,000.00	£ 666.66	£ -	£ -
19	Argyll & Bute CAB	No award	6.5	£ 18,756.00	£ 2,500.00	£ -	£ -
20	Lochgoilhead Bowling Club	No award	6.5	£ 2,495.00	£ 1,975.00	£ -	£ -
21	Wild Goilers	No award	6.5	£ 1,436.00	£ 1,436.00	£ -	£ -
22	Hunter's Quay Community Council	No award	6.4	£ 1,340.00	£ 1,340.00	£ -	£ -
23	Lochgoil Comm Council	No award	6.4	£ 2,338.00	£ 2,088.00	£ £ -	£ -
24	Rothsay Pipe Band	No award	6.3	£ 3,475.00	£ 2,500.00	£ -	£ -

Appendix 2 – Project Summary Sheet

Applications Received (in order of scoring by Community Development Officer)

For submission to Bute & Cowal Committee for final decision (maximum value £2,500).

Ref:	1
Applicant: Isle of Bute Resilience	
Recommended Award: £2500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.9
Project Summary:	
<p>The grant recipient will use funding towards: The <i>Port Bannatyne Gala Day</i> in July 2024, a large community event for the people of Bute and visitors to the island. Funding, will cover stage, PA, marquee and event / safety equipment hire. The event is organised by volunteers, who will receive training and develop a range skills.</p> <p>The IoB Resilience Team, have offered to deliver the event which was at risk of cancellation.</p>	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	No conditions

Ref:	2
Applicant: Crossroad Caring for Carers Cowal & Bute SCIO	
Recommended Award: £2,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.8
Project Summary:	
<p>The grant recipient will use funding to support young carers between 12 and 17 years old in Cowal and Bute to participate in the Young Carers festival in June and participate in a programme of events over the summer of 2024.</p> <p>Further activities will include outdoor learning at Benmore Outdoor Education centre, trampolining, Heads of Ayr Farm park, swimming, and ice skating. This will allow young carers to create positive and meaningful memories of summer.</p>	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	

Ref:	3
Applicant: Heartsart Cowal	
Recommended Award: £2,450	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.8
Project Summary:	
<p>The grant recipient will use funding towards updating a training projector, volunteer training sessions, and running costs. This to assist in the provision of CPR and Defib training across the Cowal peninsula. Sessions are currently attended by a breadth of community organisations. The funding shall have secondary benefits in building resilience in these groups.</p>	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	

Ref:	4
Applicant: Castle House Museum	
Recommended Award: £2,500	Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.7
Project Summary:	

focus of wider regeneration and community ownership; led by a Community Development worker the group have recently employed.

Recommendation:

Award

Conditions:

Ref:

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Applicant: Cairndow Community Council

Recommended Award:

partners as appropriate. This is a further means of ensuring income maximisation by targeted engagement. Funding is for project costs.

Recommendation: Award

Conditions:

Ref: 10

Applicant: Dunoon Burgh Hall Trust

Recommended Award: £2,321.33 Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.2

Project Summary:

DBHT will use funding to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Dunoon Burgh Hall. A project co-ordinator shall arrange heritage and engagement events throughout the year, at the hall, in the community and local schools.

The worker will have a role in engaging local groups, managing new volunteers, and providing training opportunities around the calendar of cultural events. The project will also explore the history of the building and its Victorian roots.

Recommendation: Award

Conditions:

Ref: 11

Applicant: Patchwork Nursery

Recommended Award: £823.34 Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.2

Project Summary:

Patchwork Nursery will use funding to organise a fortnightly intergenerational visit from children from Patchwork Nursery to Ashgrove care home. The reciprocal visits to the nursery by care home residents are match funded by Ashgrove.

Recommendation: Award

Conditions:

Ref: 12

Applicant: Tignabruich District Development Trust (1) - Seniors

Recommended Award: £0 Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.1

Project Summary:

10 week activity programme for elderly residents to increase attendance at lunch club; and reverse trend for home delivery of lunch service, addressing isolation. Partnership between TDDT, Kings Court Addiction services and West Kirk Church.

Recommendation: Award

Conditions:

Ref: 13

Applicant: Bute Community Forest

Recommended Award: £0 Assessment Score (out of 10): 7.1

Project Summary:

Delivery of 8 volunteer events over calendar year
involvement of underrepresented groups
extension of activities for those attending

Recommendation:

Conditions:

Ref:

Applicant: Live Music Now Scotland

Recommended Award: £0

Project Summary:

The project will deliver 1-hour participatory music sessions in homes and two 45-minute performances in rural areas of Argyll and Bute Council.

In the B&C area the project would visit two Struan Lodges in Dunoon for performances.

Recommendation:

Conditions:

Ref:

Recommended Award:

Project Summary:

A free family adventure(C a)-3W*



Conditions:	
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Ref:	21
Applicant: Wild Goilers	
Recommended Award:	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.5
Project Summary:	
Funding to install 4 acoustic wildlife monitoring devices to give an indication of bird and bat populations over a 3 month period as baseline data for population health, and that of inter dependant species (e.g wild salmon).	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	

Ref:	22
Applicant: Hunter's Quay Community Council	
Recommended Award:	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.4
Project Summary:	
Funding for improving local community space. Funds requested for 10 garden planters, and community engagement day with beach clean and community picnic. Beach clean includes provision of catering from local supplier and hire of Scout hall.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	

Ref:	23
Applicant: Lochgoil Community Council	
Recommended Award:	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.4
Project Summary:	
Funding for environmental enhancement of village, in keeping with the local action eafront vegetation and grass maintenance contract with a local professional gardener and materials for community clean events.	
Recommendation:	No Award
Conditions:	

Ref:	24
Applicant: Rothesay Pipe Band	
Recommended Award:	Assessment Score (out of 10): 6.3

Ref:

28

Applicant:

Funding requested to assist with the promotion, training for and delivery of the Cowal walking festival in September 2024 - costs include: printing, safety equipment, maps, website hosting fees and insurance costs.

Recommendation:

No Award

Conditions:

Ref:

32

Applicant: Dunoon Community Shed

Recommended Award:

Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.7

Project Summary:

Funding requested for the purchase of 5 space heaters and general unspecified costs towards a wider schedule of work, including building repairs and improvements with additional aim of improving energy efficiency.

Recommendation:

No Award

Conditions: