
Report To:	Grants Sub-Committee	Date:	22 September 2021
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Subject:	Community Grants Fund 2021/22 – Round 1		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2021/2022.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The purpose of the Community Grants Fund is to enable the Council to provide financial support to community, sports and voluntary organisations within Inverclyde. Grants are capped at £10,000 to enable more organisations to benefit from financial support from the Council.

- 2.2 At the Education & Communities Committee it was agreed that £18,600 of the core budget is allocated to pay commercial rents of four third sector organisations:

- Samaritans;
- Youth Connections;
- Murdieston Dam Boat Club; and
- 1st Gourock Scouts (6th Greenock & District) - Drumshantie Road Scout Hall.

- 2.3 £30,000 has also been approved for summer playschemes at the following venues:

- Branchton Community Centre;
- Craighend Resource Centre;
- Youth Connections;
- Auchmountain Community Centre (via Inverclyde Leisure);
- Inverkip Primary School (via Inverclyde Leisure); and
- Newark Primary School (via Inverclyde Leisure)

- 2.4 The budget for the Community Grants Fund for 2021/2022 is £418,000. Taking the commitments at 2.2 and 2.3 above into account, the balance available for new one-off applications is £369,400.

- 2.5 Details of the grant applications received are given in Appendix A. In total, 67 one off grant applications were received with the sum requested being £530,542.01.

2 applications were deferred from the previous Grants to Voluntary Organisations Round 2 2020/2021 with the sum requested being £9,300.00. Details of these grant applications are provided in Appendix B. The total sum requested for this Round is £539,842.01.

- 2.6 To assist the Grants Sub-Committee, officers recommend indicative awards within the budget available. These reflect previous awards made to applicants, awards made to similar projects approved by the Sub-Committee or other conditions of grant. These recommendations are given in Appendix C – Private Paper.

2.7 Officer recommendations currently total £251,504.43, leaving a balance of £117,895.57. Equalities monitoring data forms appendix D to this report. Members are asked to note that a follow-up round of grants will open for applications Monday 18 October 2021, close Monday 6 December 2021 with Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 22 February 2022 to distribute the remaining balance of grant for 2021/2022.

2.8 Equalities monitoring information relating to applications received for this Round is given in Appendix D.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Grants Sub-Committee:

- agrees the level of funding to be allocated to the organisations set out in Appendices A & B;
- notes the dates for Round 2 applications; and
- notes the equalities monitoring information detailed in Appendix D.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Education and Communities Committee agreed in May 2021 to bring together the three current schemes (GTVO, Under 19's sports grant fund and Community Waivers) into a Community Grants Fund.

4.2 The Community Grants Fund would consider grants under the following headings:

- Facilities/Core Costs: running costs linked directly to the delivery of activities/services provided by the group/organisation (i.e. heating/lighting/rent);
- Project Costs: costs linked directly to a specific project being delivered by the groups/organisation (i.e. resources/uniform/event); and
- Fee Waiver: support for organisations towards costs for the hire of Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Leisure premises.

4.3 Applications are considered from organisations where funding is being sought for various projects/activities and/or running costs and awards cannot exceed £10,000 per organisation and meet the following conditions:

- Groups/organisations are actively based and provide services in Inverclyde;
- Applying as a sports club, it is actively operating, training and playing in Inverclyde or are setting up to do so;
- The group is non-profit or in the context of a voluntary sports club have an under 19s section/players;
- The group has Public Liability Insurance, where applicable;
- The group has a constitution, set of rules or Memorandum and Articles of Association which is dated and signed as 'adopted' by an office bearer on behalf of the group;
- The group has a bank or building society account which requires at least two signatures on each cheque or withdrawal;
- The grant will be spent within one year of the date of award letter; and
- The organisation is registered with Inverclyde Council.

4.4 These provisions are in line with previous grant criteria although there is now an increased emphasis on how the funding would be used to benefit the wider Inverclyde community. Additionally, it is a condition of grant that groups will consent to acknowledging the impact of Council Community Grant in publicity or marketing materials.

4.5 There are also some restrictions to the grant criteria and the Council will not award grants:

- which cover goods or services that the group orders or receives prior to the date of the award letter;
- which ask to cover core salary costs;
- for activities which have a closed membership or that could deliberately disadvantage other groups or residents of Inverclyde;
- for private clubs for commercial activities, but would consider requests to support initiatives designed to widen access to, and increase participation of disadvantaged and under-represented groups; or
- for organisations that contract with, or intend to contract with, the private sector.

4.6 Organisations need to specify how the awarding of a grant would contribute to and benefit the wider community in line with our local priorities of: repopulation, inequalities or environment, culture and heritage.

4.7 The service will continue to monitor the community grants process to ensure it continues to achieve its objectives.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
00970 000 60005		2021/2022	£251,504,.43		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.2 Legal

None

5.3 Human Resources

None

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

x	YES
	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
x	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
x	NO

5.5 **Repopulation**

None

6.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 Liaised with Finance to confirm budget available for 2021/2022.

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Appendix A One Off Applications

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
1	Arts	Greenock Burns Club	Support to raise awareness of the clubs archives and to mark the bio-centenary of Colin Rae Brown by restoring the memorial at Old West Kirk.	£3,360	
2	Arts	Inverclyde Pipes & Drums	Support towards replacement of band equipment; new jackets/waistcoats and the hire of premises for indoor practice sessions.	£5,000	
3	Arts	Inverclyde Youth Theatre	Support towards rehearsal space to meet Covid guidance and freelance costs towards member led actor/ musician production.	£10,000	
4	Arts	Prominence Academy of Performing Arts	Support towards performing arts; music classes for ASN children/adults; training of staff and running costs; hall rental.	£10,000	
5	Arts	RIG Arts	Support towards physical improvements towards newly renovated facilities and assistance with yearly overhead costs.	£4,775	
6	Arts	Riverside Youth Band	Support towards overhead costs with move to new rehearsal venue to better meet Covid guidance; support towards purchase of musical instruments/ resources/tutors for the Rookies programme.	£11,130	
7	Bowling Club	Ardgowan Club	Support towards greens upkeep and club overheads.	£9,080	
8	Bowling Club	Gourock Bowling Club	Support towards greens upkeep, new radiators/ toilet facilities and upgrade to bar area.	£10,000	
9	Bowling Club	Grosvenor Bowling Club	Support towards purchase of new lawnmower allowing greens to be maintained by Club.	£2,500	
10	Bowling Club	Inverkip Bowling Club	Support towards greens upkeep.	£3,000	
11	Bowling Club	Lady Alice Bowling Club	Support towards coaches for the Juniors section; new lawnmower; new bowls to meet bowling regulations; greens maintenance; Covid deep clean; air conditioning unit for cellar.	£10,000	
12	Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and new outdoor seating/viewing area.	£6,573	
13	Bowling Club	Wellington Park Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance; changing facilities upgrade and disabled ramp.	£6,175	
14	Care	Inverclyde Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	Support towards running costs including vehicle insurance, repair and maintenance.	£10,000	
15	Care	Inverclyde Faith in Throughcare	Support towards the hire of premises to allow for weekly programme to be expanded, filling the current gaps; support also for a personal coach, extending the current programme.	£8,880	

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16	Care	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	Support towards overhead costs and PPE.	£10,000	
17	Care	Moving on Inverclyde	Support towards structured art workshops aimed at tackling loneliness and social isolation. Funding for local artist, operating costs and end of project exhibition.	£7,980	
18	Care	Turning Point Scotland (Inverclyde Services)	Support towards a community garden at Neil Street allowing vulnerable adults to participate in meaningful activities, initially gardening leading onto cooking - shed, greenhouse, equipment, water feature and travel costs for volunteer gardener.	£8,300	
19	Community	Auchmountain Glen Project	Support towards hall rental.	£1,500	
20	Community	Caddlehill Allotment	Support towards improved security/ CCTV costs; replacement of chairs lost in fire; new back door and improved kitchen facilities.	£5,184.90	
21	Community	Colourful Kilmacolm	Support for planters, plants and bulbs and hire of hall for AGM.	£1,015	
22	Community	Cowdenknowes Residents Association	Support towards meeting room hire and admin costs.	£200	
23	Community	Gibshill Community Centre	Support towards the installation of IT equipment to the Centre for community use - computers/tablets, projector and screen.	£5,307.18	
24	Community	Inverclyde Community Fund	Support towards first aid service required for Inverclyde STRIDE and Chamber of Commerce membership.	£750	
25	Community	Inverclyde to Lourdes Group	Support towards rental of charity shop for fundraising purposes.	£450	
26	Community	Inverkip Community Initiative	Support towards the continued development of the cycling project based from the Centre - bikes, maintenance, seasonal instructor.	£9,500	
27	Community	Kilmacolm Horticultural Society	Support towards a new projector for lectures provided during the winter months.	£500	
28	Community	Lyle Gateway	Support towards 50% of licence fee for use of premises at Lyle Kirk - linked to National Lottery bid for building of community garden.	£3,000	
29	Community	Parklea Branching Out	Support towards development of new covered walkway and entrance porch - for community growing spaces and outdoor activities.	£7,580	
30	Community	Prospecthill Christian Fellowship/ Street Connect	Support towards exercise classes for Street Connect participants; resources; storage, refreshments.	£9,660	
31	Community	Youth Connections	Support towards arts focussed workshops, working with partners and engaging the wider community – arts tutor and supplies.	£4,000	

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
32	National/ Regional	Victim Support Inverclyde	Support towards overhead costs for local office	£4,500	
33	Sports	Birkmyre Rugby Club	Support towards insurance and pitch hire.	£11,839	
34	Sports	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	Support towards summer camp/hall let; development of coaches; training equipment; Christmas family event for members; workshops with Inverclyde A Team.	£1,600	
35	Sports	Broomhill Boys Club	Support towards training equipment; clothing; pitch hire; community project – working with Broomhill Beatz and partners – mental health support and musical group; transport; registration/ training costs.	£9,710	
36	Sports	Clyde Netball	Support towards training clothing/balls/bibs and games hall hire.	£11,100	
37	Sports	Clydeside AFC	Support towards hall hire and 3G pitches.	£3,000	
38	Sports	Fort Matilda Bridge Club	Support towards running costs and adjustments to meet Covid guidance.	£7,000	
39	Sports	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	Support towards pitch hire for league games and also for project in partnership with Man On Inverclyde.	£6,390	
40	Sports	Greenock Cricket Club	Support towards Bowlers run up synthetic matting with shock pad.	£3,360	
41	Sports	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	Support towards Covid hygiene costs; purchase of track equipment and hire of stadium for junior training.	£6,906.55	
42	Sports	Greenock Juniors	Support towards training and pitch hire costs.	£4,005	
43	Sports	Greenock Morton Community Trust	Support towards pitch hire costs for boys and girls teams across all age groups.	£9,780	
44	Sports	Greenock Morton Youth Academy	Support towards transport costs for away matches and pitch hire.	£29,000	
45	Sports	Greenock United	Support towards cost of pitch hire.	£10,000	
46	Sports	Greenock Wanderers	Support towards cost of rotary sit-on grass cutting machine and hire of 3G pitches and halls for training.	£9,807.00	
47	Sports	Inverclyde Amateur Football Club	Support towards hire of pitches for training and home match day games.	£9,897.50	
48	Sports	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	Support towards first aid course to re- qualify first aiders and pool hire costs.	£9,962.88	
49	Sports	Inverclyde American Football Community Club	Support towards helmets/uniform for developing youth team and pitch hire costs.	£8,792	
50	Sports	Inverclyde Athletic Club	Support towards Ravenscraig stadium costs for training, development camps and competitions.	£10,000	
51	Sports	Inverclyde Cricket Club	Support towards equipment, travel and training/game park hire.	£2,352	

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52	Sports	Newark Angling Club	Funding to allow for subsidised travel for elderly & juniors.	£500	
53	Sports	Ocean Youth Trust Scotland	Support towards cost of gazebo to allow open air training sessions to take place.	£500	
54	Sports	Paisley & District Schools Football Association	Support towards league running costs - pitch hire, laundry, transport, medals and strips.	£1,230	
55	Sports	Port Glasgow Boys Club	Support towards training clothing and equipment; training for coaches and hire of facilities for training and matches.	£28,500	
56	Sports	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Support towards hire of facilities for all teams; training kit and equipment; coach training and first aid kits.	£16,000	
57	Sports	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	Support towards football strips for children in the community and hire of pitches for training and match days.	£14,870	
58	Sports	St Andrews Boys Club	Support towards hire of facilities for training and match days.	£10,000	
59	Uniformed Organisation	32nd Greenock & District Scouts	Support towards running costs for Bank St premises as it is developed as a community venue ahead of new projects commencing.	£3,600	
60	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards annual membership fees; raising the profile of guiding and hire of facilities for Units meeting.	£10,000	
61	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Renfrewshire (South Newton Camp & Training Centre)	Support towards ongoing repair works to South Newton Centre to ensure it is watertight.	£4,500	
62	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Scout Council	Support towards running costs for Everton, HQ and buildings; project costs for drying room, crate climbing/abseiling at Everton.	£9,676	
63	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Sea Cadet Corps	Support towards annual running costs.	£5,000	
64	Uniformed Organisation	Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade	Support towards annual running costs.	£5,000	
65	Voluntary Organisation	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	Support towards annual running costs – staffing, rental, auditors, vehicle repairs.	£63,254	
66	Voluntary Organisation	World Walking	Support towards server hosting costs – significant increase in demand since Covid pandemic.	£1,350	
67	Youth	Inverclyde Youth for Christ	Support towards core running costs.	£2,160	

Total Requested

£530,542.01

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Appendix B One Off Applications Deferred from Grants to Voluntary Organisations Round 2 – 2020/2021

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
1	Community	Inverclyde Naval Club	Support towards Armistice Day event, dominoes competition, bingo and Christmas event.	£4,000	
2	Uniformed Organisation	1st Gourock Scout Group	Outdoor activity equipment – paddleboards, grass sledges, navigation, safety equipment.	£5,300	

Total Requested **£9,300.00**