

PLEASE NOTE START TIME OF MEETING

A meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee will be held on Monday 15 September 2025 at 1pm.

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LYNSEY BROWN
Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services

BUSINESS

1.	Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest	Page
2.	Community Grants Fund 2025/26 - Round 1 Report by Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development.	p
The documentation relative to the following item has been treated as exempt information in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the nature of the exempt information being that set out in paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 7 (A) of the Act.		
3.	Appendices relative to Item 2 providing further information on applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget in 2025/26.	p
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Report To:	Grants Sub-Committee	Date:	15 September 2025
Report By:	Ruth Binks, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	Report No:	GR/01/25/RB/HS
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Subject:	Community Grants Fund 2025/26 – Round 1		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 ☒ For Decision ☐ For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to give details of applications received for consideration for funding from the Community Grants Fund Budget of £321,000 in 2025/26.
- 1.3 As part of the 2024/26 budget process, a saving of £25,000 from the Community Grants Fund was agreed from 2025/26. However, use of £75,000 of free reserves was agreed to defer the impact of this saving to 2028/29. This means that the budget available for 2025/26 is in line with the previous financial year.
- 1.4 A number of previously agreed commitments are deducted from the Community Grants Fund Budget prior to consideration by the Grants Sub-Committee. These include:
- £7.8k for the payment of rents for The Samaritans and Murdieston Dam Boat Club;
 - £30k to subsidise summer playschemes; and
 - £25k for fee waivers for town hall lets for community groups;
- 1.5 Excluding these commitments, the net budget for Community Grants Funding in 2025/26 is £258,200.
- 1.6 Details of the grant applications received are given in Appendix A. In total, 103 one-off grant applications were received, with the total sum requested being £739,381.55.
- 1.7 Officer recommendations currently total £240,032, which if approved will leave a balance of £18,168. Equalities monitoring data forms Appendix C to this report.
- 1.8 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 B – Private Paper.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Grants Sub-Committee:

- agrees the level of funding to be allocated to the organisations set out in Appendix B;
- notes the equalities monitoring information detailed in Appendix C.

Ruth Binks.

Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 The Community Grants Fund considers 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.

3.2 Applications are considered from organisations where funding is being sought for various projects/activities and/or running costs. Awards made cannot exceed £10,000 per organisation and must 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.

3.3 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 the Council Community Grant in publicity or marketing materials.

3.4 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.

3.5 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: Empowered People; Working People; Healthy People and Places; Supportive Place; and Thriving Place.

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

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial	X	
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)	X	
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing	X	
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

4.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
00970	Community Grants	2025/26	£240,032		Contained within existing budget.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

4.3 Legal/Risk

None

4.4 Human Resources

None

4.5 Strategic

Supporting communities is a key priority of the Council Plan.

4.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

X	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqlA is required.
	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, assessed as not relevant and no EqlA is required. Provide any other relevant reasons why an EqlA is not necessary/screening statement.

(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 – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

(c) Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

4.7 **Environmental/Sustainability**

Summarise any environmental / climate change impacts which relate to this report.

None

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

4.8 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 – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 N/A

PUBLIC APPENDIX

Appendix A One Off Applications

	Category	Applicant	Details	Requested	Comments
1	Arts	Allegría Choir	Support towards rehearsal space, professional fees, licences and technical hire	£1,000.00	
2	Arts	Greenock Players	Support towards insurance, rehearsal space and show production costs	£10,000.00	
3	Arts	Inverclyde Heritage Network	Support towards running costs and 3 projects: Oral Histories; Heritage Fair and Doors Open Days	£2,785.00	
4	Arts	Inverclyde Music Festival Association	Support towards costs of Music Festival 2026	£6,500.00	
5	Arts	Inverclyde Voices	Support towards sheet music, choral music holders and hall hire	£6,720.00	
6	Arts	Inverclyde Youth Theatre (Kayos)	Support towards rehearsal space, storage, insurance and facilitators	£8,700.00	
7	Arts	Kilmacolm Art Class	Support towards hall rental, exhibition space and insurance	£1,356.34	
8	Arts	New Port Theatre Company	Support towards hire of venues for weekly rehearsals, branded clothing, promotional materials and sound/ lighting equipment	£9,580.00	
9	Arts	RIG Arts	Support towards Creativity in Mind Plus workshops to benefit adults with disabilities and/or long-term conditions through arts-driven mental health support	£9,589.00	
10	Arts	Riverside Youth Band	Support towards hall hire, running costs and Musical Director fees	£7,750.00	
11	Arts	The Skelpies Ukulele Group	Support towards hall rental and repairs to equipment	£1,928.00	
12	Arts	The Wyllieum	Support towards the community creative engagement service - 4 participant-led therapeutic workshops	£9,980.00	
13	Bowling Club	Ardgowan Club	Support towards running costs and picnic benches	£10,000.00	
14	Bowling Club	Fort Matilda Bowling Club	Support towards upgrade of ladies changing and toilet facilities	£10,000.00	
15	Bowling Club	Gourock Bowling Club	Support towards running costs, greens maintenance, sound system and CCTV installation	£13,600.00	
16	Bowling Club	Gourock Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and summer/winter greens maintenance	£5,707.00	
17	Bowling Club	Grosvenor Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and greens maintenance	£14,278.00	
18	Bowling Club	Inverkip Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance	£3,300.00	
19	Bowling Club	Lady Alice Bowling Club	Support towards bowls for juniors and public, utility costs, greens and lawnmower maintenance and upgrade of paths	£10,000.00	

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20	Bowling Club	Parklea Bowling Club	Support towards running costs and greens maintenance	£1,968.00	
21	Bowling Club	Rankin Park Bowling Club	Support towards running costs, greens maintenance and security systems	£10,000.00	
22	Bowling Club	Wellington Park Bowling Club	Support towards greens maintenance and marquee for Bowls Scotland national event	£5,400.00	
23	Care	Compassionate Inverclyde	Support for hall hire; volunteer uniforms and supplies for Back Home Box Initiative	£6,760.00	
24	Care	Early Years Scotland	Support towards Family Support Service at HMP Greenock - supporting children and young people who are impacted by parental imprisonment	£5,000.00	
25	Care	Families Outside	Support towards staffing costs and a proportion of operational costs for delivery of service	£9,975.00	
26	Care	Inverclyde Family Contact Centre	Support towards replacement of front door and installation of ramp for disabled access	£1,500.00	
27	Care	Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service (IVCSS)	Support towards vehicle fleet insurance	£10,000.00	
28	Care	Mind Mosaic Child and Family Therapies	Support towards the provision of free Play Therapy training workshops	£5,000.00	
29	Care	Moving on Inverclyde	Support towards structured health and wellbeing sessions	£8,134.00	
30	Care	Port Glasgow Voluntary Transport	Support towards annual running costs	£66,529.00	
31	Care	The Anchor (Man on Inverclyde)	Support towards rent and utility costs	£10,000.00	
32	Care	The Haven	Support towards fuel and vehicle upkeep costs for outreach teams; uniforms and refreshments	£10,000.00	
33	Community	Auchmountain Glen Project	Support towards hall rental, materials and fuel costs	£1,880.00	
34	Community	Belville Community Gardens Trust	Support towards increased running costs	£10,000.00	
35	Community	Branchton Community Centre	Support towards utility costs, fuel for shop van and stock for community shop	£10,000.00	
36	Community	Gibshill Community Centre	Support towards family activity week	£3,100.00	
37	Community	Gourock Garden Party (Gourock Community Council)	Support towards hosting the Gourock Garden Party 2026	£8,840.00	
38	Community	Greenock Southwest Community Council	Support towards Christmas lunch for elderly in the community	£2,450.00	

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39	Community	Greenock Southwest Hub Committee (Grieve Road Community Centre)	Support towards food/refreshments for community meals, freezer, transport and hall rental	£10,000.00	
40	Community	Greenock Torpedo Factory Club	Support towards replacement of windows	£4,473.00	
41	Community	Inverclyde Across to Lourdes Group	Support towards rental costs for charity shop	£450.00	
42	Community	Inverclyde Christian Initiative	Support towards running costs, uniforms for street pastors and marketing materials	£5,510.00	
43	Community	Inverclyde Veterans Network	Support towards IT equipment, marketing, website and running costs	£9,940.00	
44	Community	Inverclyde Vineyard Church	Support towards community events, community café and projector/screen for events	£4,750.00	
45	Community	Inverclyde Woodturning Club	Support for purchase of new lathe	£899.99	
46	Community	Inverkip Community Initiative	Support towards facility costs for running new youth group	£8,084.00	
47	Community	Inverkip Scottish Women's Institute	Support towards hall rental	£150.00	
48	Community	Kilmacolm & Port Glasgow Agricultural Society Ltd	Support towards costs for enhancing education, inclusivity and entertainment for 2026 show	£5,530.00	
49	Community	Larkfield Guerilla Gardens	Support towards various resources/ equipment for community garden	£1,866.21	
50	Community	Port Glasgow New Parish Church	Support towards running costs for community groups, holiday club and New Parish Pals	£5,000.00	
51	Community	Rhyme Time Tots	Supports towards hall hire costs	£1,872.00	
52	Community	The Country Club	Support towards hall rental, speakers' costs, marketing, trip/coach hire	£1,204.00	
53	Community	The i58 Project – Inverclyde Foodbank	Support towards emergency food supplies	£10,000.00	
54	Community	Wemyss Bay Community Association	Support towards utility/running costs	£9,400.00	
55	National/ Regional Organisation	Carers Gateway Inverclyde (Unity Enterprise)	Support towards the health and wellbeing of Inverclyde unpaid carers	£10,000.00	
56	National/ Regional Organisation	Home Start Inverclyde	Support towards rental of Greenock base and sensory equipment/office equipment/soft furnishings/décor for new Trauma Informed Hub	£10,000.00	

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57	National/ Regional Organisation	Parkinsons Inverclyde Support Group	Support towards transport costs, hall hire and admin	£912.00	
58	National/ Regional Organisation	Radio Clyde Cash for Kids	Support towards cost-of-living support for Inverclyde families	£5,000.00	
59	National/ Regional Organisation	Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs	Support for creating new support network for families affected by alcohol and drugs	£6,883.00	
60	National/ Regional Organisation	Victim Support Inverclyde	Support towards staff/volunteer travel and hire of community outreach space venue hire	£5,000.00	
61	Older People	Riverside Club/Old Men's Club	Support towards running costs of the club and activities/outings	£3,950.00	
62	Older People	Silverline Dancers	Support for dance tuition and hall hire	£1,000.00	
63	Older People	St Marys Episcopal Church (Heartland Circle)	Community transport for Heartland Circle, dementia group; materials for flower arranging class and music therapy	£2,358.00	
64	Sport	Ardgowan Thistle Football Club	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	
65	Sport	BOUNCE Basketball Inverclyde	Support towards hall hire	£2,500.00	
66	Sport	Clyde Netball	Support towards tops and hall hire for training and matches	£11,432.50	
67	Sport	Craig Molloy Coaching	Support for new equipment, refreshments for Over 50's classes and hall hire	£7,658.00	
68	Sport	Greenock & District Rifle Club	Support towards building repairs and new extractor fans	£5,725.00	
69	Sport	Greenock & District Welfare Football League	Support towards pitch hire for league games	£8,050.00	
70	Sport	Greenock Cricket Club	Support towards fees/uniforms/ equipment for refugee/asylum seeker players, hall hire for practice sessions and relaunch of junior cricket division	£6,568.41	
71	Sport	Greenock Glenpark Harriers	Support towards track hire	£8,320.00	
72	Sport	Greenock High School Former Pupils AFC	Support towards football kit and pitch hire costs for all teams	£13,970.00	
73	Sport	Greenock Juniors FC	Support towards pitch hire for first team and pathway teams	£10,000.00	
74	Sport	Greenock Wanderers RFC	Support towards pitch hire for training and games for all age groups and male and female teams	£10,000.00	
75	Sport	Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire costs	£10,000.00	

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76	Sport	Inverclyde American Community Football Club	Support towards uniforms and pitch hire	£10,900.00	
77	Sport	Inverclyde Athletics Club	Support towards stadium costs for training, development camps and competitions	£10,000.00	
78	Sport	Inverclyde Cricket Club	Support towards insurance, equipment, travel and training/park hire	£2,312.00	
79	Sport	Inverclyde Masters Swimming Club	Support towards pool hire and timing pad system re-installation	£9,511.08	
80	Sport	Kilmacolm Colts 2013	Support towards pitch hire	£4,000.00	
81	Sport	Lady Octavia Badminton Club	Support towards equipment, coaching and hall hire	£1,837.50	
82	Sport	Morton in the Community	Support towards pitch hire	£10,000.00	
83	Sport	Newark Angling Club	Funding to allow for subsidised travel for elderly & juniors	£1,500.00	
84	Sport	Ocean Youth Trust	Support towards replacement of lifejackets	£2,016.52	
85	Sport	Port Glasgow Athletic Amateurs	Support towards pitch hire for training and games	£6,894.00	
86	Sport	Port Glasgow Boys Club	Support towards hire of facilities for training/matches	£10,000.00	
87	Sport	Port Glasgow Junior Football Club	Support towards hire of pitches for training and match days for first team and Under 20's	£15,200.00	
88	Sport	Port Glasgow Juniors Community Sports Club	Support towards hire of facilities for all teams	£10,000.00	
89	Sport	Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club	Support towards installation of external stair lift and conversion of storeroom to unisex toilet	£10,000.00	
90	Sport	St Andrews Boys Club	Support towards hire of facilities for training and match days	£10,000.00	
91	Uniformed Organisation	10th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of St Columba's HS	£1,496.00	
92	Uniformed Organisation	32nd Greenock & District Scouts	Support towards running costs for Bank St premises	£4,200.00	
93	Uniformed Organisation	47th/97th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of Newark PS	£1,122.00	
94	Uniformed Organisation	73rd Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of All Saints PS	£1,463.00	
95	Uniformed Organisation	85th Greenock & District Scout Group	Support towards hire of Wemyss Bay PS	£1,826.00	

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96	Uniformed Organisation	Girl Guiding Greenock Division	Support towards annual membership fees, Festival of Friendship events and hire of facilities for Units meeting	£19,420.00	
97	Uniformed Organisation	Girls Brigade – Clyde Division	Support towards craft materials and bus hire for divisional activity days	£2,728.00	
98	Uniformed Organisation	Greenock & District Scout Council	Support towards running costs for Everton and HQ buildings	£10,000.00	
99	Uniformed Organisation	Inverclyde & District Battalion The Boys Brigade	Support towards annual running costs and hall hire	£6,750.00	
100	Voluntary	Inverclyde Tourist Group	Support towards purchase of IT equipment, office resources, uniform and digital marketing	£4,770.00	
101	Youth	Friends4ever	Support towards hall hire, laptops and Christmas activities/outings	£9,295.00	
102	Youth	Youth Connections	Support towards Connected & Confident project for young people living with autism	£2,375.00	
103	Late applicant (Arts)	Scottish Fire Brigade Heritage Trust	Support towards costs associated with Charity Concert planned for The Beacon	£2,000.00	

Total Requested

£739,381.55