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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**6 JUNE 2023**

## **4.0 DETAIL**

4.1 The SCF is assessed

- 4.7 Successful projects funded have to complete a report at the end to evidence the impact of the spending of the money. The results of this are brought to Area Committee in March 2025, if not before, depending on project duration.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 The Supporting Communities Fund application and assessment process has been completed as set out within its guidance (<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants> ).
- 5.2 The recommendations made fully allocate the funding available for financial year 2023/2024.
- 5.3 The 17 projects being put forward for an award will help communities to deliver priority activities in their area in 2023/24.
- 5.4 All applicants to the fund are supported throughout the process and beyond by the Community Development Team.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Policy: n/a
- 6.2 Financial: Recommendations in the report are limited to the budget allocation available in 2023/24 for the Supporting Communities Fund in Bute and 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 known
- 6.5.3 Islands: 7 of the applicant projects are island based. 3 of these are being recommended funding.
- 6.6 Climate Change: One of the four criteria within the process is specific to mitigating climate change.
- 6.7 Risk: risk to the public pound is managed through the assessment and scoring, and through end of project monitoring process.
- 6.8 Customer Service: None



**Appendix 1 - Assessment Score and Recommendations**

Ref	Applicant	Recommendation	Assessment Score	Value of Project	Amount Requested	Award 2023/24	Cumulative Total
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1 ARC Addictions Recovery Cafe

21	Duthchas	No award	5.7	£2,690.00	£2,490.00	£0.00	£38,228.09
22	Loch Goil Community Council	No award	5.5	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00	£38,228.09
23	Isle of Bute BID	No award	5.4	£5,880.00	£1,880.00	£0.00	£38,228.09
	Crossroads Caring For Carers Cowal & Bute	No award	5.3	Crossroad 1852533(B)-18(396.35 445.3 81.825 306)91(D)-25( )]T£ 1			











Costs of preparation for and delivery of this inclusive and intergenerational band's Christmas concert, to ensure that there are no barriers to participation. Costs include sheet music, percussion instruments, stands and banners and sound and video engineering.

Recommendation:

Award

Towards the cost of their winter concert, including rehearsals, and voice coaching. There are to be free tickets to refugees in the area, and recordings made available to Dunoon Community Radio. The choir offers health and wellbeing benefits to singers.	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	<b>20</b>
Applicant: <b>Positive Pedals</b>	
Recommended Award: <b>0</b>	Assessment Score (out of 10): <b>6.2</b>
Project Summary:	
The purchase of a gazebo to allow the organisation to continue to refurbish and repair unwanted bicycles to allow affordable access to bikes to people in greatest need across the community.	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	<b>21</b>
Applicant: <b>Dùthchas</b>	
Recommended Award: <b>0</b>	Assessment Score (out of 10): <b>5.7</b>
Project Summary:	
Community consultation costs to gauge interest in a community growing project with environmental benefits. Costs include the purchase of a projector, room hire, fliers and some seeds and soil for demonstration.	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	<b>22</b>
Applicant: <b>Loch Goil Community Council</b>	
Recommended Award: <b>0</b>	Assessment Score (out of 10): <b>5.5</b>
Project Summary:	
Microphones to enhance the experience of attending online meetings, aiming to make them more attractive to a bigger and more diverse audience and open up new opportunities for the hall.	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	<b>23</b>
Applicant: <b>Isle of Bute BID</b>	
Recommended Award: <b>0</b>	Assessment Score (out of 10): <b>5.4</b>



Project Summary:	
To fund 'Keep Warm Boxes' to help those who are vulnerable or impacted by rising energy costs and power cuts to stay warm. Funding is requested to provide 12 boxes.	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	<b>29</b>
Applicant: <b>Starter Pack Plus</b>	
Recommended Award: <b>0</b>	Assessment Score (out of 10): <b>3.5</b>
Project Summary:	
A contribution towards the costs of purchasing basic household goods and bedding for vulnerable individuals or families who find themselves homeless; also the costs of insurance for the organisation.	
Recommendation:	No award