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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND  
AREA COMMITTEE**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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**SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND 2023/24**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to decide on the allocation of the C Communities Fund (SCF) for Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 1.2 The total Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by the Council for allocation in Helensburgh and Lomond for distribution in 2023/24 is £38,450.
- 1.3 It is recommended that 20 applicants are awarded funding.
- 1.4 Applicants awarded funds from the C have 18 months in which to spend the funds.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The report details recommendations for the award of the C Communities Fund (SCF). The Supporting Communities Fund budget made available by Council in Helensburgh and Lomond for 2023/24 is £22,500.
- 2.2 The total available for allocation is £38,450 due to additional funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund, funds to support resiliency in communities impacted by Covid-19 and from the return of unspent funds from previous applicants.
- 2.3 Organisations applying to the fund were able to request up to £2,500. The SCF is popular and this year has attracted 28 applications from the Helensburgh and Lomond area, requesting a total of £54,995.00.
- 2.4 Applications have been scored against criteria set out in the guidance (

## **4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The SCF is assessed through a robust process which involves financial checks and Community Development Team contact with the applicant to verify any information where required. All applicants need to provide satisfactory essential information on governance and finance to be eligible. Scoring is based on a set of criteria outlined in

## **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 20 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 Helensburgh and Lomond.
- 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: 0 of the applicant projects are island based.
- 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 posk

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**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1- Assessment Score and Recommendations

Appendix 2 Project Summary Sheet



18	Loch Long Jetty Association	Award	5.3	£558.00	£558.00	£558.00
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To provide 4 x litter pick stations, including waste bags and disposable gloves. The project links with national environmental organisations and local community groups to encourage people to collect and dispose of litter when they are enjoying the outdoors. The stations are based on the success of a nationwide initiative where people can photograph and share their efforts in keeping local beaches clean.

Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	No conditions

Ref:	4
Applicant:	





Ref:

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Applicant:

Ref:	19
Applicant: Arrochar Tarbet & Ardlui Community Council	
Recommended Award: £650.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.3
Project Summary:	
Venue hire and printing costs for the launch of a community local place plan, produced in response to strong local demand and with stakeholder consultation for improvements to the area and delivered in partnership with the National Park and local landowners.	
Recommendation:	Award
Conditions:	No conditions

Ref:	20
Applicant: Helensburgh Amateur Athletic Club	
Recommended Award: £1,291.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5.2
Project Summary:	
To fund costs of road closure and traffic management to permit over 1,000 runners participating in the Babcock Helensburgh 10K to race in this popular event, organised by a team of volunteers. The club provides a focus for track and field athletics that is unique locally.	
Recommendation:	Award (partial award)
Conditions:	No conditions

Ref:	21
Applicant: Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 5
Project Summary:	

Ref:	23
Applicant: Cove Kilcreggan Youth Café	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.9
Project Summary:	
<p>Funding is sought for 2 months youth-worker salary. The project enables positive interactions in a rural location, supports resilience of young people after the pandemic and is a safe place to mix freely, expand relationships and improve communication skills through engaging in social activities.</p> <p>Capital costs are also requested for building upkeep, towards the replacement of degraded wooden decking.</p>	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	24
Applicant: Helensburgh Writing Circle	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.8
Project Summary:	
<p>Circle plus author s fees to talk to the group of older adults about developing writing skills. Sales from the book will be donated to charity.</p>	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	25
Applicant: Carr Gomm	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.7
Project Summary:	
<p>vulnerable or impacted by rising energy costs and power cuts to stay warm. Funding is requested to provide 12 boxes.</p>	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

Ref:	26
Applicant: Helensburgh Lunch Club	
Recommended Award: £0.00	Assessment Score (out of 10): 4.7
Project Summary:	
<p>Funding is requested towards running costs and a summer 2024 outing for a long established group. The aim of this project is to restore the capacity of the club, from being open for two days each week, to the pre-pandemic level of four days per week and increase the number of members able to take advantage of the club's services and activities.</p>	
Recommendation:	No award
Conditions:	

