

To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 25 August 2016

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Award Feedback

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on a number of projects that were funded by the Johnstone & the Villages LAC in 2015/16.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

3. Background

3.1 The Johnstone & the Villages LAC committed a total of £89,585 in expenditure on projects and activities within Renfrewshire during 2015/16. This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants.

3.2 Johnstone Cub Pack

3.2.1 The Cub Pack was awarded £1,500 towards a total expedition cost of £2,674 for lodgings, food and activities at Lochgoilhead. A total of 20 cubs took part in the event and gained appropriate badges for their participation. The young people gained a variety of new skills which encouraged both them and other young people to engage in an active outdoor lifestyle.

3.3 Johnstone Scout Group

3.3.1 The Scout Group was awarded £4,000 towards the cost of security upgrades at the scout hall. The award was utilised towards the cost of new custom made steel fire doors, the upgrading of the hall's alarm system, purchase of security lighting and

the reinstallation of an external alarm sounder. The award has improved the appearance of the hall as well as making the hall more secure.

3.4 Johnstone Explorer Scout Unit

3.4.1 The Explorer Scout Unit was awarded £2,500 towards a total cost of £3,296 for a skills week based at Lochgoilhead. The award helped meet the accommodation catering and activity costs for 15 young people. Scouts from Elderslie and Johnstone were able to attain their yachting and paddle sports activity badges and gain skills that could benefit the wider community.

3.5 West Johnstone Digital Photography Workshop

3.5.1 The group was awarded a total of £770 towards the cost of engaging a tutor and the purchase of display boards. As a result of engaging a tutor group numbers have increased and applications are being made to community venues to display photographs.

3.6 Food Train

3.6.1 This LAC contributed £1,000 towards a total LAC award of £9,000 towards the cost of purchasing a new delivery van. The purchase of the van has allowed the organisation to expand its food shopping and delivery to more older people in Renfrewshire. Providing a shopping delivery service to older people who may be unable to do their own shopping helps keep these individuals more independent and able to remain in their own homes for longer. The service also provides quality volunteering opportunities for over 40 Renfrewshire residents.

3.7 Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club

3.7.1 A LAC grant allowed this group to purchase various pieces of dog agility training equipment which have been utilised at various community events in Renfrewshire. With National Certificates in Dog Training, the instructors not only mentor dog owners in agility training but also obedience, animal welfare and etiquette.

3.8 All grant recipients are instructed to submit award feedback once their awards have been spent and further reports on the outcome of projects will be submitted to future meetings of this LAC.

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

None.

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

Children and Young People

- The provision of grants to local groups supports individuals and groups to develop skills to improve personal achievements.

Community Care, Health and Well-being	- The provision of grants to local groups and individuals to support social, cultural and recreational activities contributes to improved health and well-being.
Empowering our Communities	- The provision of grants to local groups and individuals contributes to the development of local communities.
Greener	- The provision of grants to local groups and individuals support social, cultural and recreational activities contributes to local sustainability.

4. Legal Implications

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

5. Property/Assets Implications

None.

6. Information Technology Implications

None.

7. Equality and Human Rights Implications

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

None

Author: Dave Low,
Senior Committee Services Officer (LACs)
0141 618 7105
david.low@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk