

To: The Villages Local Partnership

On: 10 June 2021

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
**Applications for Local Partnership Funding to the Villages
Local Partnership 2021/22**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Applications for grant funding from the seven Local Partnership areas were invited to be submitted during March and April 2021, to be considered at the Local Partnership meetings due to be held in May and June 2021.
- 1.2 The available allocation for The Villages Local Partnership for 2021/22 is £56,644 made up of £51,191 from the General Fund and £5,453 underspend carried forward from the 2020/21 General Fund budget. The carry forward of underspend was agreed due to the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic during 2020/21, which impacted on the ability of community organisations to undertake activities due to restrictions in place over the period. The normal arrangement whereby underspends cannot be carried forward into the next financial year will be reinstated for 2021/22.
- 1.3 From this total budget, a sum of £50 per community representative requires to be ringfenced for potential claim of expenses. These expenses are deducted from the available allocation for the Local Partnership. The Villages Local Partnership has space for fifteen community members, so the total ringfenced for expenses is £750. **The total budget available for allocation by The Villages Local Partnership is therefore £55,894.**
- 1.4 The Youth Challenge Fund component of The Villages Local Partnership Funding for 2021/22 is £23,609. In addition, an underspend in the 2020/21 Celebrating Renfrewshire budget of £14,223 will be carried forward into 2021/22, making a total Celebrating Renfrewshire budget for 2021/22 of £37,832. This funding will be

allocated by young people through a Participatory Budgeting exercise that will take place during autumn 2021.

- 1.5 It has been agreed that officers will prepare a document for circulation at the Local Partnership, which will apply the principles of the grant allocations applied by the Villages Local Partnership in 2020/21 to the applications received in 2021/22. This is intended to provide a structure for discussion for the Local Partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of The Villages Local Partnership consider the applications for Local Partnership grant funding, as set out below in Appendix 1 and 2.

3. Background

- 3.1 Applicants for funding in 2021/22 have been provided with guidance, as well as a description of the Local Priorities identified by The Villages Local Partnership.
- 3.2 Local Partnership members are asked to consider the applications for funding summarised at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report, and to assess these against the Local Priorities agreed by The Villages Local Partnership.
- 3.3 An initial assessment has been carried out by officers to support Local Partnership members in their decision-making. Where applications have made clear reference to the Local Priorities identified by the Local Partnership, this is identified in the first table at Appendix 1. Applications that make a partial or no reference to The Villages Local Priorities are summarised in the second table – for example, the project may promote access to services, facilities and assets (and therefore meet the Local Priority around access to services, facilities and assets) but not deliver this directly in the Local Partnership area or make reference to how many people from the area would be engaged in the project.
- 3.4 The priorities of The Villages Local Partnership are:

Connectivity and transport

The Local Partnership want to see villages which are well-connected to each other, where people can connect with each other too. Transport is a clear focus in this area, including both public transport and green routes.

Environment and Parks

The Local Partnership want well-maintained villages, with high quality public parks and a focus on street scene, including fly tipping, dog fouling and litter.

Access to services, facilities and assets

The Local Partnership want to improve access to what's going on in the community, including community activities, and making the most of their community buildings and facilities.

Village identity and character

The Local Partnership want to maintain the identity and character of the villages in the area. Key to this is developing and sustaining local community groups, and the delivery of local events.

APPENDIX 1 – GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY PRIORITY THEME

The Villages Local Partnership grant application forms – amount available £55,894 (£51,191 from the 21/22 General Fund plus £5,453 General Fund underspend from 2020/21 minus £750 expenses).

APPLICATIONS WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE VILLAGES LOCAL PRIORITIES

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to The Villages priorities
FR1043	Keep Safe	£744.00	I Am Me Scotland	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1047	Lochwinnoch Park renovations	£10,000.00	Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust	Environment & parks Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1052	Admin, events & running costs	£600.00	The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1060	Sustainable Community Garden	£1,950.00	Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group	Environment & parks Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1061	Arts Festival	£7,800.00	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1062	Survival	£1,250.00	Brookfield Bowling Club	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1067	Royal Conservatoire Students	£3,010.00	The Kilbarchan Singers	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1078	Birthday's, Christmas, Halloween & Easter appeals	£1,400.00	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	Access to services, facilities and assets

FR1086	Festive Lights Enhancement and Festive Lights Switch On.	£3,886.20	Bridge of Weir Community Council	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1095	Fèis Phàislig 2021/22	£2,800.00	Fèis Phàislig	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1107	Lochwinnoch Food Committee	£4,725.00	Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1107	Howwood Park maintenance & event essentials	£2,110.00	Friends of Howwood Park	Environment & parks Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1116	Outdoor Gym for use of Houston residents	£9,836.00	Houston Community Council	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1130	2021/2022 Flower Planting and Environment Enhancing Programme	£4,050.00	Houston Community Council	Environment & parks Village identity and character
FR1131	Christmas Lights Switch-on 2021, carol singing by local school and firework display	£2,550.00	Houston Community Council	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1135	Increasing Physical and Mental Wellbeing in our pupils	£5,000.00	Howwood Primary School	Connectivity & transport Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1143	Wallace Wellbeing Warriors	£9,836.85	Wallace Parent Council	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1145	Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Display	£1,500.00	Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society	Village identity and character
FR1147	Rental Costs	£1,900.00	Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1148	Essential Exterior Repairs to Scout Building	£10,000.00	1st Bridge of Weir Scout group	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1155	Advancing Social	£1,500.00	Shopmobility Paisley and	Connectivity &

	Enterprising		District	transport Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1170	Green Elderslie	£800.00	Elderslie Community Council	Environment & parks
FR1171	Picnic in the park	£1,329.00	Elderslie Community Council	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1172	Village signs	£1,600.00	Elderslie Community Council	Village identity and character
FR1175	Singing in the community - an engagement plan	£1,140.00	Lochwinnoch Choral Society	Access to services, facilities and assets Village identity and character
FR1176	Revitalisation of facilities for the community	£6,150.00	Kilbarchan Improvements Projects	Environment & parks Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1177	Chatterbox Community Newsletter	£1,500.00	Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust	Connectivity & transport Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1199	Bench seating for various sites around Howwood Village	£2,100.00	Howwood Community Council	Access to services, facilities and assets

APPLICATIONS WITH PARTIAL REFERENCE TO THE VILLAGES LOCAL PRIORITIES

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to The Villages priorities
FR1096	Gym	£2,000.00	BSSC Gym	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1097	Social Club Improvements	£750.00	BSSC Social Club	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1118	Replacement windows and re-rendering exterior of club hall.	£6,970.00	Renfrewshire Model Railway Club	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1139	Community Group	£5,600.00	Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1182	Family Food and Activity	£2,000.00	Stronger Communities Glenburn	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1186	Lamont Farm Project	£4,000.00	Lamont Farm Project	Access to services, facilities and assets

FR1191	SCG CHRISTMAS TOY BANK AND FOOD PROVISION	£1,800.00	Stronger Communities Glenburn	Access to services, facilities and assets
FR1197	Different pasts, shared future	£750.00	Pachedu	Access to services, facilities and assets

APPLICATIONS WITH NO REFERENCE TO THE VILLAGES LOCAL PRIORITIES

Ref No.	Name of project	Amount Requested	Name of organisation	Contribution to The Villages priorities
FR1066	Ground/facility improvements	£1,077.00	Ferguslie Cricket Club	Does not fit with priorities
FR1084	Fair Trade Education	£500.00	Rainbow Turtle	Does not fit with priorities
FR1098	Cricket after Covid	£750.00	Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	Does not fit with priorities
FR1132	Shelter	£430.00	Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club	Does not fit with priorities
FR1134	Creative Technologies and Media	£1,000.00	Loud n Proud	Does not fit with priorities

APPENDIX 2. SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS

Reference: FR1043	Organisation Name: I Am Me Scotland
Project Name: Keep Safe	Amount applied for: £744
Description of Project: <p>I Am Me Scotland will deliver a Keep Safe Ambassador training programme to young people in Gryffe High School. This is a full day training delivered in partnership with Police Scotland. The training includes Keep safe, hate crime and reporting and empowers young people to recognise incidents in their communities and know how to report these safely.</p> <p>The Keep Safe project will be delivered between August 2021 and June 2022.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to better build the Keep Safe Network across the Villages, helping to build community cohesion. In addition, the young people will be encouraged to consider who in their community may benefit from a Keep Safe card. Keep Safe cards can be given to anyone who may benefit from them. These hold information about a person, any health concerns, communication needs and emergency contacts. They are useful for people living with dementia, or who may have difficulty communicating.</p> <p>I Am Me Scotland will also provide Keep Safe cards for distribution to community groups within the villages and provide Keep Safe approach letters, encouraging more local community buildings and businesses to become a Keep Safe partner.</p> <p>Many people have been shielding on not socially active over the past year and sadly feel nervous, worried and anxious about going back out into the community again. Keep safe can help people feel supported, knowing there are safe places they can go if they need a seat, a rest, or just few minutes to compose themselves.</p> <p>Keep safe was developed in response to a need highlighted by Renfrewshire community. Many people said they felt vulnerable or on occasion unsafe, when out in the community. It is a national initiative in partnership with Police Scotland. There are over 130 Keep Safe places across Renfrewshire, which help to encourage people to participate in community life, helping tackle isolation and loneliness.</p>	
Who benefits from the Project? <p>The Keep safe initiative will help the disabled and vulnerable people in the Villages Local Partnership to feel safe in their community.</p> <p>The young people from Gryffe High school will better understand how to support vulnerable people and understand the importance of reporting incidents to help make communities safer for everyone.</p> <p>Local residents will have better access to services, including community activities.</p>	
Villages Local Priorities: <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport	

- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

The project will help Local residents to have better access to services, including community activities.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £744 from the Villages Local Partnership. I am me Scotland has applied to Local Partnerships to deliver localised Keep Safe projects within each Local Partnership.

The total project cost is £1,334. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
2000 Keep Safe cards	£100	£100
Ambassador Training (inc certificates, badges, cards, lunches, volunteer costs)	£476	£308
Evaluation Report	£336	£336
Keep Safe Resources (business packs, understanding disability booklet)	£254	£0
Keep Safe Training	£168	£0
Total	£1,334	£744

About the organisation:

I Am Me Scotland is a charity with 860 members, 21 volunteers, 3 full time and 1 part time employees. It was formed in 2015.

Keep Safe is a national initiative in partnership with Police Scotland. Its purpose is to change attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel safe in their communities. The aim is to work with communities to create a network of Keep Safe places for anyone who may feel lost, scared or vulnerable when out in the community.

There are over 130 Keep Safe places currently across Renfrewshire.

Keep Safe was developed with disabled people to help make it accessible and all Keep Safe places are checked and approved by Police Scotland to ensure suitability.

Grant funding award history:

In 2020/21 the group was awarded £3,850.28 from the Paisley East Local Partnership to create an Easy Read resources for Keep Safe to help make the initiative more accessible for people with learning disabilities. The funds were used to develop A Keep Safe Easy Read Animation & An Easy Read Keep Safe Lesson. 210 people have accessed the lesson so far. These will be made available to all local disability groups as we head out of lockdown.

“These are a life-line for those who can’t wear masks due to medical reasons. My dad has a heart condition and COPD and not having this lanyard would have prevented him from going out. His lanyard arrived within a day or two and he has not been challenged once, giving him the confidence to get back out and about. Thank you I Am Me”.

The new learning platform with Keep Safe information can be accessed at -

<https://iammescotlandeducation.org.uk/>

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership (Paisley)	£3850.28	Understanding Disability Booklet Easy Read Keep Safe animation
2019/20	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£18,000	Keep Safe Kids – Anti bullying app designed and developed with children and young people across Renfrewshire
2018/19			

Reference: FR1047	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust
Project Name: Lochwinnoch Park renovations	Amount applied for: £10,000
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The estimated timescales for the three-part renovation of Lochwinnoch's park is September -November 2021.</p> <p>Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust aim to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.remove the old, worn, rusting play equipment, uneven gravel-strewn flooring and rusted, inaccessible fencing in the playpark area with sustainable rubber wetpour, age-appropriate equipment for 1-10 year olds, and a fence which separates the children from the dangerous cycle track right by the path. Kompan will conduct removal of flooring, fencing and all playpark equipment apart from the zip slide/basket swing; replaced by sustainable rubber wetpour and new equipment. New fence will be supplied & installed by local contractor. Currently the discussions are ongoing around resurfacing area. 2. Establish an intergenerational seating area and meeting point for the community. Lochwinnoch CDT will apply for a temporary lease to operate on the area behind the Annexe, in order to concrete foundations for benches by local craftsman Woodcraft Furniture. 3. Install an exercise-powered shelter and equipment for local teenagers by existing BMX track. <p>The play equipment is visibly ageing, fraying and worn; Covid made it clear there were no spaces in the village for safe outdoor socialising (for any ages). A Facebook group was set up, attracting over 400 members, and ideas and suggestions for possible park improvements were collected there. Following this, an online survey was conducted (publicised through social media and the local community newsletter) and over 200 responses were collated. A further 39 young people (11-19) took part in a survey aimed just at them. Our steering committee has used these responses to create the three-part plan we are now working on, including approaching two play design companies and local suppliers and craftspeople for quotes.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The project will improve Lochwinnoch's park, creating more space and resources for the whole community.</p> <p>This will provide a much-improved facility for both residents and visitors to Lochwinnoch. Increased use of outdoor spaces by the community promoting health and wellbeing. An increase in civic pride and esteem. The park is often the first thing visitors to the village see and could be a significant attraction in its own right.</p>	

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☒ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

The project align with three of the priorities for The Villages, namely Environment and Parks; Access to services, facilities & assets; and Village identity and character.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £10,000 from the Villages Local Partnership.
The total project cost is £155,000. The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured funds from other funders (The green spaces fund £50,000, Villages Improvement Fund £30,000 and the National Lottery Community Fund £10,000) and partially secured funds. The group has set a target of £5000 for community fundraising and it has already reached over £3000 in less than a week.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Playpark refurbishment (equipment and flooring - Please see Appendix 1a for Kompan's full cost breakdown)	£143,609.29	£10,000
Pod teen shelter	£7,352.80	£0
Intergenerational seating area	£2,500	£0
Fencing and hardstanding	TBC	£0

About the organisation:

Lochwinnoch Community Development Trust is accompany limited by guarantee SC445206 and it was established in 2016.

The aims of the organisation are:

- To cultivate and develop projects and activities that contribute to healthy and happy lives.
- To create opportunities for people, communities and agencies to work together and improve lives.
- To promote a sustainable environment that brings benefits to residents and visitors.
- To encourage through community development, action that results in an increase in social quality and economic value.

The group had 30 volunteers and 170 members.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21			
2019/20			
2018/19	Social enterprise grant	£8000	Investigating the development of an asset transfer request

Reference: FR1052	Organisation Name: The Boys Brigade, Paisley & District Battalion
Project Name: Admin, events & running costs	Amount applied for: £600
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Battalion administration and events programme and Battalion running costs.</p> <p>In addition to running costs the Battalion will be planning a number of events throughout Renfrewshire. These events will encourage participation in many physical activities and will include local issues such as foodbanks and fair trade. We hope and expect that these events and activities will attract new members and retain present members to experience the values of the Boys Brigade and attend regular classes and events as a diversion to anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>All of our events are arranged by our various activities committees, which cater for the whole age range of the Battalion from Primary 1 through to 18 years of age. We have 23 events which cover the whole age range of the Battalion, involving sport, physical activities, arts and crafts, quizzes, swimming and fun days for our younger members. Over the session we expect that 750 Boys Brigade members will participate in these events which we hope will attract new members through family and friends support. All of these events require input commitment from our leaders to make them successful in addition to their weekly commitment to their individual companies.</p> <p>All boy participants are registered at each event by the organising committee. All our leaders and helpers have PVG clearance from Disclosure Scotland.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The Battalion has 64 members from the Villages Local Partnership area. Two-thirds of the boys in the Battalion are under 12 years of age.</p> <p>Over many years we have been organising events to encourage participation in values that we believe will be in line with Renfrewshire Council's community plan. The activities promote being active, healthier, safer and stronger.</p> <p>From a young age our boys and young men will learn that are responsible for their actions and preparation for the various events.</p> <p>All of our events are based on developing our young people to be the best that they can be in teamwork, mentally, physically and encourage their concern for others.</p> <p>We hope that many of our members will participate in our various events which provide progressive training throughout the age range. We hope and expect to see improvement in the various disciplines that our events cover. We hope that together our events programme will be a positive influence and will prepare our young people for and sustain them in their future lives.</p>	

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

The project meets the Villages local priority of Access to services, facilities and assets as the events programme consisting of 23 events will take place across Renfrewshire of which some will take place within the Villages Local Partnership area.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £600 from the Villages Local Partnership. The Battalion has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £3,000 to contribute to the same project.

The total project cost is £26,500. £2,780 of the costs will be met through secured Battalion accounts funding and part secured funds from other funders. The rest of the costs will be balanced through unsecured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Salaries	£9,100	£900
Hiring premises	£500	£115
Heat & Light	£2,300	£250
Insurance	£3,000	£350
Printing, stationary, telephone & postage	£2,000	£280
Transport	£500	£115
Photocopier costs	£4,000	£400
Building depreciation	£2,000	£280
Building maintenance	£1,600	£160
Other general expenses	£1,500	£150
TOTALS	£26,500	£3,000

About the organisation:

The Boys Brigade will care for and challenge young people through a programme of informed education underpinned by the Christian faith.

The Boys Brigade is a charity formed in 1894. The organisation has one part time employee, 230 volunteers and 995 members

Grant funding award history:

In 20/21 the Battalion was awarded £2,386.31 to provide financial assistance in running events, Battalion headquarters and administration costs. Due to COVID-19 the funding was used for Battalion administrator and headquarters expenses. The benefits to the community were very limited due to the Covid19 restrictions, as the Battalion members were unable to have any face to face contact. In a limited way some companies were able

to keep in touch with their boys through social media. The Battalion were able to keep their headquarters building and staff who met on a very limited way, social way within social distance regulations, to be prepared for when the group is able to function fully again.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnerships	£2,386	Battalion events & running costs
2019/20	Local Partnerships	£1,000	Battalion events & running costs
	Cat C award	£450	Queen's badge & training
2018/19	LAC Award	£1,626	Battalion events & running costs
	Cat C award	£500	Queen's badge & training

Reference: FR1060	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group
Project Name: Sustainable Community Garden	Amount applied for: £1,950
Description of Project: <p>Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group will run between May 2021 and January 2022.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic there is an even more urgent need to encourage people to engage in growing their own vegetables and to grow plant and flowers that support nature. In addition, over the time of the pandemic we have found our community are more involved with their natural environment and wish to be more engaged to support and nurture it.</p> <p>The community garden identified during the pandemic the need for increasing the number of residents to grow their own fresh fruit and vegetables which is not only benefits their health but supports the environment reducing travel and carbon footprint.</p> <p>Through this project we will be able to increase the number of areas in the garden for people who do not have a garden to have an area to grow vegetables and fruit. We will also be able to give people seeds to grow wildflower areas in their gardens to support nature. We will also be able to expand our provision of flowers and plants for over 80 containers and hanging baskets in and around the village.</p> <p>We will continue to work with the primary school and the nursery.</p> <p>We will provide community activities such as nestbox construction and vegetable growing workshops.</p> <p>We also are committed to increasing the health of our environment for pollinators for example bees, insects and butterflies by providing more wildflowers and nesting areas for birds and bats.</p> <p>The pandemic has also increased the number of people who depend on our local food bank we will be able to grow more fresh produce which for the food bank.</p>	
Who benefits from the Project? Local residents & wildlife will benefit from the project as it will encourage more sustained participation of families and residents growing healthy fresh food in their own gardens and or the community garden areas. There also be an increase in healthy environments for wildlife and humans in our village.	
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities 	

☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £1,950 from the Villages Local Partnership.

The total project cost is £2,950. The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured funds from plant sales and sponsors.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Seeds	£200	£150
Material for bird boxes	£250	£200
Compost	£600	£400
Frames	£300	£300
Electricity	£1300	£700
Signage	£300	£200
Total	£2,950	£1,950

About the organisation:

Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group was established in 2016 to:

- maintain a sustainable lifestyle community garden in Lochwinnoch.
- promote the ideals of recycling, sustainability, education and local community involvement within Lochwinnoch.
- continue develop a dementia friendly sensory garden for not only those with dementia but any visual or special sense loss.

Our other aim is to support nature by providing the village by supplying wildflowers to grow and provide safe nesting for birds and bats. In addition, we also work with the primary school providing environmental education and the Golf club to plant wildflowers in the rough at the golf club. We work in collaboration with 'Digging it' who encourage families to grow their own food. We grow all the flowers (over 6000) mainly from seed to fill over 70 large containers and hanging baskets around the village to enhance the appearance of the village

We have 20 volunteers in our group.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21			

2019/20	Lochwinnoch Sustainable Community Garden Group	£1,000	Web design tools and soil
2018/19			

Reference: FR1061	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Arts Festival
Project Name: Arts Festival	Amount applied for: £7,800
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>We have a live artistic music and film programme planned to be delivered over 2021-22.</p> <p>We plan family and older adult films and live music as our live events. We have venues that also are prepared to host the live events with all Covid regulations in place. We also will be delivering outdoor art experiences in collaboration with Cultural Services, Renfrewshire Leisure. We are collaborating with different local and national organizations to be able to deliver these events including Regional Screen Scotland, Active Events and Cultural Services Renfrewshire Leisure. We also plan to incorporate Online coverage of events where this is possible and applicable. In addition, following the successful winter window December 2020 decoration in the village we plan to make this a larger event in 2021.</p> <p>We have had feedback on our festival from many local groups and individuals. Our Online events we delivered in 2020-21 attracted over 3000 views, our winter window saw over 70 families take part. As the pandemic restrictions will possibly go on for a considerable time we aim to continue to deliver quality art experiences for the village and surrounding small rural communities. Continued funding of the festival would support the arts and a new ways to deliver a variety of art experiences to our community and our numerous artists.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Residents & local businesses of Lochwinnoch, surrounding villages as well as visitors will benefit from the project. The festival also helps support and sustain many local community groups including local drama, choirs, art groups, church groups, numerous local writers, musicians and performers.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p> <p>This project contributes to the Village identity and character Local Priority, by supporting local arts and film activity in Lochwinnoch.</p> <p>It also meets the priority of Access to services, facilities and assets as it enables the use of local assets during the festival.</p>	
<p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>The group is applying for £7,800 from the Villages Local Partnership.</p>	

The total project cost is £9,050. The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured funds through ticket sales and sponsors.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Sound engineer	£2,400	£2,000
Venue hire music	£2,400	£2,000
Venue hire film	£2,000	£1,800
Material for window decortication	£250	£200
Film hire	£2,000	£1,800
Total	£9,050	£7,800

About the organisation:

Lochwinnoch Arts Festival group is an unincorporated club based in Lochwinnoch. The group was established in 2000. The group has 20 volunteers.

The aim of the group is to organise and deliver a 12-day arts festival for Lochwinnoch embracing surrounding villages in Renfrewshire and wider afield.

2021 would normally be the 21st live events arts festival for Lochwinnoch. Due to the pandemic we have had to reshape and adapt our delivery of the arts in Lochwinnoch changing to a number of online events in 2020 and 2021 and spreading events over a longer period of time. We believe that art in all its forms has a positive and nurturing influence on wellbeing and health. And even more importantly at this time art can bring different parts of the community together and enhance the quality of life for those living in our village and other close villages. In addition, the festival celebrates the culture and heritage of our community.

Grant funding award history:

The 20/21 Local Partnership grant enabled us to deliver art in many forms during the pandemic. in addition, we were able to support our local art community who had no income or very little due to the arts being closed down. We had over 3000 people watching our online events in December and January. We also had over 70 families take part in the Winter Window Wonderland decorations. An unknown number walked round the village to look at the decorated windows. We were able to keep people connected and participating in the arts during the pandemic. The local artists and film makers were able to stay creative and continue to perform. We were able to get different groups to work together in a virtual form.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	£5013.40	Sound film editor Fees to artists Web and media advertising

2019/20	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	£1,972	Sound engineer Venue hire Media and web upkeep Advertising
2018/19	Lochwinnoch Arts Festival	£3,000	Venue hire Web and media upkeep Fees to artists Advertising

Reference: FR1062	Organisation Name: Brookfield Bowling Club
Project Name: Survival	Amount applied for: £1,250
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to continue to provide daily recreational lawn bowling sessions (at present limited to 15 players) for the members of the Club.</p> <p>Our bowling green is owned by the Brookfield Village Council and we have it on perpetuity and are responsible for the Green upkeep, which last year was £9,186.69. We do not have a bar and use the Village Hall for locker rooms, toilet facilities and kitchen facilities for making tea/coffee for which we pay, in a normal year, £1000.00per year. This expenditure is paid for by club subscriptions which last year just covered our costs but with the last year problems the health/ age profile of our members will mean a reduction in our membership by approx 10 members which could impact the survival of the club to continue.</p> <p>The funding will help the bowling club to survive and to provide outdoor recreation for all ages but particularly the older members of the community</p> <p>We will also help provide bowling facilities for people moving into the new build next to the village which has been connected to the village by a new path</p> <p>The project need was identified by the reduction in our income and the concern that we will not be able in the future to provide healthy outdoor recreation for all ages and genders especially the older members of our society.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Club existing and new club member will benefit from this project. This includes 77 full members 10 Suspended (Part Time) members and 16 Associate members, mainly older ladies/ men who come to the green for a cup of tea the company of their old bowling friends. Age profile of the membership at present is 70+ with (59 Lady Members and 47 Gents)</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p>	
<p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>The group is applying for £1,250 from the Villages Local Partnership.</p>	

The total project cost is £11,000 (group's total spend next year). The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured funds through club's membership fees.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Green maintenance	£10,000	£1,000
Hall contribution for use of locker room etc.	£1,000	£250

About the organisation:

Brookfield Bowling Club was established in 1901 and aims to help in sustaining local community groups, by offering bowling facilities to everyone in the district.

The group has 15 volunteers and 100 club members.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	N/A		
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1066		Organisation Name: Ferguslie Cricket Club
Project Name: Ground/facility improvements		Amount applied for: £1077
Description of Project: <p>The purpose of our project is to enable the next phase of facility improvement programme to commence in September 2021.</p> <p>The latest phase will see the installation of underground drainage on our outfield and our surrounds thus ensuring improved drainage, better ground conditions and reducing the number of games cancelled as a result of a waterlogged pitch.</p> <p>In addition, the phase will also see our practice facility completed with a sightscreen erected behind the bowlers. This will further enhance our practice facility for all users.</p>		
Who benefits from the Project? <p>People of all ages who have an interest in participating and/or spectating in the sport of cricket.</p>		
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities 		
Notes: <p>The sport provides a place for people of all ages who are interested in cricket to participate and spectate in the sport while socialising and meeting new people.</p> <p>The project will specifically look to improve the pitch (located in Paisley) to enable the opportunity for the sport to take place.</p>		
Breakdown of costs <p>The group is applying for £1,077 from the Villages Local Partnership. The Ferguslie Cricket Club has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £ £9,654 to contribute to the same project.</p> <p>The balance of the costs will be funded through unsecured Local Partnership funds.</p>		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Underground Drainage	£5,154	£577
Practice Facility Sightscreen Fence	£4,500	£500

About the organisation:

With a history in the local community dating back to 1887, Ferguslie Cricket Club is one of the main sporting and social clubs in Renfrewshire, promoting health through participation in sport, a social focus for the community and a sporting reputation that promotes Paisley and Renfrewshire on a national basis.

The group has 4 part time members of staff, 30 volunteers and 225 members

The group has £13236 in the bank and have not provided any information about what this money is allocated against.

Grant funding award history:

In 20/21 the group has received funding from Gleniffer and Paisley East Local Partnerships for the purchase of Cricket Roller. The purchased cricket roller will enable the group to prepare better cricket pitches for all teams and visiting opposition. In addition, better pitches will enhance group's ability to host representative games thus attracting visitors to Paisley. All junior and senior players (circa 75 members) and visiting teams will benefit from the funding.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Partnership Fund	£2500	Roller
2019/20	Leisure Grant Partnership Fund	£500 £2,000	Sport and Social Hub Changing room
2018/19	Leisure Grant LAC General Fund Common Good	£500 £2,760 £2,760	Changing room enhancements

Reference: FR1067	Organisation Name: The Kilbarchan Singers
Project Name: Royal Conservatoire Students	Amount applied for: £3,010
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Engaging with 2 Royal Conservatoire of Scotland students, to the benefit of both them and the choir, and collaborating with other charities for the benefit of their clients between 6th September 2021 and 15th May 2022.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to provide an opportunity for young music students to participate in singing with a choir of varying ages and abilities. To develop the singing prowess of this long-established choir and its members by the participation of young students who are being coached to degree level. To enhance the relationship of the villages within Renfrewshire by encouraging its residents to attend events and to hear live music of a variety of styles. To further encourage the engagement with local charities by offering a musical experience for their patients/clients whose lives are proving difficult at this time.</p> <p>This will be done by providing an honoraria for 2 students, 1 bass and 1 tenor for a term September 2021 until May 2022. We will offer 25 tickets per concert to charities within the local areas e.g. St Vincent's Hospice, Accord Hospice, Sheltered Housing Paisley, local care homes for the elderly. We will purchase some new music which will challenge both the students and the choir members.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The students will demonstrate an increase in both confidence and ability as they gain valuable experience through participation in varying styles of music alongside amateur singers of differing ages and ability.</p> <p>There will be evidence of choir members own musical ability having developed through the encouragement and support gained by having the opportunity of singing with students who are aiming at a musical career.</p> <p>Patients/clients of local charities will have enjoyed an evening of musical appreciation which allowed them to leave their problems aside for a few hours as they engaged with others.</p> <p>The residents of the villages will have heard music of different genres than they perhaps would normally listen to.</p> <p>The village of Kilbarchan will have received promotion throughout Renfrewshire and will further develop its reputation as one which has a musical and artistic nature.</p> <p>Through the engagement with local charities the villages will feel more united which will help them stay in touch with each other.</p> <p>The residents of the villages will know that The Kilbarchan Singers care about those in their surrounding neighbourhood.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks</p>	

- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £3,010 from the Villages Local Partnership.

The total project cost is £8,138. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds (own accounts and fundraising events)

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Musical Director	£3,338	£0
Accompanist	£620	£0
Accommodation	£1,170	£0
2 Singers	£2,310	£2,310
Music	£200	£200
25 tickets per concert	£500	£500
Total	£8,138	£3,010

About the organisation:

Kilbarchan Singers is a charity established in 1982.

The aims of the group is to:

- add to the cultural and musical heritage of our local community
- provide an outlet for people to come together and share the joy of singing
- perform a wide range of sacred and secular music from 14th Century madrigals to modern 21st Century songs
- promote the health benefits of singing and to encourage others to consider participation.

Kilbarchan Singers has 1 part-time employee and 19 members.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	LPA	Offer of £1,053.50	This was rejected by the choir who have been unable to meet since March 2020 due to Covid restrictions.
2019/20	LPA	£1,442	Choral student, music and provision

			of tickets to local charities.
2018/19		£1,000	Choral student.

Reference: FR1078	Organisation Name: The Renfrewshire Toy Bank
Project Name: Birthday's, Christmas, Halloween & Easter appeals	Amount applied for: £1,400
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The Renfrewshire Toy Bank provides new toy and gifts for children of all ages within Renfrewshire all year round. Only giving out new gifts takes away any stigma as well as helping struggling families. This incorporates but not limited to, Christmas, birthdays, Halloween and Easter. We work in partnership with various charities, local authority organisations, NHS groups and other local projects to cover all of Renfrewshire helping as any children as possible while keeping the service fair and confidential.</p> <p>We provide new toys and gifts for local children (aged 0-18, living in Renfrewshire) through a referral process. Within the Villages we work with social work, health visitors, local schools and nurseries. Who cares? Scotland as well as other legitimate organisations working with children and families. This keeps the service fair, as well as keeping vulnerable people's private information safe in line with data protection and GDPR. This also means that the above organisations work together to reduce duplication. Within the area we also have valuable volunteers that we could not operate without. Houston Village Paper Shop also hosts a drop off point for us which is always ones of our busiest locations for donations demonstrating how the local community get behind us.</p> <p>Toys and gifts that go out are always new and we work with trading standards to ensure a high level of checks are done to provide safe and age appropriate toys for local children. We believe the toy bank is a valuable resource to assist struggling parents and Carers to be able to gift the same as other local families.</p> <p>We previously operated as "The Renfrewshire Christmas Toy Bank". With the expansion from the Renfrewshire Christmas toy bank to the Renfrewshire Toy Bank, we operate all year around with our latest appeal being Easter. This gave over 4000 children Easter Eggs, again helping struggling families while tackling food poverty and assisting in inclusion.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Struggling families with children/young people aged 0-18 year who are living in Renfrewshire & who may otherwise go without for Christmas, birthdays, Halloween and Easter benefits from this project.</p> <p>The toys are provided through a referral service to keep the project fair and keep vulnerable people's information safe.</p> <p>As toys/gifts are of a high standard, it takes away any stigma and give children's pride in their possessions. This also relieves struggling families from another financial burden. We often find that social workers, teachers and charity workers etc constantly 'put their hands in their own pockets' and the toy bank also helps alleviate this too.</p>	

It has been proven that children open up and learn through play, we make a point in ensuring that babies and toddlers have items that will grow with them and their development. This ethos is carried through to all ages. We also target groups that work with older children and teenagers ensuring that no matter the age everyone is included, which is imperative to mental health and wellbeing.

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ **Connectivity & transport**
- ☐ **Environment & parks**
- ☒ **Access to services, facilities and assets**
- ☐ **Village identity and character**
- ☐ **Partial fit with priorities**
- ☐ **Does not fit with priorities**

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £1,400 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships to deliver localised projects within each Local Partnership.

The total project cost is £23,000. The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured funds from Local Partnerships and Arnold Clark.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Storage	£2,000	£280
Toys/gifts	£4,000	£280
Gift cards	£7,000	£280
Halloween	£5,000	£280
Easter	£5,000	£280
Total	£23,000	£1,400

About the organisation:

Renfrewshire Toy Bank is a constituted group that has been in operation since 2018.

Now that we have expanded from the Renfrewshire Christmas toy bank to the Renfrewshire Toy Bank, we operate all year around with our latest appeal being Easter. This gave over 4000 children Easter Eggs, again helping struggling families while tackling food poverty and assisting in inclusion.

We aim to provide new toys and gifts for 0-18 year olds living within Renfrewshire who may otherwise go without for Christmas, birthdays, Halloween and Easter. This is done through a referral service to keep the project fair and keep vulnerable people's information safe.

We work with social work (all Renfrewshire divisions), Families First, the SPACE Project, schools, local charities such as Who Cares? Scotland, the STAR Project, EBI Unites and many more (please see supporting documents). Working this way allows us to cover the whole of Renfrewshire while being able to include all age groups.

We have 15 volunteers and over 20 members.

Grant funding award history:

Last year the group applied for support with their Christmas campaign, however, then to expand to operate all year. The funding helped as it allowed the group to pay for a year of storage as well as other items listed below:

- Storage for a year £1,859
- Gift cards £2,360
- Toys and gifts £859
- Easter £1,650

Teens are always hard to buy for so often we purchase gift cards. They have all been distributed.

The following benefited from the project:

Christmas - 2,510 completed referrals with over 40 organisations referred to the group

Easter - 3,594 big eggs, 1,465 small creme egg type as well as over 1,500 small toys and arts and crafts items were distributed to 45 schools, 26 nurseries and 14 charities and other organisation received eggs from the group

Birthday boxes - All social work departments, health visitors, star project, ebi unites, the space project as well as some schools and nurseries have a stock of gifts that they can take from. This means items have already been quarantined at their end. They then fill out a record sheet and the Toy Bank top up their supply when needed.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership Funding	£6,709.50	storage toys and gifts gift cards Easter
2019/20	Local Partnership Funding	£1,500	Gift cards
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1084	Organisation Name: Rainbow Turtle
Project Name: Fair Trade Education	Amount applied for: £ 500
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Fair trade education project will run between September 2021 and September 2022. The project aims to build on Rainbow Turtle's education work, creating informed and active global citizens locally, particularly from young people and their teachers. This will include the facilitation of workshops and activities on Fair Trade and its environmental impact, to connect not only with the Fairtrade Schools awards system but also the Eco Schools and Rights Respecting Schools awards. With a focus on this local partnership's interest in supporting social connections, Rainbow Turtle facilitates the sharing of resources and skills with our regular schools conferences, where teachers and pupils can exchange ideas on Fair Trade and global citizenship.</p> <p>The project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet increased demand to host schools' conferences during the year, enabling young people to engage actively with issues of social justice, the environment, Global Citizenship and Fair Trade; • allow to host and facilitate at least 1 producer visit, combining with one of the above conferences as we have in 2020 and in previous years; • enable the group to work directly with the young people on school Fair Trade and Eco committees to embed Fair Trade issues deeper into the curriculum <p>The project was identified by local residents in collaboration with Renfrewshire Council and schools along with the Fair Trade status of Renfrewshire. This in turn was identified from the global Fair Trade movement and its desire to more equity in the world. The educational aspect was identified between the regular customers of the Rainbow Turtle shop, schools, teachers and students and other bodies for more information about Fair Trade and what anyone can do to make a difference. Rainbow Turtle fits in with many of the priorities of the Local Partnerships by growing communities locally as well as globally.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Young people, schools & community groups across Renfrewshire will benefit from this project because it will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community pride and safety through school and volunteer engagement. • Support social connections via bringing children and adults together through Fair Trade and volunteering. • Support more engagement with a greater number of schools, young people, teachers and community groups with Fair Trade issues, both local and global. • Increase collaboration with Renfrewshire Council and other local organisations, building on networks already developed; <p>Support further production of an Education programme which will increase understanding of global issues within a local context.</p>	

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☐ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☒ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:**Breakdown of costs**

The group is applying for £500 from the Villages Local Partnership.

The total cost of the project is £12,000.

The group will balance the total outstanding project costs of £4,000 through their own funds (£3,000 for sessional costs for Education Officer & £1,000 for conference budget costs)

The group has applied to Local Partnerships to deliver localised Fair Trade Education projects within each Local Partnership.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Sessional costs for Education Officer	£10,000	£415.50
Conference budget costs	£2,000	£84.50
Total	£12,000	£500

About the organisation:

Rainbow Turtle is charity, established in 2002, with one part-time employee and 55 members.

The aim of the organisation is to enhance the profile of Fair Trade in Renfrewshire by:

- Campaigning and education e.g. talks, workshops, conferences and activities in schools and community groups.
- Organising special events for Fairtrade Fortnight, producer visits etc, often in partnership with other third sector organisations.
- Working in partnership with producers in the developing world.
- Promoting Green issues and Sustainability

Grant funding award history:

The 20/21 Local Partnership money was mainly spent on salary of an education officer who liaised with schools and other groups to educate and promote Fair Trade.

We promoted Fair Trade Fortnight and started a podcast about Rainbow Turtle, Paisley and Fair Trade.

All schools were offered online resources, especially during Fair Trade Fortnight. Schools were closed for most of the year which meant normal business in terms of direct education work with pupils had to be postponed. However, contact with teachers

continued, with a Teacher's Blog being set up, so mainly online. A number of events were planned over the year, but by necessity these have been rescheduled.

The Education Officer built up a wide variety of materials and resources, primarily online activities which can be rolled out when circumstances change. Hence, schools will be in a much better position to embed Fair Trade into the curriculum as normal services resume. Home learning materials were developed for parents and guardians who were educating young people in the home. A wide variety of sessions, activities and digital learning opportunities were offered.

Updating the website and offering information and resources as well as drawing together links to relevant sites, was a key element of the work.

These resources were accessed by parents, teachers, partner organisations and interested members of the public who found them useful, engaging and informative.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnerships in total	£8,750	Contribution to Education Programme costs Aug 19 – Aug 20
	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£750	Education in schools
2019/20	Local Partnerships in total and Paisley Common	£4,312	Contribution to Education Programme costs Aug 19 – Aug 20
2018/19	Local Area Committee LAC, in total	£4,606	Contribution to Education Programme costs Aug 18 – Aug 19

Reference: FR1086	Organisation Name: Bridge of Weir Community Council
Project Name: Festive Lights Enhancement and Festive Lights Switch On.	Amount applied for: £3,886.20
<p>Description of Project: The Bridge of Weir Festive Lights will take place on Thursday 2nd December 2021</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to bring together the community of Bridge of Weir and neighbouring villages to celebrate the annual festival lights switch on. It has proven to have been an extremely popular event over the past number of years and we wish to continue to provide an equally successful event for 2021.</p> <p>In 2019 we ran a design a new light feature competition for our display, involving Primary School Children enabling the Children to show their creative skills it produced a high standard of good quality entries, we wish to continue with this venture to replace two features that have reached the end of their lifespan.</p> <p>The event uses indoor and outdoor venues unfortunately due to extreme weather in 2019 we were forced to move some of the entertainment indoors this year we intend to have a small contingency fund to support us in case this re-occurs.</p> <p>Due to Covid restrictions the 2020 the event was cancelled.</p> <p>In the likely hood of Covid restrictions being lifted we wish to proceed with an event in 2021 that will run from approximately 6pm on the 2nd of December till 8:30pm.</p> <p>Entertainment will be ongoing at Livery Walk shopping Centre hosted by a DJ with music provided by the Brass Band and School Choir. Christmas Stalls will be situated nearby.</p> <p>The Carol Service will be held in Freeland Church 6:15 till 6:45 the lights to be switched on at 7:30pm</p> <p>Santa will arrive and greet the children in the Hope Hall.</p> <p>Local businesses will be encouraged to support the event.</p> <p>The event initiated in 2006 and has enjoyed a long run of success bringing together the community, local residents and businesses.</p> <p>The Churches and Local Businesses join us in celebrating Christmas, opening their doors to all and providing hospitality.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The event will bring together the community of bridge of Weir, local residents and businesses and neighbouring villages. It will provide opportunity for the group to host a successful Christmas event to bring the local residents together; and encourage festive and community spirit within the village.</p> <p>The event gives the opportunity for local shop keepers to potentially increase business in the evening.</p> <p>The numbers attending will be from all age groups and socio-economic groups.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p>	

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £4,086.20 from the Villages Local Partnership.
The total project cost is £3,886.20. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
New Light Features	£1771.20	£1771.20
Santa Sleigh (Hire of Fire Engine)	£120	£120
Silver Band	£300	£300
Entertainment and Entertainment Stalls	£715	£715
Freeland Church (Carol Service).	£130	£130
Hope Hall Hire (Santa Venue)	£130	£130
Catering and Gifts	£120	£120
Contingency Hall Hire for inclement Weather	£200	£0
Other Christmas Sundries	£600	£600
Total	£4,086.20	£3,886.20

About the organisation:

Bridge of Weir Community Council was established in 1974. It has 9 volunteers.

The community Council's aims are detailed in [Renfrewshire Councils Scheme for Community Councils](#)

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21			
2019/20	Local Partnership	£1720	Christmas Light Switch on event
	Festive Funds	£950	As above
2018/19			

Reference: FR1095	Organisation Name: Fèis Phàislig
Project Name: Fèis Phàislig 2021/22	Amount applied for: £2,800
Description of Project: <p>Fèis Phàislig will deliver an exciting programme of events between May 2021 and April 2022 within the Villages Local Partnership(LP). The programme will give young people and the wider community the opportunity to engage with the traditional arts and Gaelic culture. Across 2021, the Cèilidh Trail group will provide free public concerts across the local area and to care homes, nurseries and partner organisations. We will also deliver a programme of free interactive music sessions for all schools across the local area with some of Scotland's best traditional musicians and tutors.</p> <p>The Fèis Phàislig programme will deliver on the local priorities through the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cèilidh Trail project will give 6 young musicians the opportunity to develop their live performance and recording skills. The group will record our first ever album and deliver a number of free performances to partner organisations across The Villages. • A series of free interactive concerts for primary schools will be delivered online and engage over 1800 pupils across the local partnership area. Classes will hear from some of Scotland's best musicians and tutors and be encouraged to participate in our wider programme of events. <p>With the Royal National Mòd returning to Paisley in 2023, we want to engage as many people as possible with Gaelic tradition and culture. Our dynamic programme in The Villages has been developed in response to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. It will allow young people and the wider community to celebrate their local heritage and culture as well as showcasing up-and-coming talent. This programme will raise awareness of our work and encourage new uptake across our projects. This will help the organisation to generate vital income after the last 12 months and ensure our future success.</p>	
Who benefits from the Project? <p>The programme will increase understanding and appreciation of Gaelic culture across the local partnership area ahead of the Mòd in 2023. Our activity will allow communities to come together when it is safe to do so and celebrate local young talent. Pupils across all primary schools in The Villages will engage with their heritage and culture and our free Cèilidh Trail performances will add significantly to the local cultural calendar. Our supporting 'local priorities' document gives further detail on how we will address the priorities for the partnership area.</p>	
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets 	

☒ **Village identity and character**

☐ **Partial fit with priorities**

☐ **Does not fit with priorities**

Notes:

Renfrewshire has an emerging traditional arts scene with a new generation of young people now coming through. The Fèis has an inclusive approach to the traditional arts and Gaelic culture that allows young people to learn together, develop their social and musical skills and realise their full potential, regardless of background or ability. The group's activities allow communities to come together and celebrate young talent from their area as well as raising awareness of local heritage and Gaelic.

Access to services, facilities and assets - Our Cèilidh Trail group will perform across all of The Villages, making use of community buildings and venues. We will also work with partner organisations and groups to ensure there are no barriers to access, taking live performances to those who may not be able to physically attend live performances, such as care homes.

Village identity and character - With a focus on local and national heritage, identity and character within The Villages will play a key role within our delivery. Our activity will engage young people and the wider communities with their own cultural heritage in a unique way. Performances and events delivered with the local partnership area will also add to the local cultural calendar. In the coming year, we will deliver performances to community groups and partner organisations. By taking our performances to those groups who may not be able to physically attend live performances we will ensure there are no barriers to access.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £2,800 from the Villages Local Partnership. Fèis Phàislig has applied to Local Partnerships to deliver localised programme within each Local Partnership.

The total project cost is £9,300. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds & not secured funds:

- Ceilidh Trail - £6,000 from Feisean nan Gaidheal (secured) and £500 from not secured event fees.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Ceilidh Trail Rehearsals - Musician Fees & Expenses	£3138	£1000
Ceilidh Trail Concerts Delivery - Musician Fees & Expenses	£1900	£440
Ceilidh Trail Other - Recording, Venue Hire & Additional Performances	£3402	£500
School Visits - Musician Fees	£860	£860
Total	£9,300	£2,800

About the organisation:

The Fèis Phàislig is a Charity established in 2004.

The group's central aim is to promote interest, participation and progression of young people's knowledge and skills in traditional Gaelic music & language in Renfrewshire. This is achieved through the planning & delivery of year-round traditional arts activities for young people aged 8-18, including an annual tuition festival structured to highlight the musical, cultural & educational objectives of the Fèis.

The group has 1 part time employee and 8 volunteers

Grant funding award history:

The original 20/21 Local Partnership grant application was to take a group of 6 young local musicians on our annual Ceilidh Trail tour and allow them to develop their experience of touring and performing. Unfortunately, due to restrictions around Covid-19, the tour was unable to take place. Our amended application was approved to cover our recruitment costs. This included venue hire and panel fees for our audition process. Although the tour was unable to take place, the recruitment process was a success and we have 6 young musicians waiting to take their place on our next Ceilidh Trail project in late 2021. Whilst the project is currently waiting to take place later this year, the grant award ensured we were able to recruit 6 of the best young musicians from the area. When they do eventually perform their concerts together, we anticipate reaching at least 500 people within the community through traditional music and Gaelic.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership Grant Funding;	£527.25;	Ceilidh Trail Recruitment;
	Cultural Organisation Support Fund	£6750	Coordinator Fee
2019/20	CHEF Fund;	£5,935;	Weekly Lessons;
	Local Partnership Funding;	£5,949.11;	Ceilidh Trail / Weekly Lessons;
	Mòd Fund	£2,697	Promotional School Visits
2018/19	LAC Funding;	£5,376.53;	Weekly Lessons;
	Mòd Fund	£3020	Gaelic Choir + Drama Workshops

Reference: FR1096	Organisation Name: BSSC Gym
Project Name: Gym	Amount applied for: £2,000
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>We aim to bring a community gym in which the whole of Renfrewshire can benefit from. Located in Bishopton Sports and Social Club, Holmpark, Bishopton we are an easy commute with local bus and train services.</p> <p>We plan to refloor the 2 rooms, update the toilets and also add more equipment to the already existing weights and machines there.</p> <p>Each room was damaged by damp. As you can imagine with the place not being in use during lock down. We have already had a quote for the floors (£11,838.00).</p> <p>The gym will serve and be available to everyone in Renfrewshire. At only £40 a year for membership, it is a huge saving compared to other gyms. Breaking it down its only £3.34 a month. Compared to the lowest cost gym in Renfrewshire being £19.99 a month.</p> <p>In the modern era of exercise, health, and wellness, functional fitness is the new craze. Many of the bigger gyms have seen a large drop in memberships to smaller, community based fitness facilities.</p> <p>The community is a place where the vulnerable feel comfortable to fail as often as they succeed.</p> <p>1. Feeling the Benefits Will Motivate people feel better when they exercise. Mental health is especially important. People are able to come together through exercises. The strength-training study found that experiencing the connection between exercise and well-being keeps you coming back. Getting support from peers and trainers will get you through the early stage when the first signs of better health may not be consistent or obvious.</p> <p>2. Committing to a Fitness Routine Improves Your Health Habits</p> <p>In the strength-training study people who keep up their work-outs had better eating habits and were generally more active than other's who had stopped.</p> <p>Having a community gym means that you can exercise with friends and family. It also means low cost membership.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>New and existing Bishopton Sports and Social Club gym members will benefit from this project. As the project will deliver the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Health for local people • Reduced isolation for all ages • Bringing more local classes • Increased energy • Improved mental health 	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport</p>	

- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☒ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

The Villages residents have an opportunity to become members of the community gym in Bishopton (Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership).

Note: This application has been marked as a 'partial fit with priorities' due to a lack of direct reference to the Villages local partnership area.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £2,000 from the Villages Local Partnership. BSSC Gym has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £16,000 to contribute to the same project.

The total project cost is £32,000. It is not stated how the rest of the costs will be balanced.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
flooring/toilet	£11,838	£1000
gym equipment	£4162	£1000
Total	£16,000	£2,000

About the organisation:

The group was established in 1990.

We are a non-profit organisation governed by a constituted group. We aim to support the local communities' wellbeing and help with social isolation.

Due to covid lockdown we were unable to carry out our membership renewal, membership numbers below are for 2019 / 2020:

- Members: 500
- Volunteers: 9
- Part time employees: 4
- Full time employees: 1

Group's current bank balance is £12799. Costs such as staff, wages and restocking before opening are set against this bank balance.

If you've tried training in large gym, that is run by a national chain. Then you will no doubt have found the whole experience less than rewarding and not very motivational. For a more fulfilling and above all effective fitness experience. You are much better off joining a smaller, independently owned community gym.

These bigger gyms are faceless and tend to have a big price tag that goes with it. At BSS Gym all we are asking is £40 a year annual membership. You will be able to use the gym as much as you would like to.

We identified that most people cannot afford the big price tag that comes along with those big corporate companies.

Also you are not always able to use the machines that you want either.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	FS294420823	£500 pw	utilities, staff costs, pest control
	FS294410823	£6000	back dated payment 27/01/21as above
2019/20	FS189471181	£25000	Utilities, insurance, staff costs, pest control, written off stock replenishment, refurbishment of bar area and lounge seating to facilitate social distancing
2018/19			

Reference: FR1097	Organisation Name: BSSC Social Club
Project Name: Social Club Improvements	Amount applied for: £750
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>We plan to repair the disabled toilet. Deep clean the full centre as there is mould on the walls due to pipes.</p> <p>We also plan to upgrade the club and hopefully renovate the existing seating area. The heating is poor and as you can imagine with a lot of elderly members this can be quite a problem at times. The club was an old army barracks so needs a lot of TLC.</p> <p>Our club gives people a place to meet and combat loneliness in the community. We have members from all over Renfrewshire who use the club. The ability to connect with others is crucial. When a person is aging in place, they remain in their home for as long as possible which, depending on various circumstances, could lead to social isolation and depression. There are ways seniors can avoid isolation and caregivers can encourage social interaction to prevent this from happening. This is also the case for many young and middle age adults as well.</p> <p>Adults who actively participate in experiences, such as going out and making new friends. Also retaining old friendships are far less likely to experience depression, develop health problems and will most likely practice good mental and physical health habits because of the interaction with others. It doesn't matter if you retire, have health issues, experience the loss of a loved one or even have to live with less income having the ability to connect with others is crucial to avoiding any type of isolation. Here are some ideas for seniors to keep connected.</p> <p>Avoiding social isolation should be at the top of everyone's list. especially after the isolation that has occurred in the past year. Getting people out of the house and when planning ahead to age in place. Being able to seek out opportunities will help prevent isolation.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>BSSC Social Club new and existing members will benefit from the project as it gives people a place to meet and combat loneliness in the community. We have members from all over Renfrewshire who use the club.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p> <p>The Villages residents have an opportunity to become members of the social club in Bishopton (Erskine, Inchinnan, Bishopton & Langbank Local Partnership).</p>	

Note: This application has been marked as a 'partial fit with priorities' due to a lack of direct reference to the Villages local partnership area.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £750 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group applied to Local Partnerships for the contribution to the same project.

The total project cost is £10,000. It is not stated how the rest of the costs will be balanced.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Rough cost deep clean industrial cleaning company	£2000	£250
Toilet repair	£1000	£250
Upholstery and updating due to burst pipe	£2000	£250
Total	£5,000	£750

About the organisation:

We are governed by a constituted group and a non profit organisation. We aim to support the local communities' wellbeing and help with social isolation.

We have various clubs within BSS. Many of these clubs involve adults and elderly people. We also have many families that use our club.

Unfortunately during the current pandemic we had a burst water pipe that damaged a lot of the club.

This included the disabled toilet and main hallway. It also damaged the sitting area in which people gather to socialise with each other.

We want to fix the above problems before we get to open the club again.

Due to covid lockdown we were unable to carry out our membership renewal, membership numbers below are for 2019 / 2020:

- Members: 500
- Volunteers: 9
- Part time employees: 4
- Full time employees: 1

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	FS294420823	£500 pw	utilities, staff costs, pest control
	FS294410823	£6000	back dated payment 27/01/21as above
2019/20	FS189471181	£25000	Utilities, insurance, staff costs, pest control, written off stock replenishment, refurbishment of bar area and lounge seating to facilitate social
2018/19			

Reference: FR1098	Organisation Name: Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation
Project Name: Cricket after Covid	Amount applied for: £750
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The project aims to increase the number of people participating in regular sport within Renfrewshire and aims to address the reduction in people participating regularly in sport and active activity sessions, by providing regular cricket sessions throughout the year. Led by a qualified cricket coach, our cricket sessions will increase the activity levels in all participants and help to promote an active and healthy lifestyle throughout the local communities where our project will work.</p> <p>The need for this project was identified by liaising with local groups and local people. We have become aware of the declining number of people of all ages participating regularly in sport, especially cricket. Football teams cater for a high number of people however our project seeks to cater for those who do not play football and indeed cater for people regardless of ability. We seek to promote participation in sport, through cricket for people of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Our project will provide cricket sessions for people of all ages and will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in or after school cricket coaching sessions (primary schools) • in or after school cricket coaching sessions (secondary schools) • university and college cricket coaching sessions • weekly, open cricket coaching sessions for all aged under 18 • weekly, open cricket coaching sessions for all aged 18 and above • winter cricket coaching sessions for people all ages and abilities <p>Our project will not only help to enhance fitness levels and improve the health and well-being of each individual, but it will also promote key transferrable skills which people of all ages can use in their educational or employment lives. Communication and team work skills will be promoted by our project while self-confidence, self-belief and self-esteem of each individual will be enhanced.</p> <p>Our project will get people outside after a year of restrictions to participate in regular physical activity.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Different age groups receiving the coaching will benefit from this project.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets</p>	

- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☒ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £750 from the Villages Local Partnership. Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £10,000 to contribute to the same project.

The total project cost is £11,500. The rest of the costs will be balanced from secured, existing funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Cricket Coaching (320 hours @ £25 p/h)	£8,000	£0
Venue Hire	£2,500	£250
Equipment	£1,000	£500
Total	£11,500	£4,250

About the organisation:

The Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation is a registered charity (No. SC045605), based in Paisley. It was established in 2015.

The Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation has less than 10 volunteers and its main activity areas are Children & Young people and Health & Wellbeing.

The charity aims to:

- Promote cricket as a participation sport open to all regardless of age, gender, creed, colour, religion or ability;
- Provide cricket coaching and training opportunities for those sections of the community in Renfrewshire and surrounding areas who wish to play cricket;
- To promote the general health and wellbeing of individuals through their participation in sport.

Grant funding award history:

In 20/21 the group sought funding from Paisley East, Gleniffer and Paisley North West & Central Local Partnerships. The funding to enable cricket coaching to be available to the community. It enabled us to provide a qualified cricket coach, when COVID restrictions allowed. Sessions encouraged people of all ages and abilities to take part outdoors in an activity which enhanced their physical and mental health and wellbeing. We reached a total of 100 people - mainly for the Paisley partnerships. The community were able to attend structured and covid friendly sessions to take part in physical activity. This was vital at a time when gyms etc were closed.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Partnership Fund	£4,326	Community Cricket Coaching
2019/20	Leisure Grant Partnership Fund	£500 £3,822	Community Cricket Coaching
2018/19	Leisure Grant LAC General Fun	£500 £6,143	Community Cricket Coaching

Reference: FR1107	Organisation Name: Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP) - (Lochwinnoch Food Committee)
Project Name: Lochwinnoch Food Committee	Amount applied for: £4,725
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>We seek to establish a more permanent foundation for our group by creating a better digital presence. Funding would allow us to develop a website and appropriate branding which will raise our profile locally, make us more visible to the community, to future funders, and provide a platform for us to expand some of our activities into other villages.</p> <p>We shall engage professionals to develop branding and create a website. It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fully reflect our activities and services - Provide details for onward referral services supporting vulnerable households - Include a 'community notice board' promoting our events, as well as highlighting other community groups and their activities/services/events/news - Include a food growing blog providing guidance and linking to our instructional videos: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiTiO081b9Iv2x8Jqmdbxx2IyDUaAdUPU <p>A salary extension for the Project Officer post will allow a continuance for 5 hours per week for the last 13 weeks of the year after other funding ends.</p> <p>We would also like to extend the salary allowance of the Project Office (the funding will allow a continuance for 5 hours per week for the last 13 weeks of the year); we also received funding from the National Lottery which largely covers this cost, but it is currently due to run out slightly short of the year end.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The website will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow us to expand our reach, ensuring we are supporting the widest number of households • Ensure vulnerable households find all relevant services • Connect villagers to our events and services as well as those of other groups • Create a window for future funders which will support applications and sustain the group long-term <p>An extension to the Project Officer post will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow all the activities to continue to the end of 2021, including scheduling of events • Secure funding for 2022 • Manage the implementation of Seed Libraries in Lochwinnoch and other neighbouring villages, and delivery of a Community Fridge • 	
Villages Local Priorities:	

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Funding would allow us to develop a website and appropriate branding which will raise our profile locally, make us more visible to the community, to future funders, and provide a platform for us to expand some of our activities into other villages.

Breakdown of costs

The total cost of the project is £22,800. The group is applying for £4,725 from the Villages Local Partnership.

The rest of the project costs will be met through the Lochwinnoch Food Committee not secured funds from other funders:

- National Lottery Communities Fund £9975
- Baille Gifford Fund £5000
- Curden Foundation £1900
- Corra £1200

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Project Officer Salary	£9750	£975
Web design	£2250	£2250
Branding & promotion	£1500	£1500
Fresh food fund	£600	£0
Volunteer Expenses and Administration	£600	£0
Growing Materials	£4400	£0
Seed Library and Community Fridge	£1200	£0
Educational Mini-Projects and Events	£2500	£0
Total	£22,800	£4,725

About the organisation:

Our application is for Lochwinnoch Food Committee, a subgroup within LEAP; The group aims to tackle food poverty, isolation and climate change while building resilience locally, promoting community engagement and improving wellbeing.

Since forming in March 2020, Lochwinnoch Food Committee has benefitted 650 individuals between its three project areas. Numbers continue to rise in applications to:

- Community Larder - A food bank run by volunteers providing dignified access to food
- Lochwinnoch Cares - A volunteer group delivering food, medicine and essential items to vulnerable and isolating households
- Diggin' It - A project supporting households to grow their own vegetables and host community events

The Lochwinnoch Food Committee has 2 part-time employees and 65 volunteers.

Grant funding award history:

The Local Energy Action Plan used 20/21 Local Partnership funding to cover LEAP Car Club running costs, Staff Costs, Vehicle Running Costs and Marketing costs. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, there have been severe travel restrictions in place throughout the entirety of the project length (Nov 2020 - March 2021) so, as you would expect, this has had a dramatically negative effect on the number of people who used our cars over the period. As such we were not able to reach the number of people we had originally hoped to.

Over the project period seven car club members, plus passengers, made 59 trips for a duration of 112 hours over a distance of 1068 miles. Users saved money; only paying to drive when they needed to, not having to pay for their own car or for insurance, maintenance, cleaning, road tax or fuel. This allowed for greater accessibility and a valuable transport option.

Access to Car Club cars also allowed users to either give up their own car or not purchase a second household car.

Utilisation of our electric and hybrid cars will also helped improve air quality and cut carbon emissions in the village, whilst promoting connectivity, use of public transport and active travel.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership Fund	£4021.15	LEAP Car Club
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	Invest In Renfrewshire Social Enterprise Grant	£548.88	LEAP Main Project Activity

Reference: FR1109	Organisation Name: Friends of Howwood Park
Project Name: Howwood Park maintenance & event essentials	Amount applied for: £2,110
Description of Project: <p>The purpose of our project is to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equip our group with tools and materials to help maintain the grounds, shrubbery and overgrowth in Howwood Park. - We will purchase the requested power tools, after which our group shall work together to look after the park using these as and when required. All members will be given clear instruction on how to use the tools, and will be given protective equipment as necessary when using them (eg visors and gloves). 2. Provide confectionary for our Christmas and Easter events - We will purchase selection boxes prior to our Christmas event (Tinsel Walk or similar) and easter eggs prior to our Easter event (Easter Scavenger Hunt). 3. To purchase Public Liability Insurance to allow us to take forward group activities at Howwood Park. - We will purchase our insurance online 4. To renew the cost of our website domain name - www.freindsofhowwoodpark.com - which promotes and provides information on the park. 	
Who benefits from the Project? <p>Our volunteers will participate in more garden type maintenance at Howwood Park, resulting in a nicer, tidier, safer, better maintained park for all.</p> <p>We will also be able to provide Christmas and Easter events for the children in the village if we are able to buy selection boxes and easter eggs.</p> <p>We will be able to continue our activities if we are insured, and will be able to continue to promote the park through our website.</p>	
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Notes: <p>The anticipated outcomes will therefore be a better maintained park benefiting everyone who visits it, more events at the park, and an increased community cohesion.</p>	
Breakdown of costs	

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Public Liability Insurance	£175	£175
Website Domain Name Annual Fee	£150	£150
Selections boxes (for Christmas event)	£200	£200
Easter eggs (for Easter event)	£150	£150
Tools and equipment for volunteers to look after Howwood Park (see attached list) - Cordless hedge trimmer, scarifier, chainsaw, lawnmower, shears, brushcutter, strimmer etc.	£1360	£1360
Christmas Tree and Lights	£75	£75

About the organisation:

We are a group of 18 volunteers who work together to improve and look after Howwood Park. We were established in 2019.

Our aim is to help ensure Howwood Park is a well-maintained and safe public site which enhances the quality of life for local people by improving their physical and mental health and acts as a focus for bringing people together.

We look after the park including some general maintenance works such as sweeping up leaves, cutting back overgrown vegetation, litter picking and similar. We work with tools owned by the volunteers, but these are limited, which limits the work we can carry out. If we had the appropriate tools, we would be able to do more and do it better. This is how the need for the tools was identified.

We also hold events at Howwood Park, including a Christmas and Easter Event (last year this was a Tinsel Walk at Christmas, and an Easter Scavenger Hunt at Easter). These are well attended, which identifies the need for selection boxes and easter eggs for these events.

We have 18 volunteers and 3 members.

Grant funding award history:

We broadly spent the money on what we originally intended to spend it on. We could not buy everything, because we applied for £1938.69 but were not awarded the full amount. From our original list, we bought the football pitch lining machine, selection boxes for our Christmas event (a Tinsel Walk), Easter eggs for our Easter event (Easter Scavenger Hunt), charity collection buckets, a first aid kit and a cover for our PA system.

In addition, we bought Public Liability Insurance, walkie talkies, a megaphone, an accident book, a Christmas tree (including stand and lights), decorations (Christmas and Halloween).

We did not need to buy a PA system (which was on our original list) as someone donated one, and we did not need to buy corner flags as a local football team gave us some.

The funding allowed us to hold 4 'events' over the last year, and these were attended by approximately the following;

- St Andrews Day Event - 100
- Halloween Scavenger Hunt - 80 kids and 80 adults
- Tinsel Walk - 60 kids and 50 adults
- Easter Scavenger Hunt - 100 kids and 20 adults.
- Fitness Classes - These have only just started due to lockdown. We had 5 the first week, and 8 the second week, and we hope to increase this weekly up to around 20 per week.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Area Partnership Fund	£1,357	Insurance, selection boxes, easter eggs etc
	Community Empowerment Fund	£10,000	Surveys of pavilion pre asset transfer
2019/20			
2018/19			

Reference: FR1116	Organisation Name: Houston Community Council
Project Name: Outdoor Gym for use of Houston residents	Amount applied for: £9,836
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>This project is part of our recovery plan as we come out of the coronavirus pandemic. An outdoor gym will be free for our residents to use and will always be available for them to access at their own convenience.</p> <p>The benefits of exercise to physical health and emotional wellbeing are well established, and the need to provide opportunities for people to participate in this type of activity has become even more recognised during the periods of lockdown that have been necessary to limit the spread of the virus.</p> <p>The individual items of equipment have been selected to provide a range of specific benefits, including muscle strength, cardiovascular fitness, flexibility and coordination. The gym will allow residents to use either individually or in social groups.</p> <p>Two of the items will be for the use of wheelchair users, so those with a physical disability will be included.</p> <p>We will choose items of equipment that will promote a range of physical health benefits as described above. The benefits to mental health will be common to all the pieces of equipment.</p> <p>We will purchase these items from an established supplier with a strong track record of providing quality outdoor gym equipment to local authorities and other institutions. We will highlight the provision of this gym in our community council Facebook page, which has around 4000 members</p> <p>Over the past year or so the need to take outdoor exercise has been highlighted because people have been forced to spend so much more time indoors. This project will encourage them to get outside and to exercise, both of which are desirable outcomes.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>An outdoor gym will encourage a fun, stimulating way to keep healthy. It will be free to use by residents and will therefore particularly benefit those who cannot afford expensive private gym membership.</p> <p>All Houston residents will benefit from this project. The physical and mental health of those residents who use the equipment will be improved.</p> <p>We anticipate that these will include weight loss, enhanced cardiovascular health, mood enhancement, self esteem and sense of community.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities 	

Notes:

The gym will be sited on level ground in an area of Houston which is accessible to all our residents and is adjacent to existing sports facilities. It will be inclusive, since it will be free to use and some pieces of equipment will be specifically for the use of wheelchair users.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £9,836 from the Villages Local Partnership.
The total project cost is £10,196. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Gym Equipment	£7323	£7250
Installation by Supplier	£2873	£2586
Total	£10,196	£9,836

About the organisation:

Houston Community Council acts as a voice for the people of Houston on issues of public concern and to act in their common interest.

It has 1 part time employee and 15 volunteer members.

Grant funding award history:

Due to Covid restrictions with the switch on event did not go ahead in 2020 we decided to buy a projector in lieu of hiring and also did gobos for the kids competition to design a motif at the two primary schools that in previous years were manufactured and installed in the centre of the village. This means we have a projector now and it was such a success we shall use this each year for the kids motif competition thus saving monies. The projector projected the kids competition motifs and a Merry Xmas message to the community on the church hall wall in the centre of the village. Most people in the community would have seen the this during the month that it was on and also the kids at both schools were again involved in designing a motif and two winners selected from the schools.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Christmas Lights - LAC	£2,555	Christmas Lights Switch-on
2019/20	Christmas Lights - LAC Christmas Lights Switch-on - Festive	£3,900	Christmas Lights Switch-on
		£1,675	Christmas Lights Switch-on

	Events Fund Flower Planting Programme - LAC	£2,000	Flower planting etc.
2018/19	Christmas Lights - LAC	£7,500	Christmas Lights Switch-on
	Flower Planting Programme - LAC	£7,500	Flower planting programme
	Community Pico Hydro Scheme - LAC	£4,123	Feasibility study

Reference: FR1118	Organisation Name: Renfrewshire Model Railway Club
Project Name: Replacement windows and re-rendering exterior of club hall.	Amount applied for: £6,970
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The club building (located in Elderslie) suffers from significant dampness due to the loose and broken render on its walls allowing saturation of the brickwork, and leaks around old and damaged window frames. The windows are also thermally inefficient and allow heat to escape, so the building is both cold and damp. It is necessary to replace the render and windows in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) make the building watertight to prevent further deterioration in its structure; b) eliminate sources of damp which have caused serious damage to the contents of the building; c) improve thermal efficiency to save energy, reduce heating costs and allow the building to be maintained at a suitable temperature. <p>Dampness has been an issue for several years and the club has hitherto focussed our resources on repairing the roof. A woodworm outbreak in our layouts during 2019 highlighted the need to eliminate other sources of dampness. After several pieces of render fell off we obtained quotations for its repair, which brought to light the fact that the condition of the render was a major source of the dampness and the whole building required re-rendering. This also identified that replacement of the windows would best be done at the same time in order to prevent further damage.</p> <p>The twelve large windows in the main hall will be replaced with modern energy-efficient double-glazed units. The existing damaged roughcast render will be removed and replaced with new render. The existing security grilles protecting the hall windows will then be reinstated.</p> <p>All work will be carried out by a building contractor who will be responsible for scaffolding etc. The work requires to be carried out during the drier months of summer.</p> <p>Existing dampness within the hall caused by water seeping through the brickwork and leaks around windows will be eliminated.</p> <p>Elimination of the damp conditions will make a recurrence of the recent woodworm problem less likely.</p> <p>Increased thermal efficiency will allow the central heating to more adequately heat the structure, making it drier and more comfortable for older members. (As a separate project, the boiler has recently been replaced to further improve energy efficiency).</p> <p>These repairs will put the club in a position to regain lost membership and replace damaged layouts once the Covid-19 situation eases.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>35 volunteers and 30 club members would benefit from the project.</p> <p>Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in model railways - our members who come from all over.</p> <p>Renfrewshire and range from children to senior citizens, both male and female. Many of</p>	

our members are elderly and in some cases live alone, and the club is an important source of companionship. For our younger members the club provides an opportunity to pick up practical skills and knowledge from more experienced older modellers, and to work on much larger models than they would be able to do at home. Our members include some young people with additional support needs.

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ **Connectivity & transport**
- ☐ **Environment & parks**
- ☒ **Access to services, facilities and assets**
- ☐ **Village identity and character**
- ☒ **Partial fit with priorities**
- ☐ **Does not fit with priorities**

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £6,970 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £37,440 to contribute to the same project.

The total project cost is £37,440. The rest of the costs will be balanced by not secured funds from bank loans and further appeals for donations.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Replace 12 large windows in main hall with double glazed units and reinstate existing security grilles (inc. materials, labour and VAT)	£13,440	£2220
Removal and like-for-like replacement of roughcast render over whole building (inc. materials, scaffolding, labour and VAT)	£24,000	£4750
Total	£37,440	£6970

About the organisation:

Our club is a registered charity dedicated to the promotion of railway modelling located in Elderslie. It was established in 1970.

We aim to encourage enjoyment of and participation in railway modelling; Advance knowledge and skills required to build and operate model railways; Provide opportunity for people to exchange ideas and knowledge about model railways in an enjoyable social environment; Enhance knowledge of local railway history, and make available resources and research facilities to those who wish to model them.

We have a clubhouse (a former church hall) in Elderslie where we build and operate our model railway layouts, and where we meet several times a week.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	N/A		
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1130	Organisation Name: Houston Community Council
Project Name: 2021/2022 Flower Planting and Environment Enhancing Programme	Amount applied for: £4,050
Description of Project: <p>The project will be delivered between May 2021 and May 2022</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enhance the appearance of Houston, including Crosslee and Craigends and make it a more attractive place to live in, work in and visit. This meets the objectives of the Main Issues report on the Local Development Plan for Renfrewshire (pp1, 13, 15, 28) 2. To help the residents of Houston feel an increased sense of pride in their village. 3. To attract visitors to the village. 4. To increase wellbeing by encouraging and allowing to continue the group of local volunteers who maintain these displays. This will provide health and social benefits to participants. <p>The funding will allow us to restock the planters that already exist and the additional ones that are currently being installed in the village. It will provide shrubbery in open areas of the village that have been identified by our gardening group, Bee happy Houston. It will encourage wildlife diversity and bees by selecting appropriate species of plants. Additional benches will allow and encourage more people to enjoy the amenity of the village, particularly those who are elderly or disabled. The project shall increase the capacity of the existing community orchard planted in 2019.</p> <p>We ascertain, co-ordinate and express to Renfrewshire Council, and other public authorities, the view of local residents and act in their interest.</p> <p>The need for the project was identified from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feedback from residents. • Observation that there are sites in Houston, Crosslee and Craigends that would be visually improved by a tree flower and shrubbery planting programme. • Observation that other communities in the locality have floral displays of the nature proposed and that enhances their appearance. 	
Who benefits from the Project? <p>Local residents, volunteers and visitors will benefit from this project as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community spirit within the village will be enhanced. 2. Civic pride within the village will be enhanced. 3. The health and social wellbeing of the participating volunteers will be enhanced. 4. Houston will be seen as a more attractive place to live in, work in and visit. 	
Villages Local Priorities: <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport </div> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks </div>	

- ☐ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £4,050 from the Villages Local Partnership.
The total project cost is £6,250. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Bulbs; planting a selection of daffodils, crocus, snowdrops and Scottish bluebells around the village.	£1,500	£1,000
Shrub planting around the village at sites identified by community gardening group Bee Happy Houston.	£1,500	£1,000
Purchase of power tools and hand tools to maintain areas not covered by Renfrewshire Council.	£500	£250
Extending the community orchard. Planting mixture of fruit trees for the benefit of local community.	£750	£500
Park benches and picnic tables situated around the village as requested by senior residents.	£1,000	£750
Summer and winter bedding to restock existing planters.	£500	£250
Wildflower meadow. Planting of wildflowers in open spaces around the village.	£250	£150
Upkeep of War Memorial flower / poppy bed.	£250	£150
Total	£6,250	£4,050

About the organisation:

Houston Community Council acts as a voice for the people of Houston on issues of public concern and to act in their common interest.
It has 1 part time employee and 15 volunteer members.

Grant funding award history:

Due to Covid restrictions with the switch on event did not go ahead in 2020 we decided to buy a projector in lieu of hiring and also did gobos for the kids competition to design a motif at the two primary schools that in previous years were manufactured and installed in the centre of the village. This means we have a projector now and it was such a success we shall use this each year for the kids motif competition thus saving monies. The projector projected the kids competition motifs and a Merry Xmas message to the community on the church hall wall in the centre of the village. Most people in the community would have seen the this during the month that it was on and also the kids at both schools were again involved in designing a motif and two winners selected from the schools.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Christmas Lights - LAC	£2,555	Christmas Lights Switch-on
2019/20	Christmas Lights - LAC	£3,900	Christmas Lights Switch-on
	Christmas Lights Switch-on - Festive		
	Events Fund Flower Planting Programme - LAC	£1,675 £2,000	Christmas Lights Switch-on Flower planting etc.
2018/19	Christmas Lights - LAC	£7,500	Christmas Lights Switch-on
	Flower Planting Programme - LAC	£7,500	Flower planting programme
	Community Pico Hydro Scheme - LAC	£4,123	Feasibility study

Reference: FR1131	Organisation Name: Houston Community Council
Project Name: Christmas Lights Switch-on 2021, carol singing by local school and firework display	Amount applied for: £2550
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Christmas lights switch on will take place between Sunday 28th November 2021 and w/c 10th January 2022</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. enhance the appearance of Houston village during the Christmas period. 2. foster community spirit and a sense of pride in the village. 3. engage children and schools in the project by repeating the highly successful competitions for local schoolchildren to design a Christmas light motif, with the winning entries from each school having their design projected in the village centre against the church hall wall. 4. add to social cohesion in the village by means of item 3 above and by repeating and further developing the joint carol singing event with our two primary schools. 4. add to the celebratory nature of the switch-on event by rounding off with a firework display. 5. enhance local trade by attracting visitors to the village <p>In addition we propose to manage a Window Wanderland event for the community to coincide with the festive period and switch on event.</p> <p>Project will provide additional Christmas light motifs (Gobo's) designed by local schoolchildren, with the winners of the competitions in each school having their designs digitally fabricated by Blanchere Illuminations and displayed in the village centre. The winning children will jointly switch on the Christmas lights on the evening of Sunday 28th November 2021.</p> <p>Christmas themed window illuminations, created by Gryffe High School art students and the community at large and also local residents who wish to partake in this initiative / event, installed within Carrick Centre, Village Hall and Church Hall (refer to Window Wanderland website for further details) https://www.windowwanderland.com/)</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Local people, especially young people, local traders and visitors will benefit from this project.</p> <p>The anticipated outcome include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community spirit within the village will be enhanced. We know this from the very positive feedback we received from Houston residents, following our previous Christmas lights displays and switch-on events. • Local children as well as their schools and families will be at the heart of the project and will be closely involved in a major community event. 	

- The switch-on will closely involve both primary schools, and we will take this opportunity to draw the community even more closely together.
- Civic pride within the village will be enhanced.
- Houston will be seen to be involved in the widespread mood of festivity that prevails at this time of year.

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £2,550 from the Villages Local Partnership.
The total project cost is £3,250. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Children's Christmas motifs (Gobo's) competition (St Fillan's and Houston Primary Schools)	£500	£400
Window Wanderland for the Carrick Centre, Village Hall and Church Hall	£500	£400
Materials associated with Window Wanderland donated from HCC to Gryffe High School Art Department and others in the community.	£1,000	£750
Firework Display	£1,250	£1,000
Total	£3,250	£2,550

About the organisation:

Houston Community Council acts as a voice for the people of Houston on issues of public concern and to act in their common interest.

It has 1 part time employee and 15 volunteer members.

Grant funding award history:

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motif at the two primary schools that in previous years were manufactured and installed in the centre of the village. This means we have a projector now and it was such a success we shall use this each year for the kids motif competition thus saving monies. The projector projected the kids competition motifs and a Merry Xmas message to the community on the church hall wall in the centre of the village. Most people in the community would have seen the this during the month that it was on and also the kids at both schools were again involved in designing a motif and two winners selected from the schools.

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	Flower Planting Programme - LAC	£7,500	Flower planting programme
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Reference: FR1132	Organisation Name: Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club
Project Name: Shelter	Amount applied for: £430
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The project aims to provide a suitable and covid safe area for handlers to shelter during inclement weather.</p> <p>In past years, handlers could shelter together within the storage area (when equipment was being used). That is no longer possible and is unlikely to be possible again in the near future. If the club is to survive and keep members- which in turn benefits the community as well as individuals, a permanent structure is required. Estimates are being sought at present but costs are likely to be over £3000. This would only be for a 3 sided, open fronted structure, with metal support and perspex sides. It must be large enough to allow for 2mtrs distance between around 10 handlers at any one time. Groups of handlers are split to train at different times so the full membership is seldom there at the same time. There has been difficulty in obtaining estimates because of Covid. This will ease shortly as the Scottish Government relaxes the rules and workers are returning from furlough.</p> <p>The anticipated project outcomes are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keep existing members and attract new members. • give members the confidence to return to activities post COVID. • provide shelter from bad weather will allow the club to train throughout the windy and wet winter as well as the less cold but often wet summer. <p>In addition to the shelter being used in bad weather on regular training days, it would be a great asset when the club holds its Kennel club shows, allowing officials and competitors to socialise in a COVID-safe manner.</p> <p>COVID has had an immense impact on our ability to socialise within the dog agility community as well as with the wider public. Based on restrictions implemented during lockdown, we have not trained together as a club locally nor have we been able to attend or host events in the community. Although restrictions are slowly being lifted, we don't anticipate that things will be "normal" until 2022 and plan to host a COVID-safe fun dog agility show instead of our annual kennel club show.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The project will benefit dog agility community (Group membership of 20 people) in Renfrewshire & Greater Glasgow.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities 	

Notes:**Breakdown of costs**

The group is applying for £430 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £3,000 to contribute to the same project.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Building of shelter	£3000	£3000

About the organisation:

Phoenix Flyers is an Unincorporated Club formed in 2011 with 20 members.

Our members are primarily educated in dog health, safety, basic obedience and hygiene, as well as being encouraged to support the wider dog community by setting an example in aspects such as noise, dog fouling and general dog behaviour. Handlers are taught the skills of dog agility, which is an inclusive hobby that bridges all age groups. As a hobby it benefits handlers by predominantly being an outdoor healthy activity that promotes companionship between members. There are also proven benefits of regular contact with dogs to the mental wellbeing of individuals- many of whom have been isolated socially during the COVID pandemic.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Building of shelter	£1,140.00	Full amount used to acquire equipment compliant with Kennel Club regulations
2019/20			
2018/19			

Reference: FR1134	Organisation Name: Loud n Proud
Project Name: Creative Technologies and Media	Amount applied for: £1,000
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>We wish to add another dimension to what we already do. Presently we teach young people how to play, create music and perform on stage then finally record their music. The final part in this journey which is just as important as recording songs is to produce music a music video for the song. The grant will be used to is to buy the equipment which is required to facilitate a new Creative Technologies and Multimedia Department.</p> <p>In today's music, video is the biggest promoter of new music. Without it, it is nearly impossible to get your music listened to. To give young musicians and bands (not just the big or adult bands) a chance to be a real part of the music scene Since Covid this has been even more important as online and livestream has become more popular. The visual part of music is key.</p> <p>We have a new state of the art sound recording and editing studio. We have high end equipment to do all of what we intend to do apart from professional video equipment.</p> <p>The development of the new project was in direct response to the growing number of musically talented young people who never have an opportunity to further their music through video and online platforms. The aim of the project is to help young gifted artists by providing them with an opportunity to not only grow as an artist but to take their talent to another level.</p> <p>We have had a demand over the years from young people to learn more about the multimedia side of the music industry as it is a major part of the marketing and raising awareness of a band or artist's work. In response we wish to expand our services to include technical subject as well as music tuition. Our newly completed recording suite is an ideal area to deliver the new subjects.</p> <p>We are working towards providing young people with information and knowledge, such as how to start their own record label or music video production company. We work in partnership with professionals in the music industry who provide workshops and mentoring for young people.</p> <p>With the pandemic causing live concerts and album releases to be cancelled, audiences are finding new ways to consume music from their favourite artists. And chief among them is the music video, which accounts for 95 percent of the most popular YouTube videos.</p> <p>Today, social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tik Tok and YouTube have made it possible for fans to directly interact with their favourite music videos by liking, commenting, and sharing—building entire communities of music fans in the process.</p>	

This new Department will offer RSL qualifications from Debut to Grade 8. These grades will enable students to gain a globally-recognised qualification which will reflect their skills and understanding in Creative Technologies and Media. This syllabus will give participants a complete range of skills essential to today's next generation of musicians and media professionals in order to reflect the jobs of the 21st Century.

The new Department will provide a comprehensive and concise step by step introduction covering all aspects of sound and video production – what it all is, and how to use it.

Participants will work together as a group and produce sound recordings and videos together so that by the end of the course you will collectively have completed a film for a band or a promotional video. This is a practical way of learning how all the equipment works together with the end result being a piece of work ready to go online.

The workshops are informal and involve interacting with others and the course leader as well as practicing on the equipment available. Each session includes all necessary theory needed to give you a good understanding of the equipment. Students then cement this knowledge by using this equipment themselves during the practical part of the session. At the end of the course participants are able to analyse their production as well as understand how to use video equipment and have a basic knowledge in video production.

Who benefits from the Project?

This project will assist us to improve the services and provisions we currently offer. Overall it will increase access, opportunity and participation in music by young people across Renfrewshire. It puts in place a structure that will support up and coming musicians, technicians and volunteers, enabling them to recognise and hone their talents and for that to blossom and eventually to find their place working in the music industry.

More young people will have the skills to volunteer their services to help other voluntary organisations.

The aims of the project is that students will be more employable, better equipped to apply for jobs, be more confident and have more experience to apply for a college course.

Now that we're spending more time at home, we're desperate to be entertained online. Music videos, Podcasting and Vlogging are the perfect form of entertainment for both our eyes and ears—and they're just as good on our mobile screens as they are on our TVs. Not only do music videos ease our boredom and anxiety, they also provide us with a much-needed escape to these current crazy times.

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ **Connectivity & transport**
- ☐ **Environment & parks**
- ☐ **Access to services, facilities and assets**
- ☐ **Village identity and character**
- ☐ **Partial fit with priorities**
- ☒ **Does not fit with priorities**

Notes:**Breakdown of costs**

The group is applying for £1,000 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for the total of £11,367.99 to contribute to the same project.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Sony FX6 Camera	£5994	£0
Set of 4 Cinematic lenses	£1200	£0
Camera accessories Case, Hard Drives and SD cards	£750	£0
Gimble for moving shots	£839	£400
Mac mini processor 32GHz i7 6Core 32gb ram with mouse and keyboard monitor screen	£1626	£600
HP Z32 32" Z Series 4K UHD Display With USB-C	£958.99	£0
Total	£11,368	£1,000

About the organisation:

Loud n Proud is a youth music charity established in 2001. For 20 years their aim has been to open up access to sustainable careers in music for young people particularly those who are underrepresented and to support the local music scene.

They have created studio space for talented, hardworking young musicians and performers to thrive.

They work an incredible mix of young people. Several have won National titles while most just love to make music in a safe and inspiring environment. The high amount of students that have become full time professional players, teachers, technicians and music managers is a testament to the high quality output of their work with young musicians.

Their existence has had an amazing impact on young people's confidence, social practice, concentration, creativity and general outlook on life. They give their students the confidence and encouragement to achieve their dreams whatever they may be!

The impact Loud n Proud have made in the local music scene since their inception has been invaluable.

The organisation has 2 fulltime and 5 part time members of staff. They have 12 volunteers and 85 members

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership	£1572.45	Music event to celebrate Danny Kyle
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	Chef Fund	£11500	To produce a musical called The Sma' Shot
	LAC	£12000	To teach young people how to play drums and the history of the Charleston Drum

Reference: FR1135	Organisation Name: Howwood Primary School
Project Name: Increasing Physical and Mental Wellbeing in our pupils	Amount applied for: £5,000
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to improve the health and wellbeing of pupils within our school. This will be done by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing sport and physical activity sessions during the school day and after school. • Increasing the opportunity to participate in sporting events and festivals within Renfrewshire Council. • Increasing family involvement and engagement within the school. <p>The project will also help connect villages to each other by assisting in transporting young people to and from events in surrounding areas. And also to improve access to what's going on in the community by running activities for young people in the area.</p> <p>It will fund coaching costs and equipment costs for extracurricular activities in partnership with various partners and agencies. This will break down one of the main barriers - cost, as parents won't have to meet the cost of children attending clubs. Furthermore, children will have opportunities to attend sporting competitions locally, regionally and nationally, via the assistance in transport costs. And the extra curricular activity taking place in the local community for young people will improve access to activity in the community.</p> <p>As a very small school we have a limited amount of staff who can provide extra curricular opportunities and many staff have other skills or constraints which prevent them from taking forward sporting clubs. Allowing funding for sports coaches would propel the school to a different level of opportunity for pupils, giving them access to expertise and consistency for sport training and healthy activity.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The anticipated outcomes would be to have a higher percentage of children involved in extra curricular activity. This would improve the health and wellbeing of our pupils and will also impact on attainment. It will also provide a platform for wider achievement. Through sport, children are also developing life skills for the future. This would provide an opportunity to tackle inequalities by making all session free and therefore accessible to all children.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p>	

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Coaching costs	£3400	£3400
Transport costs	£600	£600
Full school sports equipment	£1000	£1000

About the organisation:

Our school mantra is to Create Great Citizens. We aim to be respectful, kind, ambitious and have fun. We put the health and wellbeing of our pupils at the forefront of all we do and support, guide and challenge each individual to help them be a secure, happy and resilient person.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	N/A		
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1139	Organisation Name: Johnstone Dementia Friendly Group
Project Name: Community Group	Amount applied for: £5,600
Description of Project: <p>We are now progressing forward and as well as outings we are setting up a local meeting place. A variety of activities will be on offer. Using funds we have been awarded to buy catering items. We intend offering a lunch. Keep fit exercises and craft classes. Covid is currently holding us back. However, we want to be ready to start up as soon as we can. We want to provide a Covid safe environment for our members to get back together. A dementia choir is being planned.</p> <p>It has been our aim to eventually offer a regular meeting place. Covid and lack of stimulation has unfortunately exacerbated the deterioration of some of our members. Their carers badly need somewhere to take their loved ones where they can relax and not be stressed if anyone becomes agitated or confused. Our carers also need the opportunity to meet with others in the same position. Pre Covid our people were developing good friendships. This has to be re-established as soon as possible. Our plan is to eventually have a permanent venue offering more activities and support.</p> <p>We will be hiring a suitable accessible hall. Establish transport needs for those without their own transport. Book any entertainment or holistic therapy or activity volunteer. We are purchasing tables, chairs and catering equipment. Volunteers will assist. We hope to encourage local schools to assist as well giving pupils experience of community groups and dementia. We will start each session with light suitable physical exercise. Introducing people to existing members. Encouraging chat with one another. Making sure everyone is comfortable and at ease. We will also ask for a donation from the members to help with the costs i.e. prizes for quizzes and food.</p>	
Who benefits from the Project? New and existing members with dementia and their carers will benefit from this project.	
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Notes: Note: This application is marked as 'partial fit with priorities' due to a lack of direct reference to the Villages Local Partnership area	
Breakdown of costs The group is applying for £5,600 from the Villages Local Partnership.	

The total project cost is £10,900. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured (£3,000) and not secured funds from ongoing fundraising.

Item of Spend	Total Cost	Amount Requested
Hall Hire	£4,800.00	£4,800.00
Catering equipment	£1,200.00	£200.00
General games/Holistic therapy/Musical therapy	£4,500.00	£200.00
Insurance and Administration	£400.00	£400.00
Total	£10,900	£5,600

About the organisation:

Unincorporated club, established 2019. It aims to make Johnstone and surrounding areas Dementia Friendly. They create social events for people living with dementia and their carers to encourage socialisation, health and wellbeing.

The group has 6 volunteer members.

Grant funding award history:

The group received funds from the Villages (£992.95) and Johnstone and Linwood (£1,916.35) Local Partnerships in 20/21. These were carried forward to be spent in 21/22 due to COVID-19. The funds will Improve facilities for individuals living with dementia and their carers.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	LAP	£2,909.30	Tables, chairs, admin
	Section 10	£2000.00	Afternoon teas and catering
2019/20	LAP	£2,600.00	Start up costs
2018/19			

Reference: FR1143	Organisation Name: Wallace Parent Council
Project Name: Wallace Wellbeing Warriors	Amount applied for: £9,836.85
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The project will be delivered between August 2021 and January 2022.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to maintain the identity and character of Elderslie by embracing our ancestor William Wallace's warrior mindset to improve wellbeing.</p> <p>WWW is a physical activity course which would be based within the existing Wallace Primary grounds.</p> <p>WWW has been co-designed with the teachers/pupils and will be fully integrated within the school curriculum and ethos.</p> <p>Awarded funding would be used to purchase a variety of outdoor fitness equipment. We will utilise the existing landscape and purchase key items that enhance the playground.</p> <p>The school footprint is large enough that we can zone the activity course across the grounds to ensure maximum usage.</p> <p>Post Covid the need for outdoor learning/fun is more vital than ever before. Overall health and wellbeing have suffered as a result of repeat lock downs.</p> <p>Wallace Primary School prioritise health/wellbeing and encourage all pupils to be active outdoors.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the school grounds have not been upgraded in several years and lack anything that excites and keeps the children motivated.</p> <p>The Head Teacher asked the pupils what they would like to see in their playground and the majority of children confirmed they would like items that would be physically challenging and fun. From the children's feedback the idea of WWW emerged!</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>School pupils and wider community will benefit from this project.</p> <p>We aim to give young people the opportunity to get outdoors, get active and take care of their body and minds from an early age.</p> <p>We want the young people of Elderslie to embrace being active while having fun with their peers in a safe welcome environment.</p> <p>Our playground has community access, it would be our intention to encourage local groups in the village to utilise access to our facilities/assets.</p>	

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:**Breakdown of costs**

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Fitness Pack - contains 5 key fitness items	£6,524.95	£6,524.95
1 x Embankment Rock Climber	£ 675.18	£ 675.18
1 x Scramble Net Climber	£1,788.00	£1,788.00
2 x Basketball Nets	£ 348.72	£ 348.72
Outdoor Seating	£ 500.00	£ 500.00

About the organisation:

Wallace Parent Council is a constituted group, established in 2018.

The objectives of the Parent Council are:

- To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming community which is inclusive for all parents.
- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils and all its parents.
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of all pupils.
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.
- To foster the social and community life of the pupils and parents/carers.
- To engage in fund raising activities to support the school.

The parent council has 4 members and 400 members (pupils)

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	N/A		
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1145	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society
Project Name: Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Display	Amount applied for: £1,500
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The project purpose is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide the village of Lochwinnoch with a Xmas lighting display at central points in the village. • To respectfully enhance the appearance of the Cenotaph at all times through the year. This had never been done before and it was greatly welcomed by the community. • To use the projector for special local occasions such as The Arts Festival and Armistice Day. • To ensure that as much as possible can be done to bring events into the community here without having to travel, as public transport is difficult. <p>The new lights at the Cenotaph and Church still continue to provide much appreciated highlights in what was a dark area of the village throughout the year, and provide an area of warm and respectful lighting.</p> <p>The funding for this year is needed to complete the purchase of the lights required for the Church as due to us not being able to fundraise last Xmas we have do not have quite enough money. The faulty projector was sent back to the supplier in November and due to it having been unreliable from new it has been replaced free of charge by the supplier. We now have a much better projector but the gobos (discs) are a different size and we need to purchase replacements for the Remembrance Day Poppies and the Arts Festival. These gobos are bespoke & made to order.</p> <p>We have attached a breakdown for the tree lights and also costings for gobos for your information.</p> <p>We are unsure just now what the Covid regulations will be regarding gatherings in December. So, at the moment we are waiting to see if it will just be the displays that go ahead and we would like to focus very much on that.</p> <p>We normally fund raise ourselves but because there were no shops open (closed for Covid) and no opening event (we have donation buckets) we are entirely dependent on this funding for this year. We think (possibly) there may be an application for Lottery funding with several organisations combining, but that will be for next year.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Lochwinnoch residents will benefit from this project as the Xmas display brightens up the dark period prior to Xmas and brings a warm feeling to all.</p>	

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☐ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:**Breakdown of costs**

The group is applying for £1,500 from the Villages Local Partnership.

The total project cost is £3,030. The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured funds.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Tree Lights at Church	£1840.20	£310.00
2 new Gobos	£800.00	£800.00
Admin and possible Switch-on costs if allowed under Covid rules in December. Small event or procession.	£390.00	£390.00
Total	£3,030.00	£1,500.00

About the organisation:

Lochwinnoch Christmas Lights Society was established in 2016 to:

- organise the Annual Xmas Lights Display and Switch-on in Lochwinnoch.
- hold a cheerful and happy event for Xmas, particularly for the young and the elderly.
- bring the community together.
- use the projector at other times of the year eg; Armistice Day, Arts Festival, Primary School etc.

Grant funding award history:

Over the last five years, thanks to funding, we have now nearly completed our display consisting of streetlights on High Street/Main street and trees at the McKillop and the Church at the Cenotaph. We have also bought a projector that can be used for various events during the year, namely Xmas, Armistice Day and The Arts Festival at the moment. The Cenotaph is has a respectful red glow all year round from an LED light and there is a poppy projection from the projector.

We include the Primary school with projects whenever we can and have had art competitions for new Xmas pictures for the projector, singing and rapping at the opening,

and last Xmas because of Covid (no events) we donated £100 to enable the whole school to screen a Xmas movie in class.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership	£1750.00	Shipping costs for faulty projector+ ins £331.20 & Gobo to fit £172.27. Remaining funds secured in a/c for new tree lighting this year.
2019/20	Local Partnership	£899.00	Lamps & Fittings for Cenotaph. Projector bulb.
2018/19	LAC	£2000.00	Lights.

Reference: FR1147	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group	
Project Name: Rental Costs	Amount applied for: £1,900	
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Support to pay for the rental of an alternative venue to the Mackillop Hall on 2 mornings per week during term time.</p> <p>The group have been informed that the Mackillop hall will be closed for renovation works beginning in May 2020.</p> <p>We need to secure alternative accommodation for the group so that it can continue to operate and support young children and their parents/carers with a place to come together, play and develop. We have explored other options but are limited by geography, as it needs to remain in the village and be a warm clean space. Lochbarr Leisure have quoted us £50/session rental, this is the lowest fee they can charge to heating and staff costs. This would mean an increase in our rental costs from £26/week to £100/week which is not sustainable for our group.</p> <p>The funding will cover the additional rental costs so we can continue to support our members with regular play sessions within the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent for the Mackillop hall £13 x 54 sessions = £702 • Rent for Lochbarr Leisure £50 x 54 sessions = £2700 		
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Our members of Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group, a voluntary group that has been operating for over 40 years will benefit from the funding.</p>		
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities </p> <p>Notes:</p>		
<p>Breakdown of costs</p> <p>The group is applying for £1,900 from the Villages Local Partnership.</p> <p>The total project cost is £2,700. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds from session fees and RC Pre 5 Vol Sector 21-22 grant.</p>		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Rent	£2700	£1900
About the organisation:		

Lochwinnoch Toddlers Group has been a voluntary group operating for over 40 years. It was constituted as an unincorporated group in 1993 and has 8 volunteers and 15 members.

The aims of the Group are to provide in the interests of social welfare a good environment for babies and toddlers up to the age of 5 by providing parents/carers of such children with the means of alleviation of stress by mutual support where such support is not available from within the community. to provide play facilities and experiences for the children in which parents/carers can participate as will improve the physical and intellectual development of the children and strengthen the relationship between parent/carer and their child. To encourage other charitable activities through which parents/carers may help their children.

Grant funding award history:

Due to Covid we were unable to meet as a group so we asked the council if we could use the grant to support at home and outdoor activities for our members instead. We used the funding to purchase craft materials, to support a range of activities from arts and crafts packs, cooking packs, Santa visit to gardens and an outdoor trail of painted characters. We purchased a gazebo and outdoor tables and chairs, catering and supplies and sanitising equipment, and outdoor storage to enable us to deliver outdoor activities as restrictions lifted.

The PPE equipment enabled us to deliver out activities safely and the printing and stationery funds enabled us to promote our activities locally.

We had asked for £75 for posting activities to members out with the village, they did not remain engaged so we asked the council if we could reallocate this to buying a first aid pack, and additional costs for gazebo, table and chairs and outdoor storage.

We have provided a programme of activities to help families with young children have something to look forward to over this challenging period and to feel part of a community. Overall 522 Children and 348 adults participated in Toddler activities.

We helped families to celebrate Halloween, Remembrance Day, Christmas, Burn's Night, Chinese New Year, Pancake Tuesday, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter through craft and cooking activities.

We helped our young people and their carers explore nature and their village surroundings through our Fairy Villages, Pumpkin Patch, Christmas Character Trail and Bug Garden projects. We created Lockdown Diaries to help parents capture memories of their children through this time to share with grandparents/family members they may have not been able to see. As restrictions have lifted we have offered outside play opportunities for the children and an invaluable opportunity for parents/carers to meet and interact with other parents.

We developed a Whatsapp group and regularly updated our Facebook page to share information about available activities and also share pictures of what the children had made to keep a sense of the toddler group community and ease loneliness/isolation some parent/carers and children may be experiencing.

The funding has allowed us to deliver the programme of activities without having to charge higher fees to our members, especially at a time when many have faced increased hardship. It also gave us the confidence to be more ambitious with our activities.

A recent survey of our members indicated that they were 100% happy with the service being provided.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnerships (LP) General Grant Fund	£1,228.50	Application for additional rental costs, but reallocated to fund home-based and outdoor activities during pandemic.
2019/20	Renfrewshire Council Pre 5 Vol Sector grant	£500	Rent
2018/19	Renfrewshire Council Pre 5 Vol Sector grant	£500	Rent

Reference: FR1148	Organisation Name: 1st Bridge of Weir Scout group
Project Name: Essential Exterior Repairs to Scout Building	Amount applied for: £10,000
Description of Project: <p>The project is to complete essential exterior repairs to the Scout Building. The Scout building has been part of our village for 100 years, and is used by many local community groups. We have found substantial woodworm in the framing of the building when it was recently exposed during internal alterations and unfortunately due to Covid, we have been unable to fundraise. With the building and Scouting being such an integral part of village life for many generations of young people, it is vital that it is repaired urgently to safeguard Scouting in the village for the next 100 years.</p> <p>The work would involve the supply and erection of suitable staging for working at height, removal of all external wooden cladding, replacing all framing which is found to be defective. Fit new treated batons and Proctor TF200 Breathable thermal building membrane and fire resistant Kingspan insulation and clad the building with Plastisol type wall cladding. This will not only eradicate the woodworm, it will reduce the charities running costs in the longer term and aesthetically improve the look of the building.</p> <p>The anticipated outcome would be to have a safe building that is fit for purpose and more energy efficient to allow Scouting to continue on the village for the next 100 years. Whilst also allowing the group to continue supporting other small community groups in the village.</p> <p>The work was identified as urgent when framing was exposed during internal alteration work which was completed during the previous year.</p>	
Who benefits from the Project? Young people and other community groups using the hall will benefit from this project.	
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Notes:	
Breakdown of costs The group is applying for £10,000 from the Villages Local Partnership. The total project cost is £19,114.32. The group will balance the cost of the project with secured funds.	

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
supply and erection of suitable staging for working at height	£2000 + vat	£1500
removal of existing cladding	£1200 + vat	£700
replace all framing	£900 + vat	£450
Treated batons and Proctor TF200 Breathable thermal building membrane	£860 + vat	£500
fire resistant Kingspan insulation	£1800 + Vat	£1000
cost of Plastisol type wall cladding	£3916 + vat	£3000
Fixings and Fittings	£302.60 + vat	£150
Labour	£4950 +vat	£2700

About the organisation:

1st Bridge of Weir Scout Group is a local scout group based in Bridge of Weir with a Charitable status. The group was established in 1907. Its membership consists of 16 volunteers and 106 members.

Through adventure, our organisation aims to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potential so that they are responsible citizens in their community. We achieve this by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training led by volunteer leaders. The benefits that this has on your young people is fantastic, with improvements in general health, mental health, physical fitness, and overall wellbeing. It increases self-confidence and fosters a greater sense of community and environmental awareness.

Grant funding award history:

The 20/21 Local partnership funding allowed us to increase the number of young people who can access the group as the main hall is too small to accommodate larger sections and we had waiting lists. We did this by creating a second smaller hall by removing internal walls between two existing storage rooms and create a room which was well insulated and user friendly to help with inclusivity and a space which can also be used during the day by other local community groups

We have over 100 young people from our village and local surrounding area attend our scout group as well as 16 volunteer leaders. Due to covid the young people have yet to get the benefit of the hall but hopefully we will all be able to get back together in the hall soon.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Expansion of group through alteration of internal building layout	£5699.40	creating a second hall to allow the group to increase capacity numbers and inclusivity.
2019/20			
2018/19			

Reference: FR1155	Organisation Name: Shopmobility Paisley and District
Project Name: Advancing Social Enterprising	Amount applied for: £1,500
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>We made a concentrated effort to link with our membership during lockdown. Feedback from our surveys in the past confirmed we are a lifeline to many members. It quickly became clear that whilst our members were unable to hire scooters and wheelchairs, they needed support in other ways. For example, picking up prescriptions, shopping, as well as taking them to GP and hospital appointments, picking up and delivering packages to and from hospital to their loved ones etc.</p> <p>In addition, some scooters (including those owned by members) were breaking down, batteries needed replaced and sometimes just a conversation made people feel better. We did not have any company transport, therefore used a volunteers' car. Whilst the car has business insurance, the needs of our members resulted in daily runs, whether that be to the hospital, shopping, GP surgeries, home visits, breakdowns etc. Purpose of project is to ensure that we have a suitable company van which is taxed and insured to enable us to cope with the demands.</p> <p>This ultimately helps those with mobility issues, and socially isolated, giving them confidence, they have a good service which they can rely on to continue to provide them with what they need. It also allows us to expand our social enterprise by offering a more comprehensive scooter repairs service plus organise training for others via schemes such as Kickstart to enable us to have a contingency plan to ensure continuity of service delivery.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to purchase a van for those members who cannot get out due to illness, COVID restrictions or their own wheelchairs needing repaired.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The project will benefit the groups 254 disabled members.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p> <p>This project will support connectivity and transport through access to appropriate mobility equipment. It may also support access to services, facilities and assets, through providing a means to get to them.</p>	
Breakdown of costs	

The group is applying for £1,500 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for funding contribution towards the same project. The total project cost is £12,535. The rest of the costs will be balanced by secured funds from the Robertson Trust and group's own reserves.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Purchase of a secondhand van large enough to accommodate scooters and electric wheelchairs.	£6,000	£750
Drivers insurance for three people. Tax for van.	£1,500	£150
Overnight parking charges for 12 months in the Paisley Centre Car Park	£540	£75
Running Costs for 12 months plus ramps	£3,694.60	£510
Signs for the van. Shopmobility logo plus we would put Renfrewshire Council's logo on as well if this would be acceptable.	£800	£15
Total	£12,532.60	£1,500

About the organisation:

Tackle the social exclusion of those with mobility problems, whether permanent or temporary

- Provide a first-class service to those who use our services
- Maintain equipment to ensure members have the best possible experience and are safe
- Be COVID compliant
- Market our services to ensure we reach the widest possible audience
- Recruit and nurture volunteers and staff
- Partnership work with public, charitable and commercial partners
- Encourage members to become part of the overarching structure
- Continue to strengthen our team and utilise skills to help us develop our business model
- Develop our social enterprise

The organisation has 1 full time and 1 part time member of staff. They have 11 volunteers and 254 members.

The group have £10,500.14 in the bank, this is set against Monthly Salary Costs for 1 full time member of staff and 1 part time member of staff. This includes NI & Pension costs. Payroll Costs via Engage Renfrewshire who manage our payroll.

Monthly Croners Cost which we require to help us develop our Health & Safety as well as Human Resources risk assessments, policies, procedures to be legally compliant in all aspects of the law

Grant funding award history:

In 20/21 we received Local Partnership funding to ensure the sustainability of our mobility scooter and wheelchair service in Renfrewshire.

All of our 450 members will benefit (if they have not already done so) via this project .

We received this money from yourselves, in our bank account on 25 November 2020. There was a subsequent lockdown, however we did work from home. Our service was not the same as usual, but, we diversified to meet the needs of those who needed us to support them.

During lockdown we decided to phone everyone to see if they needed any support or help which they did - and, we delivered.

The project benefited the people in the community as outlined below:

- Could call us anytime, or send us an email to let us know what help and assistance they needed - we didn't just stick to our hours - we were pretty much open longer hours than normal.
- We were able to develop a new website and will shortly be able to offer bookings online and let people know what we are doing and keep them up to date etc.
- Visit their relatives, loved ones in hospital
- Access scooters
- Access scooter maintenance and advice
- Be able to access a counselling service via Croners - could be for any problem whatsoever including mental health, wellbeing, financial, legal etc.
- Pick up prescriptions
- Ability to go out for exercise and just be able to get out of the house generally
- Get their food picked up and delivered
- Get their hospital packages picked up and delivered

We were told by the majority of our members that we are a lifeline service as they would simply not have been able to get out of their house at all - even a wee chat on the phone made such a difference.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Area Partnership Fund	£8,500	Upgrading Office Purchase of Tools and equipment

2019/20	Local Area Partnership Fund	£4,500	Purchase of five new battery operated scooters
2018/19	Local Area Committee	£1,200	Insurance

Reference: FR1170	Organisation Name: Elderslie Community Council	
Project Name: Green Elderslie	Amount applied for: £800	
Description of Project: <p>To make our village as beautiful as possible by adding colour to civic areas and bring more people together to make our village bloom.</p> <p>In Stoddard Square where we have the pagoda and railing planters we've seen a reduction in littering. ECC regularly replenish the three box planters at the Village Hall. We hope to introduce more greenery through the village to amplify this effect elsewhere. There are areas of Main Road and elsewhere in the village where we could put in bushes and plants.</p> <p>We have many volunteers who help to keep the village clean, we host many TU2CU events throughout the year (even individually during lockdown!) and we would like to make the village even more beautiful by adding colour and greenery. We hope this will bring a sense of pride in the village and reduce the amount of littering.</p>		
Who benefits from the Project? <p>Local community will benefit from the project as it will reduce littering, involve more volunteers in Village activities and in keeping our village beautiful. This will help to engage even more people.</p>		
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Notes:		
Breakdown of costs		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Hedging plants	£270	£270
Bulbs	£50	£50
Plants	£250	£250
Mulch, fertiliser, plant food, weedkillers	£170	£170
Consumables (gloves, protection etc)	£60	£60

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	LAP	£674	Christmas Fayre
	LAP	£1500	Summer Fayre
	Green Spaces	£1700	Dog waste posts
	General Fund	£2000	Christmas Fayre
	Villages Investment Fund	£50000	Queens Park Fund
2018/19	Common Good	£1500	Summer Fayre
	Common Good	£1500	Christmas Fayre
	Common Good	£9000	Christmas Lights

Reference: FR1171	Organisation Name: Elderslie Community Council	
Project Name: Picnic in the park	Amount applied for: £1,329	
Description of Project: <p>The purpose of the project is to bring the village together in celebration of the new park in Queens Road.</p> <p>We plan to have an event (socially distanced if necessary) in the grounds around the park. The flat surface where the old park used to be will be used to distribute snacks and a host a barbecue. We hope to have music and face painting on the day.</p> <p>The response to the new park being built has been nothing short of astonishing! We're very proud to have worked with the council and to have had such a brilliant result of all our hard work. So many people have been making use of the facility and we would like to mark it's installation in some way with an event. Having a picnic there would bring so many people together to recognise how great our wee village is.</p>		
Who benefits from the Project? <p>Residents will benefit from the event. We also hope to use the opportunity to engage with the older kids in the village to ensure they have a say in how we further develop the area to suit their needs</p>		
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Notes: <p>The funding will support a celebratory event of the new park in Elderslie.</p>		
Breakdown of costs		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Public Entertainment License	£379	£379
Hiring a BBQ	£300	£300
Decorations, banners, consumables (Juice, snacks etc)	£650	£650

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	Common Good	£9000	Christmas Lights

Reference: FR1172	Organisation Name: Elderslie Community Council	
Project Name: Village signs	Amount applied for: £1,600	
Description of Project: <p>The signs at either end of the main road running through the village are old and worn. We would like to replace them.</p> <p>We will purchase new signage and install it at either end of the village to replace the worn signs that have been there for years. We feel it is important to do this now at a time of new beginnings coming out of lockdown, it will be a thing to celebrate and bring the villagers a sense of home in Elderslie.</p> <p>We have had many comments about the age and look of the signs when entering the village. We feel that new signs would help people to identify the village and to make it feel more welcoming.</p>		
Who benefits from the Project? <p>We feel that new signs would help people to identify the village and to make it feel more welcoming for all visiting and residents.</p>		
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Breakdown of costs		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Sign holders	£800	£800
Signs	£500	£500
Installation	£300	£300

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	Common Good	£1500	Christmas Fayre
	Common Good	£9000	Christmas Lights

Reference: FR1175	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Choral Society
Project Name: Singing in the community - an engagement plan	Amount applied for: £1,140
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to implement the delayed second year proposals of our three year Choir Development Strategy whose aims are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve access to singing opportunities, encourage singing development in Lochwinnoch/surrounding areas for all age groups, • improve and develop the proficiency and singing quality in junior and senior choirs, • Encourage and develop community engagement and cohesion, help combat loneliness and isolation, break down barriers, taboos, negative perceptions related to singing • promote singing and music, encourage people of all ages, ethnic and social groups to join junior and senior choirs and enjoy the benefits of active participation • increase the sustainability of the choir by improving the quality of the singing, upping chorists' confidence, developing informal performed for selected groups etc dementia groups, hospice residents, old peoples groups etc • develop and include audience sing-alongs in Christmas and Arts Festival concerts • Build on 23% audience increase at last Christmas concert <p>The programme will continue to raise the general awareness of the health and social benefit of singing . Covid has emphasized the importance of such benefits. It will provide local opportunities for singing development via workshops. This will include 8 intermediate standard workshops. It will engage young people on school in one special lunchtime workshop/ event per term (3 in total). We will run workshops in local venues following on from our classes for beginners or returning singers (4 group sessions for 10 singers at a time)</p> <p>Lochwinnoch exhibits a strong community focus which manifests itself in a wide variety of clubs, societies, and activities. The choir is one such activity but we do not believe that the talent for singing/music is being fully exploited. Feedback from local choirs, groups, bands indicated a significant interested in the three year strategy. Community participation and benefits would be realised.</p> <p>The Choir itself would benefit from basic to more advanced singing lessons to improve performance and singing generally.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Junior and senior choir participants, audiences and the community will benefit from the project. We would expect to see a continued general improvement in the standard of singing in the choir. We would anticipate an increase in both senior and junior choir members. An increase in numbers at choir concerts and other musical events in the village is anticipated.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport</p>	

- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☒ Village identity and character
- ☐ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

The project meets the Villages local priority of Village identity and character as it increases the sustainability of the choir by improving the quality of the singing and attracting new members.

It also meets the local priority of access to services, facilities and assets as the project delivers several singing workshops, choir concerts and events in Lochwinnoch.

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Zoom online workshops	£560	£560
4 No. live singing techniques workshops	£200	£200
Hire of venue for workshops	£80	£80
3 No. school/children's sessions	£300	£300

About the organisation:

Lochwinnoch Choral Society is an unincorporated club based in Lochwinnoch. It was established in 1996. The club consists of 2 part-time employees, 10 volunteers and 36 members.

The aim of the club is to enjoy making music, advance, improve and maintain public education in the appreciation of music making including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

Grant funding award history:

In 20/21 we received the Local Partnership funding to implement year two of our three year Choir development strategy which included encouraging singing development in Lochwinnoch and surrounding areas for all age groups ; encouraging and developing community engagement and cohesion; help combat loneliness and isolation; improve and develop the proficiency and quality of singing in senior and junior choirs; increase the sustainability of local singing by increasing choir membership and quality of performance thence the financial stability of the choral society.

Due to Covid 19 we had to cancel choir practices, our planned spring and Christmas concerts. We continued to pay our conductor his retainer and paid our pianist and junior choir master a sum to encourage his continuing loyalty. We ran on-line singing lessons for choir members and any village residents who wished to participate. Choir subscriptions

were cancelled in December as we had no idea when rehearsals might re-commence. They will re-start when normal rehearsals and concerts resume.

We had 15 regular Participants in the online singing lessons. They were not always the same 15 so more than 15 participants benefitted. Participants enjoyed the 'social/participatory' benefits of online singing lessons and the incentive to continue practising during lockdown. We also believe the participants choral skills will have improved and be evidenced once normal rehearsals re-commence.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership	£1158.50	Singing lessons Choirmaster retention
2019/20		£899	Singing lessons Carol concert Summer concert Community engagement plan
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1176	Organisation Name: Kilbarchan Improvements Projects
Project Name: Revitalisation of facilities for the community	Amount applied for: £6,150
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The continued revitalisation of the provision of facilities for the community of Kilbarchan and surrounding areas will take place between June and September 2021.</p> <p>The purpose of the project is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The continued development of the community garden in the area behind the centre, which was, until recently, considered wilderness. • Pointing of building at front and wall in the garden area. General tidying pf this area. • The finance to support tother part time employee (to the value of £2,00: we were able with the councils help to do this in our last financial year) <p>Project will be overseen by those of our volunteers who have experience in gardening/building industry as well as the additional help of local tradesmen. Our directors consist of an architect and a master builder contractor.</p> <p>The Kilbarchan Hub is recognised by the community as an integral part of the environment. The continued development of the garden would enhance the environment.</p> <p>It is hoped that some of the labour put input will be provided by local tradesmen.</p> <p>The employment of a further part time worker would inevitably improve the efficiency of the administration of our organisation</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>Kilbarchan community will benefit from the project. Anticipated outcomes of the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The future of the centre would be enhanced • Further activities would generate income • Provision of afternoon sessions for the dementia friendly organisation on an appropriate monthly basis. 	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities 	

☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Breakdown of costs

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Pointing of front of building and wall in garden area	£4,000	£4,000
Plants in conjunction with 'Kilbarchan Smile'	£150	£150
To attract a suitable person as a part-time employee	£2,000	£2,000

About the organisation:

The Kilbarchan Improvements Project aims are:

- Advancement of formal/social/recreational education.
- Advancement of citizenship/ community development, the arts, heritage, culture, science, environmental protection.
- The belief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, physical hardship or other disadvantages.

Grant funding award history:

The local partnership 20/21 funding was spent on garden materials, a locked storage facility, an outside tap and the payment of another part time employee, as with our estimate on our original application form.

During the pandemic we have not been able to operate. However, when things get back to normal we hope to continue to operate our venture with the same number of participants as before when we had 5000 attending our classes in a calendar year.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Villages Investment Fund	£22,000	Refurbishment of building (ongoing)
	Local Partnership Grant	£2849	Start of garden development Employment of extra PT worker
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1177	Organisation Name: Lochwinnoch Chatterbox Trust	
Project Name: Chatterbox Community Newsletter	Amount applied for: £1,500	
Description of Project: <p>As a village newsletter we keep our readers updated and informed of items of interest.</p> <p>Keepig them up to date with Covid latest news and other health issues. We have 'What's on' and upcoming events pages where all groups and there are many, announce meeting times and other information.</p> <p>Our local Councillors send in their reports and information monthly. I will post copies of Chatterbox. You can also look up on the web for all archived copies. There is no charge for Chatterbox and all the volunteers give their services freely.</p> <p>We will interest and inform our readers. Our aim is to continue to grow. Readers really appreciate our efforts and the newsletter benefits everyone.</p> <p>Advertising income is what keeps us going. Profits are distributed as grants to village groups and individuals who apply.</p>		
Who benefits from the Project? <p>The copies of the newsletter are distributed to outlets, some shops, doctors and dental surgeries, McKillop, Lochbarr, pubs and other places. We also have outlets in Howwood, Kilbarchan and Killbirnie. All of the copies are taken up.</p> <p>The primary school contributes and the pupils enter art and writing competitions which we offer from time to time. At this time one of the pupils has become a regular contributor as a budding and promising journalist.</p>		
Villages Local Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities Notes: <p>The newsletter helps readers connect with what is happening in the Villages, thus meeting local priorities of connectivity and access to services.</p>		
Breakdown of costs		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Upgrading of hardware and software	£1500	£1500

About the organisation:

Chatterbox started in 1992 as an A4 sheet and now expended to 22 pages colour and black and white. We print 1100 copies and it is also available online. RSPB, Muirshel Country Park and Castle Semple Loch all contribute monthly as do many of the village groups. Individuals also send in on a variety of subjects.

The group has 6 volunteers.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	N/A		
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1182	Organisation Name: Stronger Communities Glenburn
Project Name: Family Food and Activity	Amount applied for: £2,000
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>SCG is a constituted group run by local parents who want to help make their community a better place for children to grow up. The group is led by parents who are committed to understanding and responding to the needs of children and families in the Renfrewshire area. Most of these children are entitled to free school meals. Therefore, many are going without that one hot meal, that they rely on in school. This also includes families who struggle to feed themselves without the added pressure of adding another meal during the holiday. We also have many working families who are struggling to put a meal on the table. Unfortunately, they are unable to access free school meals at any time.</p> <p>What we would like to do is give each family a food pack and also an activity pack for the kids. We will make up the packs and deliver them to each family within the Renfrewshire area. Each pack will consist of enough food to cover lunch and breakfast for the morning.</p> <p>Activities will include outdoor play equipment and arts and crafts. This will get the children away from computers and phones if they have them. Get them back outside and get them active again. It will also bring the family together as a whole.</p> <p>For a few years now we have been providing a service to families within Renfrewshire. Many of them accessed our food bank last year in which we spoke to them about their needs.</p> <p>On speaking to families, it became apparent there wasn't much out there for working families. These families are forgot about. The families are struggling just as much as people on benefits.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>We anticipate that the children and parents will form a further bond with each other. This will stop isolation for both the parents and children, by encouraging them to interact through play. It will also encourage the children to get more active.</p> <p>Also giving the food parcel will take away the added pressure of trying to find spare money to feed the family during the day.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities 	

Notes:

The group will provide a service across Renfrewshire.

Note: This application has been marked as a 'partial fit with priorities' due to a lack of direct reference to the Villages local partnership area.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £2,000 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for the contribution to the same project.

The total project cost is £12,000. It is not stated how the rest of the costs will be balanced.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Food parcels £10 per head 800 heads	£8000	£700
Lets £10 per hour	£500	£100
Activity packs	£3500	£1,200
Total	£12,000	£2,000

About the organisation:

SCG is a constituted group run by local parents who want to help make their community a better place for children to grow up. The group is led by parents who are committed to understanding and responding to the needs of children and families in the Renfrewshire area. Through the provision of high quality, free/low cost activities and events. All provisions are linked to GIRFEC health and wellbeing indicators and has been identified through consultation with the community.

Stronger Communities Glenburn aims to foster a group where families can meet and share in a common purpose. We work to make our community and surrounding areas in Renfrewshire a better place for children and families to grow up. We do this by building strong local relationships in the community and by encouraging people to take part and to be responsible to local priorities. We aim to work with local people to develop community led action plans which work towards locally identified outcomes and priorities. We will promote the development of our members, through training and various opportunities, such as to become a community champion.

The group has 8 volunteers.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership (GL)	£2,000	Holiday Hunger Club

		£2,000	G in the Park/Park opening
2019/20	Local Partnership General Grant Fund (Gleniffer LP)	£6,000 £2,000 £5,000	To host a community gala day Glenbairns - to provide a safe fun environment for children 0-5 to come together, learn to socialise, share and develop their cognitive behaviour skills. Glenbairns active club - to bring families together through playtime and sport.
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1186	Organisation Name: Lamont Farm Project
Project Name: Lamont Farm Project	Amount applied for: £4,000
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Lamont farm was founded by a group of individuals with a strong desire to establish a local education and community facility. We were the first City Farm in Scotland and the farm is very popular with families, nurseries and disabled groups as well as local schools. Around 10,000 people visit Lamont Farm annually. We aim to educate people from all walks of life in animal care, welfare and husbandry.</p> <p>The project aims to educate and provide hands on animal care and welfare facilities to the local community and surrounding areas. Lamont Farm offers a wide variety of services to various groups and organisations within the local area and further afield, work experience placements are provided to jobcentres, high schools, community service, kibble project and many more.</p> <p>The farm provides hands on experience for over 40 children who wish to pursue a career in animal care and veterinary practice, educational workshops are ran throughout the year for primary schools, nurseries and visitors.</p> <p>The farm has many social connections to help promote mental health, wellbeing and to help lessen isolation. Animals are a great source of therapy and have a great ability to bring many different people together some people prefer being round the animals as a gentle way of reintroducing them into the community. Some of the connections we have are RAMH, spark of genius, community service, West college Scotland's adults with addition needs and kibble we believe everyone should have the chance to be involved in their community. These connections help provide placements for anyone suffering mental health issues, physical disabilities, someone who has been out of the community, anyone who is looking to get back into work or anyone who just wants to volunteer, its a placement where everyone is included in every aspect of the farm with no judgement. We offer work experience placements to many different high schools throughout Renfrewshire and beyond, we have had many successful work experience placements with students from Gryffe high school. The work experienced placements are invaluable to pupils wishing to pursue a career in the animal sector as not many places allow under 16's to work so closely with such a variety of animals, in recent years our volunteers have went on to become fully qualified veterinary nurses. One of our current adult volunteers from Houston has said that the farm has been able to help her during the Covid Pandemic by providing a safe place for her to volunteer and continue with what she loves, animals, throughout a challenging time for everyone.</p> <p>The farm is working with a local artist by providing a disused area of the farm to build a free and legal graffiti wall, this was established to encourage more youths to use the wall rather than putting graffiti around their local areas. The hope is this wall will help to reduce the vandalism in many areas by providing something different for everyone to try. The local artist will hold regular demonstrations and the idea is proving to be popular</p>	

amongst the local and surrounding communities being supported by local newspapers the paisley express and the gazette.

We regularly litter pick the pathways clearing the glass, dog mess and litter to ensure safety to the public using these paths and for any wildlife. We have had extra cctv installed after the farm itself was vandalised using graffiti this has helped reduce vandalism in the immediate area.

We regularly attend local events with our animals including Lilies day in Kilbarchan. Lamont Farm has been a part of the local community for 43 years and was the first city farm in Scotland. As both of the pet's corners at Barshaw Park and Robertson Park have had to close (we were fortunately able to offer several of the animals a new home from both of these facilities) we are now the only venue of this type left.

Who benefits from the Project?

Children and young people as well as people who have or would like to have a work experience at the farm will benefit from this project.

The funding will help the group:

- To continue to provide services to local educational establishments and to continue to increase the number of placements offered through these.
- To continue to provide an outreach service to the local community to allow an experience that many people can enjoy.

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
- ☐ Environment & parks
- ☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
- ☐ Village identity and character
- ☒ Partial fit with priorities
- ☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

The group provide placements for anyone suffering mental health issues, physical disabilities, someone who has been out of the community, anyone who is looking to get back into work or anyone who just wants to volunteer, it's a placement where everyone is included in every aspect of the farm with no judgement.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £4,000 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to other Local Partnerships for contribution to this project.

The total project cost is £45,000. The rest of the costs will be balanced by not secured funding from other Local Partnerships (£24,000) and group's fundraising.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Ongoing Running Costs	£4000	£4000

About the organisation:

The Lamont Farm project has charitable status. It was established in 1977. It aims to educate children and adults on all aspects of animal husbandry and animal welfare and to provide a local establishment in the community for families to visit for a hands-on experience with a wide variety of animals.

The farm has 20 volunteers and 30 members.

Grant funding award history:

In 20/21 Lamont farm was awarded £11,340.11 from Local Partnerships for our running costs, and with the impact of Covid (we were closed from March-July and closed again towards the end of November (we are still closed) this funding has been vital to us. We have tried to keep going with projects via the internet, eg zoom chats with local kids and a class visit remotely through google teams. It is hard to say how many people have benefited from the project, when we reopened in July we had up to 1000 visitors through the gate in 1 day from areas all over.

This year in particular we were a huge benefit to the community. Even when we have been closed we have encouraged the public to come and visit our animals in the fields where they could do so safely and within the regulations. The farm's fields have been a way of getting both adults and children alike out of the house and helping to reduce stress and depression caused by covid. When we reopened we welcomed everyone back and quite literally had a queue of up to 50-60 people waiting at a time to get in with another 40 already in the farm. We were able to do animal handling with the under 12s giving them an activity that they could take part in without a fear of infection.

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	local partnerships	£11,340.11	running costs
	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£6,000	Lamont Farm Project
2019/20	local partnerships	approx £6,000	running costs
	Celebrating Renfrewshire	£12,000	Lamont Farm Project
2018/19	lac	approx £8,000	running costs

Reference: FR1191	Organisation Name: Stronger Communities Glenburn
Project Name: SCG Christmas Toy Bank & Food provision	Amount applied for: £1,800
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Families have found it hard during lock down to pay their bills and other essential items. Unfortunately, many of them were put on furlough. The 20% that they lost in income was mostly their food bill.</p> <p>We have relied on the good will of others on previous years. However, it has become more apparent that most working families and low income families don't qualify from other organisations unless they go through social work or a group they are involved with.</p> <p>Unfortunately, a lot of these families do not want the involvement of these groups. They just want a little help when it is needed.</p> <p>We are looking to help them in their time of need by helping with the added stress of Christmas. We want to offer Christmas gifts and food parcels for over the festive period. No one wants to see a child going without. Especially after the pandemic families have been hit hard.</p> <p>The project will help Each family to receive a food parcel and also presents for the children. There will be enough food to cover them over the Christmas holiday season. We will deliver these parcels through our amazing volunteers.</p> <p>We delivered food parcels and toys to over 500 families this Christmas. This was all we were able to do. There were families we couldn't help due to lack of funds.</p> <p>Families were approaching us right up to Christmas eve panicking that they had nothing for their kids Christmas and nothing in the cupboards. This is unimaginable in this day and age.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>We anticipate that the families/individuals will have a good Christmas. Taking the strain away just for that one special day with your family.</p> <p>The families will have wholesome food to eat elevating the stress of Christmas day.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p> <p>The group will offer Christmas gifts and food parcels for over the festive period to low income families.</p>	

Note: This application has been marked as a 'partial fit with priorities' due to a lack of direct reference to the Villages local partnership area.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £1,800 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for the contribution to the same project.

The total project cost is £12,000. It is not stated how the rest of the costs will be balanced.

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Food	£4,000	£666
Lets	£890	£0
Printing	£100	£0
Fuel costs volunteers	£150	£0
Gifts/toys	£6,860	£1,134
Total	£12,000	£1,800

About the organisation:

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The group has 8 volunteers.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Local Partnership (GL)	£2,000	Holiday Hunger Club
		£2,000	

			G in the Park/Park opening
2019/20	Local Partnership General Grant Fund (Gleniffer LP)	£6,000 £2,000 £5,000	To host a community gala day Glenbairns - to provide a safe fun environment for children 0-5 to come together, learn to socialise, share and develop their cognitive behaviour skills. Glenbairns active club - to bring families together through playtime and sport.
2018/19	N/A		

Reference: FR1197	Organisation Name: Pachedu
Project Name: Different pasts, shared future	Amount applied for: £750
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The project aims to fund co-production of animation video over 6-8 weeks and then develop Black history month lesson plans for primary school children. Over 6-8 weeks Pachedu will work in partnership with IAMME and a professional company to co-produce a 2-3 minute animation video. The resources will help in the planning of lessons for Black History month which are meant to be delivered in primary schools during Black History Month. Kids from Pachedu's School of African Culture will help in writing the script and also doing voice overs.</p> <p>Through discussions, young people have indicated experiencing a lot of stigma and stereotypes about Africa and African people that makes them disconnect and feel ashamed of their African heritage hence the need to want to get involved with this project. The national curriculum also does little to address this as there is a glaring lack of material that focus on Black History.</p> <p>The project also fits into national and local priorities.</p> <p>The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework cites that equality and human rights are core to making real progress towards all the national performance outcomes and are specifically highlighted in the outcome 'we respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination.'</p> <p>One of the outcomes particularly talks about respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights and living free from discrimination</p> <p>Race equality framework for Scotland 2016 to 2030 sets out the Scottish Government approach to promoting race equality and tackling racism and inequality between 2016 and 2030. It is important to embed equality and human rights in public services.</p> <p>The local community planning partnership themes include empowerment, community safety and promoting inclusion.</p> <p>IAMME have been developing resources on hate crime hence the discussion which came up with this joint project.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The project hopes to tackle discrimination and celebrate diversity in primary school children in Renfrewshire schools. These will focus on celebrating Difference – activities and games to encourage children to think about the things people have in common and the importance of difference. They will also encourage celebrating diversity by learning about Black History throughout the year and not only during October.</p> <p>The sessions will also hope to recognise the importance of the outstanding contributions of African and Caribbean decent have made on the country over many generations, include animations / videos / children's real stories. Lessons will include voice overs from children.</p>	

Villages Local Priorities:

- ☐ Connectivity & transport
☐ Environment & parks
☒ Access to services, facilities and assets
☐ Village identity and character
☒ Partial fit with priorities
☐ Does not fit with priorities

Notes:

Various activities and games will take place in primary schools across Renfrewshire with an aim to tackle discrimination and celebrate diversity.

Note: This application has been marked as a 'partial fit with priorities' due to a lack of direct reference to the Villages local partnership area.

Breakdown of costs

The group is applying for £750 from the Villages Local Partnership. The group has applied to Local Partnerships for the contribution to the same project.

The total project cost is £5,000. The group will balance the cost of the project with not secured Local Partnership funding

Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
Production cost on a 2-3minute animation video	£5,000	£750

About the organisation:

Pachedu was established in 2016 as a registered charity working with diverse minority ethnic groups across a broad range of protected characteristics according to Equality Act 2010.

Pachedu is based in Paisley aims to increase the capacity of diverse minorities to be more visible and pro-active in shaping their communities through partnership with various sectors to reduce inequalities for BAME communities by promoting diversity, tolerance and dignity for humanity. Our objectives include:

- Reducing isolation
- Promoting cultural diversity and equality of opportunity
- Bridging generational and diverse cultural backgrounds
- Enhancing the capacity of minority ethnic communities to advance their socio-economic activities.

The group has 5 part-time employees, 20 volunteers and over 200 members.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	Celebrating Renfrewshire fund	£6,000	Youth brass band activities
2019/20	Culture, Heritage and Events Fund	£3,000	Cultural cafes

	Guidance for Applicants		
2018/19			

Reference: FR1199	Organisation Name: Howwood Community Council
Project Name: Bench seating for various sites around Howwood Village	Amount applied for: £2,100
<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to provide well positioned rest points in the way of bench seating at various sites around Howwood. The proposed sites for the benches would be as follows:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One placed on the open grass area in the garden opposite The Boarding House. 2. Two placed at the rear of the open grass area adjacent (east) to the above garden. 3. One placed at the top of Bowfield Road in the grounds of Christ the King Church. 4. One placed at the side of the main door of The Church Of Scotland church on Main Street. 5. One placed on the open grass area in the centre of the village to the east of The Howwood Village Store. <p>Given the now renewed and ongoing need for outdoor exercise in the way of walking and cycling, these benches would be well used.</p> <p>We will purchase 6 benches made from recycled plastic and site then at identified sites in the village.</p> <p>With more people meeting outdoors in the last year and the positive benefits which more people identify with outdoor life, this has been identified by observations and requests from villagers.</p>	
<p>Who benefits from the Project?</p> <p>The project will benefit local residents of Howwood as it aims to provide environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing rest points for walkers of all ages in the village, thereby improving wellbeing.</p>	
<p>Villages Local Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connectivity & transport <input type="checkbox"/> Environment & parks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access to services, facilities and assets <input type="checkbox"/> Village identity and character <input type="checkbox"/> Partial fit with priorities <input type="checkbox"/> Does not fit with priorities <p>Notes:</p> <p>The project will help to make the most of Howwood making the most of their community assets by placing the benches at various sites around the village.</p>	

Breakdown of costs		
Item of spend	Total Cost	Amount requested
6 recycled plastic benches Marmax	£2100	£2100

About the organisation:

Howwood Community Council aims to provide the Howwood Community with a platform for communication with Renfrewshire Council and other bodies. To assist all people within the community in the way of all ideas and projects which promote safety, security, and wellbeing.

The community council was established over 30 years ago and currently has 15 volunteer members.

Grant funding award history:

	Grant Name	Amount	Used for
2020/21	N/A		
2019/20	N/A		
2018/19	N/A		



Local Partnership Grant Funding

A guide to the grant funding available from Local Partnerships and how to apply

Local Partnerships are a way for communities, elected members and public organisations to work together at a local level.

There are seven Local Partnerships in Renfrewshire, and they replaced Local Area Committees in 2018.

Each Local Partnership has agreed a set of Local Priorities, and each Partnership has grant funding they can allocate to support these priorities.

The aims of Local Partnerships are to:

- Make connections and networks between community groups and the wider community
- Identify, set and share local community priorities
- Listen to, consult and represent local communities
- Distribute grants to support local priorities

Grants available from Local Partnerships

The Local Partnerships consider applications and award grant funding that reflects their local priorities. The Local Partnerships look after grant funding streams that were previously overseen by Local Area Committees:

- the General Grant Fund;
- two Common Good Funds (Paisley Common Good and Renfrew Common Good); and
- the Youth Challenge Fund

It is strongly advised that organisations read this guidance before writing and submitting their applications.

You will find further information about each of these three funding streams and how to apply for them over the next few pages.

The most important thing to remember when applying for grant funding is to make sure you can contribute to at least one of the local priorities for the area you are applying to. It will be important to take time to find out about these priorities before applying. They are available [here](#).

Key dates for applying for Local Partnership funding

22 March 2021

Applications for funding are invited

Applicants write their applications reflecting local priorities

18 April 2021

Closing date for submitting grant funding applications for consideration at April meetings

May/June 2021

Local Partnerships make decisions to allocate funding from the General Grant Fund and Common Good Funds

From September 2021

Celebrating Renfrewshire - Participatory budgeting work takes place to allocate funding to youth projects

Key contacts

Questions

If you have questions about your application please get in touch with the Community Planning Team at communityplanning@renfrewshire.gov.uk or phone 07483 946613.

Submitting applications

Please submit application forms to rcgrantapplications@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

The Application Process

Read the Local Partnership Grant Funding Guidance and the Priorities for the Local Partnership area you are applying to.

Fill in application, ensuring you address the relevant local priorities and submit to rcgrantapplications@renfrewshire.gov.uk, together with the relevant bank statement, accounts and constitution. The deadline for applications is 18 April 2021

Your application will be considered by the Local Partnership in May/June 2021. Local Partnership meetings are public, so you are welcome to come along but you will not be required to attend, or expected to speak at the meeting. This year the meetings will be held online.

Following the meeting, you will be informed whether your application was successful or not. If you are successful, you will be asked to agree the conditions of grant and payment arrangements will be made.

The Application Form

The standard Voluntary and Community Organisations Grant Application Form is used to apply for Local Partnership funding. The form is available [here](#) (under related documents) or please contact the Community Planning team if you would like a paper copy sent to you.

The form has guidance notes in the right-hand column to help you with what information to put in each box. The notes below provide further information about how to make the best use of the application.

Section 1

- This section is for you to tell us about your organisation and what you do.
- In section 1.13 you are asked about which Local Partnership area you are applying to and where your project will be operating. In section 1.13a you should tick the Local Partnership area you are applying for funding in. In 1.13b you should write which Local Partnership area(s) the project you are applying for will operate in.
- All applications will be treated as an individual application by each Local Partnership. In this way, your activity needs to be viable as a project in each Local Partnership area it is applying to. If you are applying for funding from more than one Local Partnership area, you will either need to make sure your one application covers at least one priority from each of the Local Partnership areas applied to, or submit separate applications tailored to the priorities of each Local Partnership area applied to. If you are submitting one application to cover more than one Local Partnership area, you will need to make it clear how much funding is being asked for from each Local Partnership. This is covered in section 2.
- You should only apply for the amount of money that you require to run your project and be able to explain in your application how the full amount of funding applied for will be used.
- If you are applying for a project that primarily benefits young people aged 12-25, you should apply to the Celebrating Renfrewshire exercise in autumn 2021 that decides allocation of the Youth Challenge funding.

Section 2

- This section is an opportunity to tell us about the project you would like funding for. It is very important that you use this section to explain how you will address the priorities identified by your Local Partnership. These sections of the application will be made public through the summary reports at the Local Partnership meetings. You should provide a good description of your project in this section highlighting clearly which priorities it will address. This is information that the Local Partnership Meeting will use to decide on your application. If you are using one application to apply to more than one Local Partnership, you need to write the name of the Local Partnership applied to next to the amount requested from that Local Partnership in section 2.10.

Section 3

- This section is to make sure that you have included all the necessary supporting paperwork. Your application cannot be considered until you submit all of the correct paperwork.

Section 4

- If you are filling in a paper copy of the form to post, you can sign this section of the form. If you are doing the form online, a signature can be taken at a later date.

General Grant Fund

The grants are open to constituted local community, voluntary organisations and Community Planning Partners. The fund is intended to develop local activities and projects within Local Partnership areas. The maximum award available from the General Grant Fund is £10,000, although it should be noted that an award of £10,000 would represent a significant proportion of any Local Partnership's budget. The total amount of General Grant funding available is slightly different in each of the seven Local Partnership areas, because funding is allocated to Local Partnerships based on their population. Activities are expected to reflect the different priorities and needs in each of the seven areas.

Eligibility Criteria

Who can and cannot apply?

- Any community or voluntary organisation with a constitution and a bank account can apply. Any organisation applying should be accountable to its members.
- Community Planning Partners can submit applications for funding, but Council services cannot. Community Planning Partners should not submit applications for projects that are regarded as core functions.
- If your application is for an individual, it will not be considered.
- Your application should contribute towards at least one of the Local Partnership's key priorities. These were established by Partnerships at their March 2019 meetings and have been developed further since. Projects should be able to demonstrate real benefit to the local area by improving or complementing existing service provision.
- Organisations that work across Renfrewshire, or in a number of Local Partnership areas, can apply, but only for projects or activities which support an area's priorities, and are delivered in that area specifically.
- You cannot apply for costs of activities that have already happened.
- You cannot apply for your total running costs. You can apply to part fund running costs though.
- The General Grant Fund will very occasionally support applications to fund activities such as day trips and lunches, but only when they provide an additional community benefit (for example tackling loneliness and isolation).
- The General Grant Fund will not support projects that exist mainly to further religious or political beliefs.

- Your application must encourage equality of opportunity.
- You cannot apply to fund either a trip abroad or hospitality to other organisations.
- If you receive a grant from the General Grant Fund, it must usually be spent within this financial year.
- General Grant Fund awards are one-off and are not intended to provide ongoing funding for the same or similar activities on an annual basis.
- If you are successful in your application, you must accept and comply with the grant conditions. It is also expected that you report back on the impact the project has had once the funds are spent.
- You should plan how you will sustain your organisation, once funding from the General Grant Fund has been used.
- You cannot use the funding for events to raise funds for other charities
- You cannot use the funding to cover your Community Councils' running costs above those funded by its administration grant from the Council.
- You should provide evidence of partnership working, where applicable.

What types of activities or projects can and cannot be funded?

Activities or projects must contribute to at least one of the key priorities identified by the Local Partnership. The fund can support a variety of projects and activities. This can include supporting people back into employment; supporting young people; supporting community safety activity; supporting healthier lifestyles; tackling poverty in disadvantaged areas; and promoting equality within local areas.

These types of activities can cover an array of different projects. Examples include:

- Refurbishment of community facilities such as decorating or improving the layout of a room for community use.
- Enhancing or creating community gardens for recreational areas.
- Community events such as gala days.
- Projects that raise awareness of healthy eating and help people change eating habits.
- Projects that promote positive mental health issues.
- After school clubs that encourage development e.g. homework clubs,
- Leadership and team working skills for group members.

Common Good Funds

Common Good is funding generated from an investment portfolio where the annual income is used to support local projects. There are Common Good funds in both Renfrew and Paisley, which are distributed through the Local Partnership. In Paisley, the fund is split across the three Local Partnerships, based on the population of each area.

The general eligibility criteria for the common good funds are the same as for the General Grant Fund, although there is no specific maximum award. The main difference is that the Common Good Funds are charities and so any projects funded through the common good funds must meet their charitable objectives (the advancement of civic responsibility or community development) to benefit people in Renfrew or Paisley.

Former Youth Challenge Fund

The Youth Challenge Fund has been allocated using participatory budgeting since 2019 and is now known as “Celebrating Renfrewshire – By Young People, For Young People.” This fund will be allocated in the same way this year. This funding round will be launched separately in autumn 2021.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will funding award decisions be made?

The members of the Local Partnership in each area will make a decision on each funding application, guided by an assessment of whether the application has met the local priorities. Remember to base your application on the local priorities of the Partnership area you are applying to. Priorities are linked [here](#).

How do I apply?

Fill in a standard grant application form, which you will find on the Renfrewshire Council website. You can do this electronically and email it in or send in a completed paper copy. You should make sure you have understood what the local priorities are for the area you are applying to before completing your application.

When is the deadline for applications?

The deadline will be 18th April 2021 for consideration at the April/ May meetings.

What happens to my application after it is submitted?

Your application and documents will be checked and then stored on the Council system. A summary of your application will be prepared to include in the papers for the relevant Local Partnership meeting. If there are any queries or clarifications needed about your application, you will be contacted before the Local Partnership papers are prepared.

When will I hear back?

You will hear back after the meeting of the Local Partnership has made a decision. The decisions will be made at the Local Partnership meetings in May/June 2021. Local Partnership meetings are public, so you are welcome to come along to the meetings. You will not be required to attend or expected to speak at the meeting.

How much money can I apply for?

You can apply for a maximum of £10,000 from the General Grant Fund. If you are applying for Common Good funding, there is not specific maximum limit – but remember Common Good funding is only available in Paisley and Renfrew.

Who can apply?

Any community or voluntary organisation with a constitution and a bank account can apply. Any organisation applying should be accountable to its members. Council services will not be able to apply for funding. The wider community planning partners will be able to apply, if their project aligns with local priorities.

Can I apply to fund Christmas lights?

Unfortunately, Renfrewshire Council has very limited capacity for any further installation, storage and maintenance of Christmas lighting. If you wish to submit an application which

would require additional Council resources, you should discuss this with Council officers prior to submitting your application.

[We work across Renfrewshire, can we apply?](#)

You can apply to one or more Local Partnership. The project you are applying for, must be for the benefit of people who live in that area and the project must align with the local priorities for that area. You should focus on the areas where your project aligns most with the local priorities. You could also think about where your project is based or where most of the people using or otherwise involved in the project will be based. It might align with more than one Local Partnership area. If you do want to apply to more than one Local Partnership area, you will need to either submit separate applications or make it very clear which information applies to which Local Partnership.

[What is happening to 'multi LAC' applications?](#)

All applications will be treated as an individual application by each Local Partnership. In this way, your activity needs to be viable as a project in each Local Partnership area it is applying to. If you are applying for funding from more than one Local Partnership area, you will either need to make sure your one application covers at least one priority from each of the Local Partnership areas applied to, or submit separate applications tailored to the priorities of each Local Partnership area applied to. If you are submitting one application to cover more than one Local Partnership area, you will need to make it clear:

- How your project will specifically benefit people in each Local Partnership area applied to, and
- how much funding is being asked for from each Local Partnership.

[Is it the same process as the old LAC funding applications?](#)

There are some differences. Local Partnership grant applications must be based on the priorities for that Local Partnership area. The Youth Challenge fund decisions will be made by local young people and so follow a different process to take place later in the year.

[Is the total amount of funding the same as the old LAC funding?](#)

Yes, the total amount of funding is the same. It is still based on the population of each area, but now split between the seven Local Partnerships, rather than the five former LACs.

[What happens if money is not allocated by the end of the financial year?](#)

Where all available grant funding within a financial year is not fully committed, the balance can be carried forward only where a specific project for the forthcoming financial year has been identified and approved by the Local Partnership. This gives the Local Partnership the flexibility to set aside a proportion of its current year grant for use on a specific project the following year.

It is not intended that this year-end flexibility would be applied to carry forward a general underspend of available grant for which no specific purpose has been identified or approved.

What happens if organisations that are members of Local Partnerships apply for funding?

Organisations that are members of a Local Partnership can still apply to that Local Partnership, but they will not be allowed to speak to the application at the decision meeting and will not be allowed to vote on their own application.

If I am unsuccessful, where can I find other sources of funding?

There are other sources of funding for community groups and people who can help you in accessing it or building your capacity more broadly.

Engage Renfrewshire can be found at <https://www.engagerenfrewshire.com/> or by telephone on 0141 887 7707.

The **Invest in Renfrewshire Communities Team** can be contacted by email on Econdev.community@renfrewshire.gov.uk, via their web page www.investinrenfrewshire.com/communities or by telephone on 0300 300 1180.