

Sunart Community Council – Grant Application Form April 2019 to March 2020

Thank you for your interest in the Sunart Community Council Small Grant Scheme. Each year we use funds from local private hydro schemes to support our work and where possible distribute small grants to local groups to help them with their activities

The Council covers the areas within, and the community of, the head of Loch Sunart and Polloch (as defined by the postcode units PH33 7AF, PH36 4BB, PH36 4HX, PH36 4HY, PH36 4HZ, PH36 4JA, PH36 4JB, PH36 4J and PH37 4LX).

General Guidelines

The Community Council will receive approximately £3-4,000 per annum from community benefit payments and this would be the normal grants budget. However in exceptional circumstances the Community Council may decide to use some of its funds on deposit account to assist a community initiative of significance, or if exceptional expenditure is forecast, it may decide not to make any donations, or to reduce the budget.

In recent years the average amount donated has been between £3-400 per applicant.

In allocating available grants we take into consideration the following:

1. The number of grant beneficiaries living in the Sunart area / or the potential benefits to the area. Grant applications from groups with a membership largely outwith the area may not receive their full request.
2. Whether the grant is most likely to support a community or voluntary project rather than an initiative who's primary beneficiary/ies will be private businesses.
3. Whether the grant is being used to support services locally which are normally / regularly provided by a public agency. (We seek to use the community council grants as a way of providing additional services and activities for our residents.)
4. Whether the applicant has received grants in the previous two years. In some circumstances the Community Council will decide to make repeat grants but this will be the exception rather than the rule – normally we would not expect to receive repeat applications in order to provide other groups with the opportunity to apply.
5. Whether the applicant can demonstrate that is has attempted to (or intends to) raise funds from other sources as well, to make the small grant available go further. Evidence that other fundraising is taking place will increase the chance of a successful application.

Please complete the questions below and email back to us or post to the address below. This form is available in **DIGITAL FORMAT** from the website or a Councillor and can be emailed.

Your Name	Position in Organisation
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ORGANISATION NAME: Address & Postcode: Tel no: E-mail:

1. **What do you propose to do?**
2. **When do you intend to start project/event?**
3. **When do you need funds?**

4. **Who will benefit from this? (please indicate age range and numbers of people)**
5. **How much will it cost to run project/event? (You may add pages/info as required)**
6. **How much have you raised already?**
7. **How much do you need from us? (grants are normally between £100-£400)**
8. **Who should a cheque be made payable to? (Please print clearly).**

Sunart Community Company

Everyone involved in the Community Council is interested in learning how your group will benefit from this donation. Conditions of grant are that:

1. A brief report of how the funds were spent, with a supporting photograph if appropriate, (with the necessary permissions) be sent to the Secretary within two months of spending the grant. The Community Council may then use this report to illustrate the social benefits of the grant.
2. Successful applicants are discouraged from applying in consecutive years. I.e. they should wait a year before re-applying to maximise the number of groups who will benefit. (Exceptions will be considered in special circumstances.)
3. Your organisation publicly acknowledges the grant. Please advise how you will do this. E.g. local press article, website, newsletter, signage etc:

Signed..... Print Name..... Date.....

Please return completed form to: The Secretary, John Jones, Creag-Ard, 5 Longrigg Road, Strontian, PH36 4HY
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