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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FUND - Monitoring of Projects Funded

2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 This report highlights the positive outcomes for communities in Oban, Lorn and the Isles through the allocation of the Council's Supporting Communities Fund between 2019/20 and 2021/22.

2.2 A total of

The works have been published on the project website and were incorporated into a multi-media performance delivered in June. The project welcomed 2,356 participants and culminated in an exhibition of complete works of drama, music, song, filmmaking and creative writing linked to the history of the island and its landscape. The grant supported artist fees, poetry and creative writing group, production of a booklet, performance costs and evaluation for a bi-lingual community arts project.

Hope Kitchen

Martyn's Monday Club and a new Women's Club provided a weekly space for people in the Oban area who have experienced suicidal thoughts or who have been affected by another person taking their own life.

The grant enabled Hope Kitchen to partner with Martyn's Monday Club to deliver 92 sessions. On average 20 people attended the men's group on a weekly basis and 19 attended the women's group.

Mull and Iona Community Trust

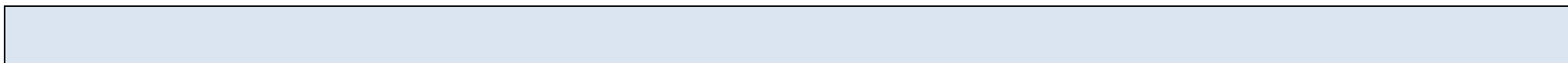
The Ulva Ferry Transport Project ran a scheduled 3 day a week accessible minibus service and electric car, helping residents to access local services. The bus service was utilised to deliver food to those shielding or on low income during Covid-19 restrictions.

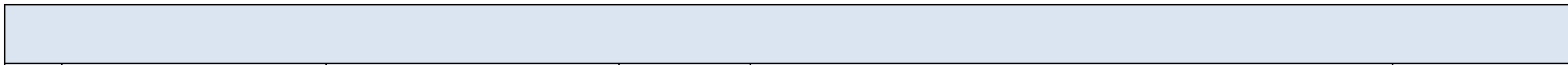
An elderly resident did not arrive at the arranged time, the driver knowing the person, went to check. He was found to be in need of first aid and immediate hospitalisation and without the bus service would have died.

South West Mull and Iona Development

The project workers transformed an overgrown green space in Bunessan into a vibrant community garden and tree nursery, the grant enabled the employment of a sessional worker and provided tools and transport for volunteers. Schools and pre-school groups, a nature club, volunteers and allotment bed holders have accessed the garden to participate in activities and workshops, plant swap events and to gather produce from the raised beds, poly tunnels and fruit cages.

- 4.2 The attached table summarises information received from individual projects.
- 4.3 42 grant recipients have submitted an End of Project Monitoring Report.
- 4.4 In the 2020/21 funding cycle, Oban & District Access Panel were granted an extension to complete their project of funding for a P/T





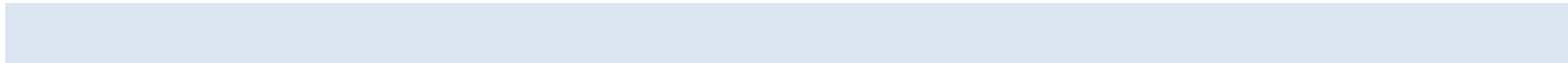
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local historical sites.

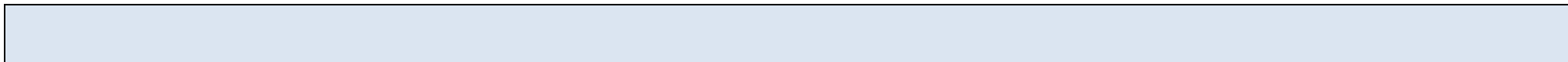
		burial ground site known as Lephin Chapel or Port Bhraonian, on the Isle of Mull		Museum with the story and artefacts recovered.	
18	Oban Communities Trust – The Rockfield Centre	Workshops: Make-it-for-Christmas Project	242.00	TRC held Create Christmas event on site with help from 3 volunteer tutors. Event was open to all – free with attendance of 70 family groups. Sessions were booked with 2 sessions 3 hour slots. All children went home with gift they had made.	
19	Oban Winter Festival	Entertainers & workshop costs	2,500.00	The 2019 festival was the 9th and saw over 100 events taking place over the 10 days together with St Andrew's weekend. The key event for 2019 was the Winter Woods which built on the 2018 event and was hugely popular with families. We had excellent attendance at our markets held at the Distillery, Corran Halls, the View and the Perle Hotel. This provided opportunities for local vendors and was hugely popular with locals and visitors alike with 10,300 attendances.	
20	Oban Youth Cafe	Overnight trip for vulnerable youngsters: accommodation, food & youth workers	750.00	Vulnerable young people were supported to engage with their peers and youth work staff to participate activities that increased their life skills, challenged their thinking and supported their transition into adulthood.	
21	Project Trust	Global Citizenship Festival	1,976.00	In the workshops the Ambassadors covered topics such as rights and responsibilities, daily routines of children around the world, preconception and realities of developing countries, and global citizenship values.	
22	Roses Charitable Trust	Outdoor Activities: instructors & overheads	2,500.00	We carried out outdoor activity sessions working in partnership with the Oban Hostel, the Youth Café and Oban High School. Young people aged 11-13 from the hostel were taken coastering/sea swimming. Young People identified via Oban Youth Café went rock climbing and hill walking.	
23	Seil Island Community Hall Charity	Seil and Easdale Music Scheme (SEMS) Running Costs	241.00	Delivering a programme of live musical events through residencies, concerts and community based actions; working towards development of events programme in partnership with established local and national organizations.	

24	Sound Waves SCIO	Tutor fees/accommodation and marketing of monthly music workshops	242.00	Grant not taken	

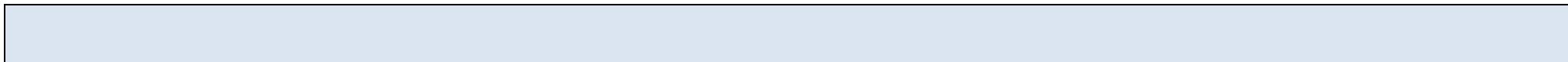


	Papers	writing group, production of a booklet, performance costs including venue hire, lighting/scenery, costumes, publicity, recording and evaluation for a bi-lingual arts project on Tiree involving local artists, children and community members. The project will culminate in a final exhibition of the finished works which will use drama, music, song, filmmaking and creative writing to create pieces linked to the history of the island and its landscape.		themes and each associated with a specific place on Tiree, with historical records (written document, drawing, photograph) or features in the landscape such as stones or structures. The stories came from a range of historical periods and included myths as well as 'true' stories, in both Gaelic and English. Musicians, songwriter and a filmmaker responded to these stories, creating new music, songs and films which have been published on the project website and were incorporated into the multi-media performance delivered in June. The new music, songs and films re-tell traditional stories and also introduce new stories, drawn from the historical records.	
4	Highlands and Islands Music and Dance Festival	venue hire, stewarding, adjudicators, equipment hire, advertising and fringe events for a 3 day traditional music and dance competition event. Any award will be dependent on submission of a copy of event insurance.	£2,500.00	A large number of participants attended the Piping and Dancing events, some as young as 5 years, dancers worked hard all year, some hadn't competed before - to win cash and trophies. After a two year break, there was much enthusiasm for reinstating the festival, now in its 40th year. Friends were made and reunited and the event attracted visitors out-with Argyll and Scotland as far as USA, bringing revenue to the town and creating a wonderful 'buzz' during the weekend. We'll gradually expand competitions and events to include a Schools' Day and other musical events.	
5	Isle of Kerrera Development Trust	marquee and venue hire, sessional co-ordinator costs, entertainment, prizes, medals, bibs, volunteer transport and catering, safety equipment, bike hire	£1,225.00	We hosted a bike event for children aged 3-16 years and their	

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		and marketing to trial a cycling event on the Isle of Kerrera, with a view to it becoming an annual event. Any award will be dependent on submission of a copy of event insurance.			
6	Kilmore and Kilbride Public Hall Committee	One-off contribution towards revenue costs for Kilmore and Kilbride Public Hall.	£2,500.00		



9	Oban & District Access Panel creation of a paid part-time post of secretary for the Panel which would allow the current voluntary secretary to concentrate on access audits and scrutiny of planning applications.	£1,972.00
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5	Comunn Gàidhealach an Òbain (Oban Mod Academy)	PVG registered tutors to support Gaelic and non Gaelic speaking children from the local area, to prepare for Local and National Mods.	£1,500.00	The aim of the project is to support Gaelic and non-Gaelic speaking children from the local area, to prepare for Local and National Mods. This was achieved by appointing a PVG approved native Gaelic speaking tutor to teach the children via zoom.	
	Hebridean Pursuits Outdoor Learning				

		<p>project provides: an accessible minibus 3 days a week, an electric car offering transport for max 3 passengers, 7 days a week door-to-door service on Mull outside the scheduled service.</p> <p>Cost of materials and workshops to create a living willow project.</p>	£905.00	<p>60 households per month until the end of July. We have increased traffic with over 90 healthcare appointments for wheelchair/disabled users. These are journeys that would have possibly required Scottish Ambulance Service or other outside help. We are the only provider of wheelchair accessible vehicles in North Mull.</p> <p>The aim was to have inter-generational workshops. It was hoped that it would encourage various generations to work together post Covid-19 and it was hoped that this would promote mental health and well-being within the community. We had 2 community workshops. The youngest participant was a young toddler and the oldest a local community member of 77. The workshops were led by a local willow artist.</p>	

		money will be used to provide a number of raised beds, hand tools, suitable groundworks and storage facilities.			

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The project monitoring form has a section asking for comments on the grant process. Not all applicants have completed this section but of those received, the comments have largely been very positive.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy: None

6.2 Financial: The report sets out the expenditure from the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area 2018/19- 2021/22 budget for the allocation of Supporting Communities Fund. The timeline at the bottom of the report encompasses monies which would have been rolled over from 2018/19 to be spent in the 2019/20 cycle and is included for completion.

6.3 Legal: None

6.4 HR: None

6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty/Equalities/Islands: Compliant with policy and noting that 8 of the funded projects were on islands (Mull and Coll).

6.6 Risk: None

6.7 Customer Service: None

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