

**Dumbarton Common Good Fund  
for consideration on June 2019  
(2019/20)**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Purpose of group</b>	<b>Grant requested</b>	<b>Purpose of grant</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Bellsmyre Development Trust SCIO	To alleviate poverty in the Bellsmyre Area through the provision of facilities, resources, activities and the generation of opportunities for all local residents	£19,633 Project costs £39,267, request from Common Good £19,633; remaining costs of project funded from other balances held/ grants to be received in year: Big Lottery £10,000; Robertson Trust approx. £4,000; Self generated income approx. £5,000	To part fund Youth Active Summer Activity Programme, Community Gala Day and School Holiday Play Camps. It will also partially fund ongoing staff costs, administration, premise costs, catering and transport costs	<b>Grant recommendation: £4,200</b>  To provide funding towards the 3 activities noted in purpose of grant and catering/ transportation. Recommended that ongoing staffing and premises costs are not funded as it is assessed that the group has sufficient available reserves held to fund to fund these, as these ongoing costs are not directly the result of the additional summer activities for which the grant application was made.  The group has advised that this application is one-off, pending the outcome of other grant applications. The group has advised that if the grant is not received, use of reserves are likely to be approved, but that future activities may be scaled down or removed, with the potential for reduction in staffing.

Appendix A

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1,108 registered members, with 30 regular volunteers assisting; including 10 volunteer trustees	Board Meetings are bi-monthly and the annual AGM takes place in April each year	<p>Bank of Scotland Foundation £24,000 15/11/18 Unsuccessful</p> <p>Henry Duncan Grants (Corra Foundation) £4,800 14/11/18 Unsuccessful</p> <p><u>Future applications (2019/20)</u> (not yet submitted): Big Lottery Community Funds (Community Assets Grant) £90,000 (over 3 years)</p> <p>The Robertson Trust £24,000 (over 2 years)</p>	<p>£14,964.96 at 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 (General) The group also has other bank accounts holding balances as at 1 March 2019 of £80,206 (linked to Big Lottery and Robertson Trust project specific grant funding which are held as unrestricted funds within the financial statements)</p>	<p>Bank balance £52,495 per financial statements at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 (unrestricted). Noted that the balance is above the Reserve policy (stated in their accounts to 31 January 2018 as 3 months of unrestricted costs which is approx. £15,000; but has been advised more recently by the group's auditors as 6 months of unrestricted costs which is approx. £30,000) which has been adopted.</p>

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Bellsmyre Digital Trust	To relieve the needs of vulnerable groups and the unemployed by promoting/ providing training within the field of information and communications.	£68,702 Dumbarton Common Good budget approved £35,601 (including £2,500 rent) for both 2018/19 and 2019/20 (less the £2,500 property rental funded in 2018/19). The previously agreed SLA states grant to a maximum of that budgeted by the Common Good	Property and running costs	<p><b>Grant recommendation:</b>  <u>2018/19:</u> No further grant award other than the £2,500 rental paid to date (as is standard practice for the premises), as it has been identified that the costs associated with the group's 2018/19 activities have been contained within the reserves held during 2018/19, with funds remaining and available at 31 March 2019 still at a sufficient level.</p> <p><u>2019/20:</u> Full grant award of £35,601. Any increase of expenditure for 2019/20 to be funded by alternative means, or a further application to the Common Good Fund following clarification of outstanding queries on the additional budgeted spend and the impact on their costs following the change in premises.</p>
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10 Committee Members	Regular meetings take place with active committee members	Coop Community Fund £1,600 (awarded)  WDC Your Community Fund Employment for Young People £4,700 (awarded)	£15,440 at 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	£43,905 at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018 (2018/19 accounts are currently not available)