

Title of Report:	Large Capital Grants Programme Grant Decisions
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	13 th August 2019
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Develop and promote stable and cohesive communities
Lead Officer	Funding Unit Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£642,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	Yes
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes	Date: 16 August 2016
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessments (RNA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant decisions for the Large Capital Grants Programme 2018-19.

2.0 Background

The Capital Grants Fund is available to local sports and community organisations who wish to request support towards the development of new, or the enhancement of existing facilities to meet unmet need. It seeks to support external infrastructure projects that are aligned to Council's aims and objectives and that require additional capital funding to achieve completion.

In November 2017 Council agreed that both a Large Capital Grant Programme and a Minor Capital Grant programme would operate in 2018-19 with a combined budget of £750k.

In September 2018 Council agreed to award funding to 4 Minor Capital Grant projects.

Applicant	Award Amount
Limavady Recreation Grounds	£12,500.00
Ballymoney Bowling Club	£25,000.00
Ballybrakes Community Indoor Bowling Club	£22,207.50
Milburn Community Association	£10,468.17
	£70,175.67

In September 2018 Council agreed to close the capital grants programmes to applications for 2019-20 and reserve the budget in that year in case it is needed to fund the 2018-19 applications.

In September 2018 Council agreed to invite 6 successful Stage 1 Applications to the Large Capital Grants Programme to progress to stage 2 and submit their Outline Business Cases for assessment against the agreed criteria:

Applicant	Project description & Advice from Council regarding OBC submission
Corrymeela Community	Upgrade to sewage system. Explore engineering solutions to minimise cost.
Coleraine FC	Convert main pitch to 3G. Consider the club's current financial position with a view to a reduced % request to Council. Consider the installation of a hybrid rather than a 3G pitch.
Derry GAA	Conversion of grass training area to floodlit sand mattress pitch and hard standing. Consider an option of pitch upgrades only with the installation of flood lighting when budgets allow or at a 100% cost to the applicant.
Limavady Community Development Initiative	Building extension: large hall, ancillary facilities, multipurpose covered area. Consider the lower cost option with no outdoor covered area.

Glens Youth Club	120m x 70m floodlit training area and 2 team changing pavilion. Consider the upgrade of existing changing rooms rather than the construction of new.
St Canices GAC	2 team changing pavilion. Consider the construction of a toilet block rather than a new changing pavilion to reflect the mostly training use of the site and the spare capacity in nearby changing facilities.

In January 2019 Council agreed to progress Eoghan Rua Stage 1 application to Stage 2 and invited them to submit an Outline Business Cases for assessment against the agreed criteria.

Applicant	Project Description
Eoghan Rua	Floodlit sand mattress pitch. Consider synthetic surface rather than grass.

Glens Youth Club withdrew from the process in December 2018.

Maximum award values and percentage grants available are as follows:

Scale of Project	Max Award%	Max Award Value
£30,000 - £100,000	80%	£80,000
£100,001 - £200,000	60%	£120,000
£200,001 - over	50%	£500,000

3.0 Stage 2 Applications

- A workshop for Stage 2 applicants was held in November 2018.
- One to one meetings were held with all Stage 2 applicants to support them in the process and provide advice and support in the development of their Outline Business Cases.
- Mentor support was provided to all Stage 2 applicants with a mentor assigned to each applicant to advise and support in the development of their Outline Business Cases.
- 6 x Outline Business Cases were received before the deadline.

The Grant Assessment Panel of relevant officers assessed the outline Business Cases against the advertised criteria (**Annex A**).

Applicant	Project Value Stage 1	Project Value Stage 2	Amount Requested in Stage 1	Amount Requested in Stage 2	Project Description	Score
Corrymeela Community*	£477,000	£380,000	£148,500	£100,000	Upgrade to sewage system.	77%
Coleraine FC*	£420,000	£498,000	£200,000	£240,000	Convert main pitch to 3G	53%
Derry GAA*	£325,200	£189,000	£189,700	£94,500	Conversion of grass training area	61%

					to floodlit sand mattress pitch and hard standing	
Limavady Community Development Initiative*	£200,000	£199,481	£120,000	£120,000	Building extension: large hall, ancillary facilities, multipurpose covered area	76%
St Canices GAC*	£396,000	£401,500	£196,000	£198,000	2 team changing pavilion	85%
Eoghan Rua	£489,900	£448,000	£244,950	£244,000	Sand mattress pitch	84%
Totals	£2,308,100	£2,115,981	£1,099,150	£997,500		

As per the agreed criteria, to be considered for grant-aid all projects must achieve the threshold score of 70%.

4.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that Members consider the following:

- Reject the Large Capital Grant applications that have not achieved the 70% threshold score.
- Award Capital Grants to the 4 applicants successfully scoring 70% or above.

Applicant	Amount Recommended	% of Total Costs
Coleraine FC*	No Award	n/a
Derry GAA*	No Award	n/a
Corrymeela Community	£100,000	26%
Limavady Community Development Initiative*	£120,000	60%
St Canices GAC*	£198,000	49%
Eoghan Rua	£244,000	50%
Total	£642,000	

Budget Available £679,825

Amount Recommended in grant-aid £642,000

Annex A: Assessment Criteria: Major Capital Grants

The Outline Business case is scored and weighted against the criteria listed below:

	Stage 2 Criterion	Score (0-5)	Weight	Max Score
1	<p><u>Strategic relevance:</u> Clearly demonstrates an ability to assist Council in the delivery of agreed strategic objectives including inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Corporate Plan ➤ Relevant Council strategies ➤ Programme Aims ➤ Community Planning priorities 		X2	10
2	<p><u>Assessment of Need:</u> Providing access to facilities (e.g. community or sporting facilities) in areas of clearly demonstrated need. Need can be demonstrated in a number of ways including inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Results from surveys, studies, consultation, statistical analysis ➤ Council policies and strategies ➤ Binding commitments to use by local groups/organisations ➤ Condition reports on existing provision ➤ The residual capacity or otherwise in similar facilities close by <p><u>Note:</u> Projects that are likely to cause significant levels of displacement from existing facilities will not be funded by Council.</p>		X4	20
3	<p><u>Accessible to All:</u> Council will afford a higher priority to projects that demonstrate innovative measures that will make the proposed facility attractive, welcoming and accessible to all the community.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Council will not fund facilities that are for the sole use of membership organisations.</p>		X3	15
4	<p><u>Increases in Participation from all sections of the community:</u> Council will afford a priority to those projects that will increase participation in activities, e.g. community or sporting activities (as demonstrated via a clear Development Plan).</p>		X2	10
5	<p><u>Value for Money:</u> Council will afford a priority to those projects that increase participation in activities such as community or sporting activities with the best value for money i.e. cost per capita for Council investment.</p>		X3	15

6	<p><u>Under Represented Groups:</u> Council will afford a higher priority to applications that demonstrate innovative measures to promote participation in activities by those currently under represented and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Older people (50+) ➤ People with a disability ➤ Women and girls ➤ People living in areas of high social need 		X3	15
7	<p><u>Partnership Funding:</u> The percentage of funding required from Council (including any other Council funding being applied). A higher score will be awarded to projects requesting a lesser % from Council against the overall project costs.</p>		X3	15
8	<p><u>Sustainability and viability:</u> The business case must make reasonable and evidence based assumptions in relation to construction costs, risk, optimism bias, operational costs and projected income. Through this process the business case must demonstrate the project's viability and sustainability in capital and revenue terms.</p>		X3	15
Total Maximum Score				115