

Title of Report:	Community Development Grants - Allocation of funding
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 th March 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture Community Development Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£78,927 net cost to Council
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	33201/ 13201
Staffing Costs	n/a

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date: 10.10.17
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date: 30.09.19
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the outcome of the assessment of applications received to the Community Development Grant Programmes for 2020-21 and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the three programmes:

1. **Community Development Support Grant (CDSG).**
2. **Social Inclusion Grant (SIG).**
3. **Community Festivals Fund (CFF).**

Approximately 50% of the Community Development Grants are provided by Department for Communities (DfC) through both the Community Support Programme and Community Festivals Fund Programme.

At the time of writing the report, the amount of funding from DfC for 2020-21 is not yet known, however since some of the projects applied for are due to take place in April Council is asked to make decisions in principle, subject to confirmation of necessary match funding from DfC.

At its meeting in November 2019 Council agreed to reduce grant programmes by 5% for 2020-21. Proposed funding awards are on the basis of this reduction and on the assumption that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2019-20 amounts.

2.0 Background

As part of the business planning process, a report was brought forward to Council in November 2019 to approve all grant funding programmes for the 20-21 period, inclusive of the three aforementioned grant programmes.

Information roadshows were held in early December in five locations across the Borough in order to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance about the individual grant programmes. A workshop on how to write a successful application was also held.

The grant programmes were opened for applications on 4th December 2019 for approximately 6 weeks.

An assessment panel scored applications against the criteria as stated in the Guidance Notes for each programme. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding, in line with Council's Grant Funding Policy.

An extract from the Guidance Notes for the three grant programmes, detailing eligibility and assessment criteria, is attached at **Annex A**.

3.0 Community Development Support Grant

Purpose of Grant Programme: To contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations.

Levels of Grant available: Community Development groups with premises could apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £2,000. Community Development groups without premises could apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £1,000

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	65
No. of ineligible applicants	4
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	10
No. of successful applications (scoring 65% and above)	51
Total value of CDSG funding recommended	£92,836.86

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount recommended are listed in **Annex B**.

Four of the applicant organisations were deemed to be ineligible as the applicant organisation did not meet the eligibility criteria for the grant programmes. Ten applications did not score sufficiently high enough to be awarded a grant.

4.0 Social Inclusion Grant

Purpose of Programme: To provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations that are involved in activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially isolated, to participate in social and recreational activities.

Levels of Grant: 85% of costs up to a maximum grant of £500.

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	38
No. of ineligible applications	7
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	8
No. of successful applications scoring 65% or more	23
Total value of SIG funding recommended	£11,215

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount recommended are listed in **Annex C**.

Of the seven ineligible applications six were ineligible as they had annual income in excess of £50,000, which deems them ineligible as outlined in Section 1.8 of the Guidance Notes. The other ineligible applicant had already applied for and is eligible to receive a Community Development Support Grant and as stated in the Guidance Notes, '*organisations that intend to apply for a Community Development Support Grant from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are not eligible to apply for a Social Inclusion Grant.*' Eight applications did not score sufficiently high enough to be awarded a grant.

5.0 Community Festivals Fund

Purpose of the Programme: To support, promote and develop the capacity of communities to host community festival events across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. A community festival is a festival which has developed from within a community and should celebrate and positively promote what the community represents. DfC's CFF Policy & Guidance Framework sets the programme criteria for this particular fund.

Levels of Grant available:

<u>One day community fun day type events.</u> Events must be programmed to be of at least 4 hours consecutive duration and include a range of at least 3 types of activities to suit all sections of the community.	75% of costs up to a maximum of £750
<u>Festival events lasting 2 consecutive days or more.</u> Each of the days of the festival must include a range of activities to suit all sections of the community and be programmed to be at least 4 hours duration. The Festival must have different activities on each day that it takes place.	75% of costs up to a maximum of £1,500
<u>Festivals lasting 3 consecutive days or more and anticipated to attract at least 500 participants.</u> Each of the days of the festival must include a range of activities to suit all sections of the community and be programmed to be at least 4 hours duration.	75% of costs up to a maximum of £3,000

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	49
No. of ineligible applications	4
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	7
No. of eligible applications (scoring 65% and above)	38
Total value of CFF funding recommended	£52,270

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount is listed in **Annex D**.

Some applications were reduced in the scale of the grant they were considered for as they did not meet the eligibility criteria for higher awards. Four applications were deemed ineligible as they did not meet the eligibility criteria in terms of the range of activities and length of their events as defined in the Guidance Notes. Seven applications did not meet the threshold of 65% to be successful for funding.

In the event that the letter of offer from DfC is delayed beyond 31st March, Council may wish to consider awarding grants to successful organisations with events scheduled to take place in April, May and June in order to ensure that they can plan ahead. A letter of offer could then be issued for the remainder of the applicants when Council receives confirmation of funding from DfC, and subject to the amount received.

Community Development Officers will provide feedback and capacity building support to the unsuccessful applicant groups in all three programmes in order to increase their capacity and to source and apply for other funding.

6.0 Summary

Total amount recommended for funding through CDSG	£92,836.86
Total amount recommended for funding through SIG	£11,215
Total amount recommended for funding through CFF	£52,270
Total amount recommended for funding	£156,322
DfC contribution*	£80,060
Anticipated net cost to Council	£78,927

*Based on assumption that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2019-20 amounts.

7.0 Recommendations

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant, Social Inclusion Grant and Community Festivals Fund as detailed in Annex B, C & D, subject to the necessary funding being available from DfC.**
- ii. If confirmation of funding is not received from DfC by 1st April 2020 issue letters of offer to events taking part in April, May and June, with the remainder of the letters of offer to be issued when confirmation of funding is received from DfC.**

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Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Development Grants 2020-21

Community Development Support Grant

Eligible organisations:

- Only Community Development Organisations which are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area in which they service, promote and support community development can apply.
- Groups must be multi-purpose, providing or hosting a number of different activities and services for the benefit and to meet identified needs of their whole community, not just for a specific group and/or single issue within that community.
- Groups must demonstrate that they are well run, that they provide a voice for local concerns, are inclusive and have activities open to the whole community, adhere to democratic principles, encourage people to become active and involved in their community, meet local needs and provide local services and are working in partnership with others.
- Eligible organisations will be those that are incorporated to provide programmes and offer services aimed at improving the social, economic and environmental situation of a certain locality i.e. housing estate, village, town or district. This may include Community Associations, Residents' Groups, Town or Village Committees or similar.

Ineligible organisations:

- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Umbrella organisations that do not have a separate local constitution
- Organisations principally established for the delivery of activities for one specific grouping or single issue e.g. youth groups, 50+ sector (such organisations should apply to the Social Inclusion Grant)
- Culture, Arts and Heritage Groups (such organisations should apply to the Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant)
- Sports Clubs / Leisure Activity Clubs (such organisations should contact Council's Sport & Well-being section for support)
- Organisations whose primary objectives are concerned with health, education or training
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations

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Assessment Criteria:

Eligible applications will be scored out of 5 against the following weighted criteria).

Criteria	Weighting
Range of activities and beneficiaries	X2
Needs of the community	X1
Extent of awareness and understanding of needs of community	X1
How well activities of the group address needs of the community	X1
Level of Deprivation (NIMDM 2017)	X2
Other income levered in	X1

Social Inclusion Grant

Eligible Organisations:

- The grant programme is open to properly constituted community and voluntary organisations.
- Sports Clubs and Youth Clubs can apply to the grant programme as long as the project they are applying for is a social inclusion project that is in addition to and separate from their regular activities.

Ineligible Organisations:

- Individuals
- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Organisations with an annual income in excess of £50,000
- Umbrella organisations that do not have a separate local constitution
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Uniformed youth organisations
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations
- Organisations that are successful in applying for a Community Development Support Grant for 2020-21

Assessment Criteria:

Eligible applications will be scored out of 5 against the following weighted criteria (weighted by 1 to 3 where indicated).

- i. Range and quality of project activities (weighted x2)
- ii. Number and type of beneficiaries (x 2)
- iii. Area deprivation score (x 1)
- iv. How well the project promotes and addresses social inclusion (x 2)

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Community Festivals Fund

Eligible organisations:

- Constituted voluntary and community organisations.
- Applications may be from geographical communities (a town, village, neighbourhood, rural area); or communities of interest (a group of people who have a common interest, concern or characteristic).
- A community festival should constitute a series of events (or a single event with several elements) with a common theme and delivered within a defined time period.
- Each day of the festival must be programmed to be of at least 4 hours duration and include a range of at least 3 activities to suit all sections of the community.
- DfC has stated that all festivals must be culture based, where culture is defined as ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular people or social grouping.

Ineligible organisations/activities:

- festivals taking place outside the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area;
- festivals of a commercial nature, organised to make profit;
- trade, community or professional conferences/conventions;
- core costs for festival organisers or organisations (staffing, annual overheads);
- festivals that are primarily fundraising events, are heavily branded with charity branding or deploy potential sources of income from a festival to a charity;
- awards ceremonies or industry events;
- residential courses and associated events;
- festivals that are social events for an organisation;
- events developed and delivered by public bodies;
- events initiated and led by private sector organisations;
- festivals that are primarily sporting fixtures or competitive events;
- festivals that are primarily tourism focused events where the organisation cannot demonstrate significant community involvement;
- Events which consist mainly of competitions;
- Transport outside of the area/ community that the festival is taking place in;
- Applications for funding which are considered to be the responsibility of another statutory organisation or Council fund or applications that have applied and secured funding from another Council programme.

Assessment Criteria:

Assessment criteria for CFF have been developed following objectives specified by the Department for Communities (DfC) for the Community Festival Fund:

- i. Have strong community participation in the organisation and implementation of the project contributing to building a strong sense of community (x 1)
- ii. Provide opportunities for people to improve their personal skills or receive training relevant to the project (x 1)
- iii. Improve community relations; as defined in terms of activities designed to actively strengthen and promote good community relations (x 1)

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- iv. Target social exclusion and /or poverty; address rural isolation issues where applicable (x 1)
- v. Promote equality of opportunity for all (x 1)
- vi. Demonstrate value for money (x 1)
- vii. Attract visitors to the area (DfC have stated that whilst attraction of visitors is a positive quality, the primary driver of the fund is significant community involvement.) (x 1)
- viii. Provide opportunities to develop the festival – including capacity building, developing links with other organisations/events (increased partnership); expanding or diversifying activities (x1)
- ix. Encourage a 'sense of place' through connecting the community with, and effectively using, public places and the local built environment, particularly infrequently used or abandoned spaces (x 1)
- x. NIMDM 2017Ranking/ Access to Services Measure Ranking (X 2)

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Community Development Support Grant 2020-21 Assessment Score & Recommended Grant Amount

Organisation	Amount Requested (£)	Score (%)	Amount Recommended (£)
Aghanloo Community Association	2,000.00	70.0	2,000.00
Armoy Community Centre	2,000.00	77.5	2,000.00
Ballybogey Community Centre Ltd	2,000.00	77.5	2,000.00
Ballykelly Mens Shed & Community Association	2,000.00	82.5	2,000.00
Ballykelly Residents Association	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	1,999.88	70.0	1,999.88
Bann Valley Community Association	1,000.00	67.5	1,000.00
Benbradagh Community Support	2,000.00	80.0	2,000.00
Benedy Community Association Limited	2,949.34	72.5	2,000.00
Bovalley Community Association	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
Boveedy Community Association	2,354.00	75.0	2,000.00
Building Ballysally Together	2,000.00	75.0	2,000.00
Burnfoot Community Development Association	2,000.00	80.0	2,000.00
Castle Community Association	1,911.98	67.5	1,911.98
Castlerock Community Association	2,000.00	75.0	2,000.00
Cloughmills Community Action Team	2,000.00	77.5	2,000.00
Coolessan Community Association	1,000.00	60.0	0.00
Cushendall Development Group	2,000.00	80.0	2,000.00
Dernaflaw Community Association	750.00	72.5	750.00
Derrykeighan & District Community Association	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
Dromboughil Community Association	2,000.00	85.0	2,000.00
Drumsumn Community Association	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
Dungiven Regeneration Club	2,000.00	57.5	0.00
Eagle Glen Community Partnership	1,500.00	82.5	1,500.00
Eagle Glen Stores	2,000.00	ineligible	0.00
Feeny Community Association Limited	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
Focus On Family Nurturing & Development Centre	2,000.00	95.0	2,000.00
Foreglen Community Association	2,600.00	77.5	2,000.00
Friends Of Glenariffe	2,000.00	85.0	2,000.00
Garvagh Development Trust	2,000.00	87.5	2,000.00
Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	1,685.00	70.0	1,685.00
Glack Community Association	1,000.00	67.5	1,000.00
Glenariff Improvement Group	2,965.00	45.0	0.00
Glens Youth Club	3,100.00	ineligible	0.00
Glenshane Community Development Limited	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
Glór Dhún Geimhin Community Development Group	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
Glór Léim An Mhadaidh Community Development Group	9,445.00	72.5	2,000.00

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Gortnaghey Community Association	2,000.00	80.0	2,000.00
Greysteel Community Association	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
Greysteel Community Enterprises	2,000.00	80.0	2,000.00
Hands That Talk	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club	2,000.00	ineligible	0.00
Killowen Community Association	1,000.00	55.0	0.00
Largy Community Association	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
Limavady Volunteer Center	2,000.00	52.5	0.00
Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	2,000.00	75.0	2,000.00
Macosquin Community Pre School	1,000.00	ineligible	0.00
Macosquin Village Community Association	1,000.00	77.5	1,000.00
Magilligan Community Association	2,700.00	77.5	2,000.00
Millburn Community Association	2,000.00	80.0	2,000.00
Moneydig Rural Network	2,491.00	65.0	1,000.00
Mosside Community Association	1,000.00	65.0	1,000.00
Portstewart Community Association	990.00	77.5	990.00
Portstewart Regeneration And Cultural Group	2,000.00	60.0	0.00
Rasharkin Community Association	2,000.00	62.5	0.00
Rasharkin Community Centre	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
Rathlin Development & Community Association	2,000.00	85.0	2,000.00
Roe Valley Residents Association	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
Stranocum And District Development Group	1,000.00	70.0	1,000.00
Stranocum Community Centre	2,000.00	70.0	2,000.00
The Glens Community Association	2,000.00	65.0	2,000.00
The Keady Clachan Community Group	1,912.63	57.0	0.00
The Open Door Ballymoney	2,000.00	62.5	0.00
Topp Rural Regeneration And Cultural Society	2,000.00	70.0	2,000.00
Windyhall Community Association	1,000.00	62.5	0.00
TOTAL	130,353.83		92,836.86

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Social Inclusion Grant 20-21 Assessment Score & Recommended Grant Amount

Organisation	Amount Request (£)	Score (%)	Amount Recommended (£)
Ballintoy Young At Heart Club	500	77.5	500
Ballybogey Over 50's Club	500	67.5	500
Ballycastle And District Over 55's Club	500	77.5	500
Ballymoney Men's Shed	500	70	500
Castle Kidz	500	77.5	500
Causeway Rural & Urban Network	500	ineligible	0
Coleraine & District Talking News	1,820	67.5	500
Coleraine Borough 50 Forum	500	67.5	500
Craft Collective	500	62.5	0
Crafts With Love	500	62.5	0
Derramore PW	500	62.5	0
Dervock Young Defenders FB	500	65	500
Dunloy Football Club	500	70	500
Errigal Hall Development Association	500	72.5	500
Friends Of Ballycastle Museum	500	60	0
Garvagh And Aghadowey Great War Society	500	67.5	500
Garvagh And District Diamond Club	500	82.5	500
Glenshane Care Association	600	ineligible	0
Glenshane Community Development Limited	500	ineligible	0
Gortnaghey Social Club	500	77.5	500
Greysteel Community Association	630	ineligible	0
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club	500	72.5	500
Killowen & Churchlands Community Association	560	70	500
Kilrea Development Committee	500	67.5	500
Limavady Community And Leisure Association	500	72.5	500
Limavady Community Development Initiative Ltd.	500	inelligible	0
Limavady Recreation Club	500	72.5	500
Macosquin Senior Citizen's club	500	55	0
Mae Murray Foundation	500	ineligible	0
Mother Goose Playgroup	500	65	400
Mummies Matter NI	500	50	0
Rasharkin Community Association	500	62.5	0
Riding For The Disabled Association	500	ineligible	0
Roe Valley Area Women's Institutes	500	52.5	0
Sing Club Limavady	500	70	500
Straidbilly Primary School Parent Teacher Association	315	72.5	315
The Open Door, Ballymoney	500	67.5	500
Windyhall 50+ Club	500	65	500
TOTAL	20,425		11,215

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Community Festivals Fund 2020-21 Assessment Scores & Recommended Grant Amount

Organisation	Project Title	Amount Requested (£)	Score (%)	Amount Recommended (£)
Antrim Glens Tourism	Glens Storytelling Festival	3,000	65.45	750
Apprentice Boys Of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Branch	Finvoy Fun Weekend	1,500	65.45	750
Armoy Auld Boys Musical Association	Armoy Christmas	750	63.64	0
Ballybogy Community Association Ltd	Ballybogey Village Festival	750	65.45	650
Benedy Community Association Limited	Benedy Community Festival	750	60	0
Big Telly Theatre Company	Bridge of Stories	3,000	ineligible	
Building Ballysally Together	Ballysally Community Festival	3,000	72.73	3,000
Burnfoot Community Development Association	Burnfoot Community Fun Day	750	69.09	750
Cairns Residents Group	Cairns Open Day	705	69.09	705
CAN Compass Advocacy Network Ltd	Independence Day Festival	1,500	67.27	1,400
Cloughmills Community Action Team	The Magic Mill Family Festival	750	72.73	750
Cushendun Building Preservation Trust	Cushendun's Big Arts Weekend 2020	3,000	85.45	3,000
Danny Boy Jazz And Blues Festival - Limavady	Danny Boy Jazz and Blues Festival Limavady	3,000	ineligible	
Dernaflaw Community Association	Dernaflaw Summer Community Festival	750	67.27	625
Dervock & District Community Association	KK McArthur Festival of Running	3,000	69.09	1,500
Dervock Young Defenders Flute Band	Festival of Cultural Awareness and Expression	1,475	65.45	750
Dry Arch Children	Spooky Spectacular Halloween Event	2,230	72.73	750
Dunaghy Flute Band	Dunaghy Flute Band Cultural Festival	1,500	65.45	750
Focus On Family	Cornfield Fest 2020	3,000	89.09	3,000
Friends Of Glenariffe	Glenariffe Marquee Weekend 2020	1,500	85.45	1,500
Gaeil Ruairí Óg Agus Gaeil Na nGlinntí	Seachtain na nGaeilge	2,378	65.45	1,505
Garvagh Development Trust	Christmas in Garvagh Forest	1,500	ineligible	
Glenariff Improvement	A Glens Christmas	1,500	65.45	750

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Glór Dhún Geimhin	The Winding Roe Winter Festival	3,000	65.45	750
Glór Léim An Mhadaidh	Ceiliúadh Naomh Pádraig	830	43.64	0
Greysteel Community Enterprises	Banks of the Foyle Festival 2020	3,000	65.45	2,700
Juniper Hill Caravan Occupiers' Association	Juniper Hill Community Festival Weekend	2,928	67.27	750
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Society	Ballymoney Spring Fair	1,500	74.55	1,500
Limavady Volunteer Center	Limavady Town Team Good Relations Lantern Festival	3,000	65.45	1,500
Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	Loughgiel Community Festival Fun Day	1,320	58.18	0
Macosquin Village Community Association	Macosquin Community Festival Day	750	74.55	750
Mae Murray Foundation	All-ability Beach Day	750	72.73	750
Magilligan Community Association	Magilligan Community Fun Day	750	72.73	750
Millburn Community Association	Millburn Community Festival	1,510	60	0
Moneydig Rural Network	Moneydig`s Got Talent and Street Party/Fete	1,750	67.27	750
Moneydig Young Conquerors Flute Band	Moneydig Young Conquerors Community Festival and Parade	750	65.45	750
Mother Goose playgroup	Haunted House	3,975	ineligible	
North Antrim Bands Forum	Ballymoney Big Switch On Festival	3,000	81.82	3,000
Northern Ireland Potato Festival	Northern Ireland Potato Festival	12,700	52.73	0
O Connors Glack GAA	Craic In Glack	3,000	65.45	750
Portballintrae Community Development Group	Girona Gold Maritime Festival 2020	1,500	78.18	1,500
Portstewart Community Association	Red Sails Festival 2020	3,000	89.09	3,000
Pride Of The Park Flute Band	Armoy Summer Festival	1,500	72.73	1,500
Roe Valley Residents Association	Getting to know your neighbour	1,500	69.09	1,250
St. Mary's, Rasharkin G.A.A. Club	Rasharkin GAC Community Fun Day 2020	750	76.36	685
Stendhal Festival Ltd	ArtAbyss Festival	3,000	65.45	3,000
Stranocum & District Development Group	Summer Anniversary Festival	750	65.45	750
Ullans Speakers Association	Bloody Hutchinson Festival	3,000	67.27	3,000
Windyhall Community Association	Windyhall Community Festival	900	61.82	0
	TOTAL	101,700.50		52,270