

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Festive Fund Grant Awards 2020</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>The Leisure and Development Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>17th November 2020</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Stable and Cohesive Communities
Lead Officer	Head of Tourism and Recreation Funding Unit Manager

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£4,449.00
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES</b>
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	N/A

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

## 1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to make decisions on grants awards for the Christmas Festive Fund 2020-21.

## 2.0 Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launched the Christmas Festive Fund in 2015 to offer assistance to Community and Voluntary Organisations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Borough to help celebrate Christmas. This fund is specifically designed to help local groups and community organisations from small towns, hamlets and villages to celebrate Christmas by organising events and activities in their local communities.

To be eligible to apply, organisations had be from the smaller towns, villages or hamlets within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Grants of up to £250 are available for eligible projects.

## 3.0 Criteria

Criterion	Score (0-10)	Weighting	Overall Score
1. Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a date within the scope of the advertised fund.		X 2	Max available 10 points
2. Suitable planning (and for events with 15 or more persons a sufficiently completed risk assessment including preventative Covid-19 measures)		X2	Max available 10 points
3. Clear and realistic objectives set for the project.		X 2	Max available 10 points
4. Ability, skills and experience of the group which enables them to deliver the project.		X 2	Max available 10 points
5. Detailed explanation of planned promotion of project.		X2	Max available 10 points

## 4.0 Outcome

20 applications were received by the closing date. The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. 19 applications were passed for scoring. The applications were assessed and scored against the criteria above, as agreed by Council in November 2019 and stated in the guidance notes. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding, in line with the agreed threshold.

No of applications received	20
No of ineligible applications	1
No of unsuccessful applications at scoring	1
No of applications successful applications	18

Members are advised that every year applicant organisations from the same villages or hamlets are encouraged to work together to ensure that any planned activity involves the entire community in that locality, with only one application per area being considered. This year we have 2 x applications from Cloughmills. Cloughmills Community Association's project

is for a Christmas meal to be delivered to the elderly and vulnerable; Cloughmills Community Action Group's project is for Santa to tour the village and drop festive gifts to children. Given the current restrictions in terms of bringing people together both applications have been accepted for this year's fund.

A summary of the outcome including applications received, the scores attained and grants recommended are included in **Annex A**.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

It is recommended that Council award grant-aid to projects numbered 1-18 at a total cost of £4,499.00

## Festive Fund Grant Awards 2020-21:

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Applied For</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
1	Castlerock Community Association	84	Castlerock's Magical Christmas 2020!	250	£250.00
2	Greysteel Community Association	68	Christmas delivery for the Over 65 Club	250	£250.00
3	Moneydig Rural Network	88	Virtual Tree Lite up & Santa visits.	250	£250.00
4	St Mary's Parish Church Macosquin	68	Christmas tree light switch on and carol singing event.	250	£250.00
5	Errigal Hall Development Association	76	Decorate the Christmas Lantern	249	£249.00
6	Dervock & District Community Association	80	Projection of 'HOPE' - Shine your LIGHTS on ME	301	£250.00
7	Heart of The Glens Festival 2018	88	Santa comes to Cushendall (Virtually)	250	£250.00
8	Gortnaghey Community Association	76	A Light and Bright Christmas	250	£250.00
9	Dunloy Development Association	72	Santa's Christmas Treat for vulnerable & elderly	250	£250.00
10	Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	72	Christmas Hamper for vulnerable & elderly	250	£250.00
11	Dernaflaw Community Association	76	Drive By Santa Christmas Event	250	£250.00
12	Articlave Cultural & Historical Society	80	Bringing Christmas to The District 2020	250	£250.00
13	Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Group	68	Festive Finvoy Light Up	250	£250.00
14	Stranocum & District Community Association	72	The Spirit of Christmas project	250	£250.00
15	Cloughmills Community Association	68	Home Delivery Christmas Lunch for elderly	250	£250.00
16	Carey Faughs GAC	68	Festive Hampers for elderly & vulnerable	250	£250.00

17	Cloughmills Community Action Team	76	Santa on Tour In the Village	250	£250.00
18	Drumsurn Community Association	68	Christmas Cheer with inflatable Santa	310	£250
	<b>Total</b>				<b>£4,499.00</b>

	<b>Unsuccessful Applicant</b>	<b>Reason</b>
19	Building Ballysally Together	Ineligible – Did not meet the criteria, applications to this fund only accepted from smaller towns, villages or hamlets.
20	Magilligan Community Association	Scored 32% - Event is for refreshments to be provided in the community centre with children visiting Santa's grotto for a present and a DJ providing festive music - There is no suitable planning for this event and no preventative Covid-19 measures. (No measures to address social distancing, no adherence to PHA guidance & Government restrictions / guidance on gatherings). The risk assessment submitted is not appropriate - it is not event specific, it relates to the running of the community centre as opposed to the management of an event that brings people together.