

Title of Report:	Community Development 2021-22 - Allocation of Funding Community Development Support Grant Social Inclusion Grant
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 th March 2021
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	£50,491.30 net cost to Council (gross inc DfC anticipated contribution £100,928)
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	33201
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 the applications received to the Community Grant Programmes for 2021-22 and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the following two programmes:

- **Community Development Support Grant (CDSG).**
- **Social Inclusion Grant (SIG).**

2.0 Background

Approximately 50% of the Community Development Grants are provided through the annual Department for Communities (DfC) Community Support Programme. At the time of writing the report, the amount of funding from DfC for 2021-22 is not yet known, however since the grant covers costs from 1st April Council is asked to make decisions in principle, subject to confirmation of necessary match funding from DfC. Proposed funding awards are on the assumption that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2020-21 amounts.

As part of the business planning process, a report was brought forward to Council in November 2020 to approve grant funding programmes for the 21-22 period, inclusive of the two aforementioned grant programmes.

The grant programmes were opened for applications on 1st December 2020 with a closing date of 29th January 2021. Four online information events were held in early December in order to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance about the individual grant programmes. An online workshop on how to write a successful application was also held.

The Community Development team assessed applications received 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 grant programmes, detailing eligibility and assessment criteria, is attached at **Annex A**.

3.0 Community Development Support Grant

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

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

3.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	61
No. of applications withdrawn	1
No. of ineligible applicants	4
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	2
No. of successful applications (scoring 65% and above)	54
Total value of CDSG funding recommended	£ 93,592.60 (100% i budget)

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. Two applications did not score sufficiently high enough to be awarded a grant. Detailed feedback will be provided to these organisations and support offered to develop projects and source other funding.

4.0 Social Inclusion Grant

4.1 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.

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

4.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	20
No. of applications withdrawn	2
No. of ineligible applications	3
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	0
No. of successful applications scoring 65% or more	15
Total value of SIG funding recommended	£7,390 (100% indicative budget)

The three applications were ineligible as they had annual income in excess of £50,000, as outlined in Section 1.8 of the Guidance Notes. A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount recommended are listed in **Annex C**.

5.0 Summary

Total amount recommended for funding through CDSG	£ 93,592.60
Total amount recommended for funding through SIG	£7,390.00
Total amount recommended for funding	£100,982.60
DfC contribution*	£50,491.30
Anticipated net cost to Council	£50,491.30

*Based on assumption that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2020-21 amounts.

The Community Development team are undertaking a review of the Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant as an action identified in the Community Development Strategy and will present findings and proposals during the approval cycle for annual grant funding for 2022-23.

6.0 Recommendation

Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant for 2021-22 as detailed in Annex B & C subject to the necessary funding being available from DfC.

Annex A: Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Development Grants 2021.

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

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)	X1
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 2021-22

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 x1)
- ii. Number and type of beneficiaries (x 1)
- iii. Area deprivation score (x 2)
- iv. How well the project promotes and addresses social inclusion (x1)

Annex B: Community Development Support Grant 2021-22 Assessment Score & Recommended Grant Amount

Organisation	Assessment Score	Amount applied for	Amount Recommended
Age Concern Causeway	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Armoyn Community Centre	68.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Ballybogeey Community Centre	71.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Ballykelly Mens Shed & Community Association	78.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Ballykelly Residents Association	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	71.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Bann Valley Community Association	68.57	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Benbradagh Community Support	74.29	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Benedy Community Association Limited	68.57	£ 2,506.00	£ 2,000.00
Bovalley Community Association	81.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Boveedy Community Association	65.71	£ 2,622.00	£ 2,000.00
Breen Centre	Ineligible	£ 2,000.00	£ -
Building Ballysally Together	75.71	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Burnfoot Community Development Association	71.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Cairns Residents Group	67.14	£ 827.60	£ 827.60
Castlerock Community Association	77.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Causeway Giants AFC	Ineligible	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Cloughmills Community Action Team	82.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Cloughmills Community Association	65.71	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Coleraine Festival Committee	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Coolessan Community Association	65.71	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,000.00
Cushendall Development Group	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Dernaflaw Community Association	74.29	£ 750.00	£ 750.00
Derrykeighan & District Community Association	70	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Dervock & District Community Association	67.14	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
Dromboughil Community Association	77.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Drumsumn Community Association	71.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Dungiven Regeneration Club	65.71	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Dunloy Development Partnership	67.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Eagle Glen Community Partnership Ltd	67.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Faughanvale Community Project Limited.	withdrawn	£ 2,000.00	£ -
Feeny Community Association Limited	70	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Focus On Family Nurturing & Devel Centre	87.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Foreglen Community Association	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Friends Of Glenariffe	78.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Garvagh Development Trust	81.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	77.14	£ 1,725.00	£ 1,725.00
Glack Community Association	72.86	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Gortnaghey Community Association	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00

Greysteel Community Association	30	£ 1,960.00	£ -
Greysteel Community Enterprises	81.45	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Hands That Talk	68.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Killowen Community Association	65.71	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Largy Community Association	67.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	68.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Macosquin Village Community Association	71.43	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Magilligan Community Association	77.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Millburn Community Association	75.71	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Moneydig Rural Network	67.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Mosside Community Association	71.43	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
North Antrim Cultural & Musical Society (NACMS)	67.14	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Portstewart Community Association	70	£ 990.00	£ 990.00
Rasharkin Community Centre	68.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Rathlin Development & Community Association	72.86	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Roe Valley Residents Association	68.57	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Sing Club Limavady	Ineligible	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Stendhal Festival LTD	60	£ 989.00	£ -
Stranocum And District Development Group	74.29	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Stranocum Community Centre	71.43	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Windyhall Community Association	67.14	£ 1,000.00	£ 800.00
Zomba Action Project (ZAP)	Ineligible	£ 1,000.00	£ -
Total		£ 106,069.60	£ 93,592.60

Annex C: Social Inclusion Grant 2021-22 Assessment Score & Recommended Grant Amount

Organisation	Assessment Score	Amount applied for	Amount Recommended
Age Concern Causeway	withdrawn	£ -	£ -
Ballintoy Young At Heart Club	80	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Ballyvoy And Carey Development Group	84	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Bee Heard	72	£ 425.00	£ 425.00
Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum	76	£ 465.00	£ 465.00
Craft Collective	68	£ 735.00	£ 500.00
Cushendun Building Preservation Trust	84	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Dervock & District Community Assoc	withdrawn	£ 500.00	£ -
Dunloy Football Club	76	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Faughanvale Community Project Limited	ineligible	£ 500.00	£ -
Gortnaghey Social Club	68	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Killowen & Churchlands Comm Assoc	68	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
LCDI Daycare	ineligible	£ 500.00	£ -
Mother Goose Playgroup	72	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
North West Historical & Cultural Society	68	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Northern Ireland Blind Golf Association	76	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Riding For The Disabled Association	72	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Sing Club Limavady	68	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Wave Project	ineligible	£ 500.00	£ -
Windyhall 50+ Club	76	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
		£ 9,625.00	£ 7,390.00