



Title of Report:	Grant Funding Programmes 2022-23
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 October 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

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

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Subject to 2021-22 rate Setting Process
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	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	Yes	Date: 30.09.19
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend the annual grant funding programmes to Council for the 2022-23 period.

2.0 Background

Every year Council agrees an annual programme of grants. The grant funding programmes target resources to meet identified need and further Council's objectives as outlined in Council's Corporate Plan and individual Service Strategies.

In the 2021-22 Grant funding period the following grant programmes are being delivered:

Table 1

	Grant Programme	No of applications	Amount Requested	No of LoOs	Sum of LoOs
1	Building a United Community Fund	1	£1,200	0	0
2	Community Development Support Grant	62	£113,561.89	54	£93,592.60
3	Community Festivals Fund	23	£38,595.50	18	£26,110
4	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	14	£14,360.00	11	£11,000
5	Creative Practitioner Bursary Scheme	2	£1,370	2	£1,370
6	Enterprise Fund	34	£183,810.47	16	£62,381.83
7	Landfill Community Fund	7	£101,587.50	5	£71,587.50
8	Social Inclusion Grant	20	£10,518.37	15	£7,390
9	Tourism Events Recovery Fund	9	£1,380,411.00	9	£334,038.50
10	Rural Business Development Grant	82	£394,420.99	40	£119,000
11	Rural Revitalise Grant	159	£381,787.54	97	£146,597.58
12	Town Twinning Grant	0	0	0	0
13a	Policing and Community Safety Grants	9	£37,119.00	0	£0.00
13b	Policing and Community Safety Small Grants	4	£1,984.50	2	£984.50
14	Live Smart Environmental Grant	33	£16,277.74	23	£10,438.59
15	NI100 Small Grants	44	£140,598.03	38	£107,379.53
	Totals	503	£2,817,602.53	330	£991,870.63

3.0 Grant Funding Programmes 2022-23

The Annual Review of Grant Programmes Workshop for Elected Members was held on 23 August 2021 at which the proposed grant programmes for the incoming year were presented and discussed.

A summary of the proposed grants programmes for 2022-23 is attached at **Annex A**, which includes a brief overview of each proposed grant and the criteria to be used for assessment.

The Grant Funding Programmes available for the 2022/23 period are as follows:

Table 2

	Grant Programme	Revenue / Capital	Council Funding Contribution	External Funding Rate	Project Intervention Rate	Maximum Award
1.	Culture Art and Heritage Grants Programme	R	100%	0%	100%	£1,000
2.	Creative Practitioners Bursary Scheme	R	100%	0%	100%	£1,000
3.	Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme	R	100%	0%	100%	£200
4.	Building a United Community Fund	R	25%	75% - The Executive Office	100%	£1,500
5.	Community Development Support Grant	R	50%	50% - DfC	75%	Under Review To be agreed
6.	Community Festivals Fund Grant	R	53%	47% - DfC	75%	£750 / £1,500 / £3,000
7.	Social Inclusion Grant	R	50%	50% - DfC	85%	£500
8.	Tourism Large Event Fund	R	100%	0%	50%	£100,000
9.	Tourism Growth Event Fund	R	100%	0%	50%	£15,000
10.	Christmas Festive Fund	R	100%	0%	100%	£250
11.	Enterprise Fund	R	100%	0%	100%	£10,000
12.	Landfill Communities Fund	Landfill Tax	0%	100% HMRC	75%	£15,000
13.	Town Twinning Fund	R	100%	0%	100%	£5,000
14.	PCSP	DoJ	0%	100%	100%	TBC
15.	Rural Business Capital Grant Scheme	DAERA	0%	100% - DAERA	50%	£4,999
16.	Livesmart	R	100%	0%	100%	£500
17.	Technical Support Grants for Capital Projects	R	100%	0%	100%	TBC
18.	Town Centre Experience Fund	R	100%	0%	100%	£4,000

4.0 Tourism Events Fund Programme (TEFP)

The Covid19 pandemic caused disruption and cancellations to Council's Tourism Events Fund. In 2020-21 the Events submitted as part of the Tourism Events Funds were all cancelled and the late cancellation resulted in the project promoters incurring costs which Council agreed to cover at a total cost of £165,943.78.

In the 2021-22 grant funding period Council adapted to a Tourism Events Recovery Fund which allowed applicants to plan for events proceeding, or to mothball events with core costs being eligible for grant aid. In total £334,038.50 was issued in LoOs. For the incoming year it is recommended that Council proceed with the Tourism Large Events Fund and the Tourism Growth Events Fund in line with the following parameters:

- Both funds will have further relaxations of parameters as part of post-Covid recovery which will allow event organisers to have flexibility in outputs.
- Funding **only** for events which are proceeding.
- Event Project Costs **only** (no core costs).
- Reverting to previous Levels of maximum grant awards (50% up to maximum of £15k and £100k).
- Revert to the 2 Stage Application Process as introduced in 2020/21:
 - Mandatory Workshop to provide support and guidance for applicants when preparing plans and developing the full application for submission at Stage 2.
 - Stage 1 - To determine eligibility and signpost applications to the relevant fund.
 - Stage 2 – Full application with event details.
 - 4 x one to one sessions with Stage 2 applicants before submission deadline.

5.0 Community Development Support Grant (CDSG)

The Community Development Team has undertaken an in-depth review of the CDSG Grant programme, and a number of changes are recommended for the incoming year.

On average 50-55 CDSG awards are made annually with a budget of circa £94,000.

Issues to be considered:

- Currently the grant award is a blanket rate and does not take into consideration the scale of the community premises and resultant operating costs, or the services that are provided from the premises.
- The level of grant award has remained the same for the past 6 years and does not reflect the rising operating costs that community groups have experienced.
 - The cost of annual insurance has increased in the past 5 years with an average increase circa 23%.
 - The cost of utilities has increased substantially and in some instances of the groups surveyed the increase equates to circa 67%.
 - During the pandemic many groups had to upgrade their Wi-Fi or install broadband which has resulted in increased annual operating costs.
 - Increased cost of cleaning materials and equipment needed to maintain safe operating practices in their centres.

5.1 Options for consideration:

Members are being asked to consider 3 categories of awards which will allow a differentiation between differing sized premises and differing scale of activities.

Category 1: Community development groups directly providing a programme of activities. The group has its own premises including a hall/space adaptable for a range of activities with one or more meeting rooms, hired by at least 3 other groups on a regular (at least monthly) basis.

Category 2: Community development group directly providing a programme of activities with a premises for their own use which is hired out by less than 3 other users on a regular basis.

Category 3: Community development group that provides a programme of activities without their own premises.

Table 3 shows the likely impact an increase in awards will have on the budget. The amount has been calculated based on assumptions using the current number and types of groups applying on an annual basis.

Table 3

Option	Group Categories	PROPOSAL	Likely Impact on Budget
Option 1 Do Nothing	Category 1 Category 2 Category 3	Grant remains at £2,000 Grant remains at £2,000 Grant remains at £1,000	None
Option 2	Category 1 Category 2 Category 3	Increase grant from £2,000 to £3,000 Increase grant from £2,000 to £2,250 Increase grant from £1,000 to £1,125 TOTAL	£20,000 £5,000 £1,875 £26,875
Option 3	Category 1 Category 2 Category 3	Increase grant from £2,000 to £3,500 Increase grant from £2,000 to £2,500 Increase grant from £1,000 to £1,250 TOTAL	£30,000 £10,000 £3,750 £43,750
Option 4	Category 1 Category 2 Category 3	Increase grant from £2,000 to £4,000 Increase grant from £2,000 to £2,750 Increase grant from £1,000 to £1,500 TOTAL	£40,000 £15,000 £7,500 £62,500

Note: There are early indications from DfC that the level of funding Council receives through the Community Support Programme **may** increase next year due to a new formula being considered to calculate each Council's allocation.

6.0 Technical Support Grant

The principle of developing a new technical support grant has been approved by Council. In July 2021 the Leisure & Development Committee passed a motion which recommended the development of a technical support grant. On 3rd August 2021 the recommendation was accepted by full Council:

Option 3: Direct Strategic Investment of £15,000 in the Stage 1 feasibility study for the Harry Gregg Legacy Foundation. Funding for Stages 2 & 3 (i.e. the Planning Process) being subject to Council's consideration of the outputs recommended by the feasibility study; And going forward to recommend Option 2: Develop a new technical support grant.

The principle of a technical support grant is revenue funding to facilitate the development of community and sporting organisations' capital project and could include funding for feasibility studies, consultation, economic appraisals, business case development and the Planning process. The parameters of the fund, including percentage intervention rate, award amounts and criteria for assessment will be presented to Council no later than January 2022. Officers will move to develop this new support programme for opening in April 2022.

7.0 Recommendations

Recommendation 1:

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee recommends to Council the Tourism Events Large Fund and the Tourism Events Growth Fund as outlined in Section 4 for the 2022-23 grant funding period.

Recommendation 2:

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee considers the options for the Community Development Support Fund and recommends Option 1, Option 2, Option 3 or Option 4 to Council.

Recommendation 3:

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee recommends to Council grant programmes 1-18 for the 2022-23 grant funding period, along with the assessment criteria and scheduling as detailed in Table 2 and summarised in **Annex A**.



Grant Programmes 2022-2023

Summary Document

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1.0 Introduction

This summary document provides information, guidance and support on Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's grant funding programmes for the period 2022/23. Contained in this document you will find information on how to apply, what types of funding are available for the coming year, whether or not you are eligible to apply, information on how your application will be assessed and where to go for advice and support.

If you are intending to apply for one of the Council grants you are strongly advised to read the individual guidance notes which are available for each grant programme – they will provide a broader overview of the individual fund you are applying to as well as providing in depth support on how to answer the specific questions and precise information on what is eligible and what is not eligible when developing your budget.

The general purpose of all our Grants Funds is to help pay for projects that match our targets. In each financial year there is a call for applications, followed by a series of grant funding roadshows where potential applicants will have an opportunity to meet with Council officers and discuss their project prior to application. The roadshows for the 2022/23 grant programmes are scheduled to take place via Zoom as follows:

Tuesday 7th Dec 2021 @ 2.00pm

Tuesday 7th Dec 2021 @ 7.00 pm

Wednesday 8th Dec 2021 @ 11.00am

Wednesday 8th Dec 2021 @ 7.00pm

You must register your interest and reserve a ticket to attend the workshop, please email grants@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk to reserve your place. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

2.0 Grant Programmes 2022/23

2.1 The Grant Funding Programmes available for the 2022/23 period are as follows:

	Grant Programme	Opening Date	Closing Date	Reports to Council
1.	Culture Art and Heritage Grants Programme	1 st Dec 2021	12 noon Friday 28 th January 2022	March 2022
2.	Creative Practitioners Bursary Scheme	1st Dec 2021	12 noon Friday 25 th February 2022	For information
3.	Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme	1st Dec 2021	12 noon Friday 22 nd April 2022	For information
4.	Building a United Community Fund	1st Dec 2021	Rolling Fund	For information
5.	Community Development Support Grant	1st Dec 2021	12noon Friday 28 th January 2022	March 2022
6.	Community Festivals Fund Grant	1st Dec 2021	12noon Friday 11 th February 2022	March 2022
7.	Social Inclusion Grant	1st Dec 2021	12noon Friday 29 th January 2021	March 2022
8.	Tourism & Recreation Large Event Fund	1st Dec 2021	Stage 1 Closes 12 noon 17 th December 2021 Stage 2 closes 12 noon 11 th February 2022	March 2022
9.	Tourism Events Growth Fund	1st Dec 2021	Stage 1 Closes 12 noon 17 th December 2021 Stage 2 closes 12 noon 11 th February 2022	March 2022
10	Christmas Festive Fund	1 st Sept 2022	12 noon Friday 23 rd September 2022	Oct / Nov 2022
11.	Enterprise Fund	TBC	TBC	TBC
12	Landfill Community Fund	1st Dec 2021	12 noon 11 th February 2022	April 2021
13	Town Twinning Fund	1st Dec 2021	Rolling Fund	For information
14	PCSP	Expected April 2022	TBC	For information to PCSP Board
15	Rural Business Capital Grants Programme	Expected Aug 2022	TBC	For information
16	Livesmart Grants	April 2022	TBC	TBC
17	Town Centre Experience Fund	1 st December 2021	TBC	TBC
18	Technical Support Grants for Capital Projects	April 2022	TBC	TBC

2.2 You cannot apply to more than one fund for the same project. If you are applying for more than one of our grants, the projects you are applying for must be different from each other.

Each grant fund is limited. Even if an application scores highly, we cannot guarantee all or any of the funding. These are all competitive funds and where necessary applications will be ranked according to how well they score and funding may be awarded on a sliding scale or to the highest ranked projects only. Where the assessment criteria is pass/fail a general reduction across all grant applications may be applied if the fund is oversubscribed.

3.0 Who can apply?

3.1 To be eligible for grant-aid, you will have to show that your organisation is a bona fide organisation that is well run and that it:

- Has a properly adopted “Governing Document” such as a constitution or memorandum and articles of association which clearly show that it is non-profit making and taking.
 - (Council’s Enterprise Fund and the DAERA funded Rural Business Capital Grant Scheme are exceptions and can make awards to local business)
- Is open, accountable and representative of the geographical area in which it serves.
- Be based in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area or have their main activities based in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.

4.0 How to Apply:

4.1 Applications to Council for grant aid should be made via the Councils online funding hub. You can access the hub through Council’s homepage www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk and click on funding or go straight to the online hub at <http://causeway.eformz.info>

Guidance on completing the application online is provided on the web-site link. Hard copies can be made available. Please contact the Central Funding Unit on email grants@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Or by telephoning 028 7034 7198.

Our grant programmes have been designed to make the application process as easy and straightforward as possible.

4.2 The application process is in 2 parts:

Part A is eligibility and this part of the application form is the same for all Council Grant Funding Programmes. This section gathers information about how your organisation is set up, governed and managed.

Part B is where you fill in your project details, and this part of the application is specific to the grant programme you are applying to. If you are applying for multiple grants, section A need only be completed once, whereas a section B must be completed for each grant you are applying for.

If you have previously applied for a grant from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council you will be able to clone your Part A. Unless your constitution / governing documents have changed you need not resubmit these to Council. You are however required to submit your latest accounts each financial year.

5.0 What we can / cannot fund

Please refer to the individual Grant programme Guidelines for specific eligibility under each grant programme.

5.1 What we can fund

The list below only includes elements which are common to Council's Grant Programmes.

- With some grant programme a proportion of core running costs (part payment of salaries, heat and light, insurance, rent or premises costs, office costs, etc.).
- Programme or activity costs which are directly relevant to the application.
- Travel and transport costs.
- Hire or purchase of equipment for meeting project needs
- Venue hire (excluding hire of groups own premises)
- Technical assistance.
- Training or facilitation costs.
- Festivals and events.
- Capital costs.
- Best practice visits.
- Publicity, marketing.
- Catering (a limit may be placed on the level of funding allowed towards hospitality and catering/ refreshments)

5.2 What we don't fund

Some exclusions will apply, unless specifically allowed for within specific funding programmes:

- Individuals, unless within a bursary framework.
- Businesses and for-profit organisations where funding would contravene local government, State Aid rules or other legislation. (Council's Enterprise Fund and DAERA Rural Business Fund will grant-aid businesses but state-aid rules will apply).
- Projects or activities which are delivered outside of the Council area and DO NOT meet the needs within the area.
- Activities which are discriminatory, political, or are classed as proselytizing in nature.
- General appeals.
- Those organisations who have substantial, demonstrable, unrestricted reserves.
- Costs that can be claimed back from elsewhere e.g. VAT.
- Costs that are not auditable e.g. cash payments unsupported by an approved petty cash system.
- Costs towards banking charges and / or repayment of debt.
- Payments made to individual members of the applicant group or organisation who have a pecuniary interest.
- Retrospective costs e.g. activities completed or costs incurred before the agreement of funding.
- Programmes or activities which are considered the core activity of national or regional government, Government Departments or arms-length body, such as health or education.
- Gifts and prizes.
- Alcohol

5.3 Applications that are not complete or do not provide a detailed project budget are also not eligible.

We are unlikely to fund an organisation that is in poor financial health or cannot show effective financial control.

As well as the above, your project or organisation must also meet the specific eligibility for any of the grants applied for. (This information is shown in the eligibility section of your application form, and detailed in the programme specific guidance notes).

6.0 Assessment Payment & Appeals Processes

6.1 Assessment process:

Every grant application that we receive will be assessed for the following:

- to ensure that the application is eligible, and
- for reassurance of each organisation's capability to deliver the proposal, and
- how well the proposal meets the programme specific criteria and contributes to Council's Strategic Priorities

The assessment framework for each grant programme is detailed in the appendix tables at the back of this summary document.

6.2 What happens next?

If an application is successful, Council will issue a letter of offer which is a legal agreement with the organisation to deliver on the proposals outlined in the application form.

Your organisation will be invited to training that will explain the processes and procedures for submitting a grant claim, marketing and promotion, monitoring and evaluation requirements and the process of verification. The training is a good way to establish the working relationship between Grant recipients and Council Officers, so that should the applicant have any support needs, the Council can respond in an appropriate and timely manner.

6.3 All Council funding is paid retrospectively.

We may make an advance payment of 50% of your grant if need can be demonstrated. The balance of your grant aid will be paid upon satisfactory completion of your project and once we have verified your project expenditure.

6.4 Appeals Process

If you are unhappy with the funding decision made, you may appeal against the decision. The purpose of this is to ensure that the decisions taken and procedures followed by assessment panels and Committees for individual applications are applied fairly and consistently.

The Review will provide an independent process through which an applicant will have the opportunity to demonstrate to the Review Panel that either:

- the outcome was unreasonable or
- that the proper procedures were not followed

Appeals on any other grounds will not be considered.

6.5 Equal Opportunities Monitoring

We must promote equal opportunities. We must also promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group. All applicants must complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Questionnaire. We will treat as anonymous all of the information you provide in this questionnaire. We do not consider it in the assessment of your application. Please complete the section on “your beneficiaries” for each grant you are applying for.

Appendix 1

Name of the Programme	1. Culture Arts & Heritage Grants 2020-21			
Overview	<p>Organisations have to demonstrate how their organisation contributes to any one of the following Culture, Arts and Heritage Aims identified in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy 2016-2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Our Cultural Venues and Assets – To use our landscape and our cultural assets and activities to enable opportunities for both local people and visitors to participate in Culture, Arts and Heritage in the area. • Investing in Creative learning and Skills Development –To support the creative development our young people and our creative practitioners through training, skills development and providing opportunities to showcase work • History, Heritage and Cultural Tourism –To promote a sense of pride, identity and deeper understanding of our area by bringing together the many stories, histories, identities and languages which are present in the area <p style="color: red;">*Organisers must ensure all Council funded events are in line with the most recent Northern Ireland COVID-19 guidance for events and mass gatherings.</p>			
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria	Score out of a possible 5	Weighting	Possible Score
	Q1 – Good description provided of a project with a Culture, Arts and Heritage ethos		X 6	30
	Q2 – A clear link to the Culture, Arts and Heritage aims as set out in the strategy document		X 4	20
	Q3 – provide a full itemised breakdown of all costs	Not scored		
				50
	Applications must score 65% in order to avail of funding.			
Grant Amount	Grants are available for a maximum of 100% of the total project costs up to a maximum of £1000			
Responsible Service Area	Community & Culture			
Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers within the Cultural Arts and Heritage Service Unit before submitting your application:</p> <p><u>Arts Projects</u> Desima Connolly 0287083 1400 Desima.Connolly@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p><u>Museum/Heritage Projects</u> Nic Wright 028 2764 9484 nic.wright@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>			

Name of the Programme	2. Creative Practitioners Bursary Scheme 2020-21 (Creative Skills Development)																	
Overview	<p>This bursary scheme links to Strategic Theme 2 in the Cultural Strategy - Investing in creative learning & creative skills development by supporting the creative development of creative practitioners through training, skills development and providing opportunities to showcase work</p> <p>Applicants must be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly show what the training or development opportunity is by producing a course programme, details of facilitators etc. Demonstrate a quality professional practice (e.g. of published works, exhibitions etc.) Have sufficient experience in their creative art form - please provide an up to date CV and artist's statement with your application. Emerging artists who do not meet these criteria must provide two references from established artists in their field. Demonstrate how the training or development opportunity will be of benefit to them. 																	
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Grant Amount	Maximum of 100% of the total project costs up to £1000.																	
Responsible Service Area	Community & Culture																	
Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers within the Cultural Services Unit of the Council listed below:</p> <p><u>Arts Projects</u> Desima Connolly 0287083 1400 Desima.Connolly@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p><u>Museum/Heritage Projects</u> Nic Wright 028 2764 9484 nic.wright@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																	

Name of the Programme	3. Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme 2020-21		
Overview	<p>This bursary scheme links to Strategic Theme 2 in the Cultural Strategy - Investing in creative learning & skills development: <i>To support the creative development of our young people and creative practitioners through training, skills development and providing opportunities to showcase work</i></p> <p>Applicants must be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly show what the training or development opportunity is by producing a course programme, details of facilitators etc. Demonstrate a commitment to the creative form for which they are requesting the bursary Show sufficient experience in the creative form Demonstrate how the training or development opportunity will be of benefit to them. Allow, at least, a 2 month lead-in-time from the deadline for submission of the application and the date of the commencement of the training/development opportunity. 		
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria	Assessment	Pass/Fail
	Q1 Description of the training or development opportunity	Has the applicant provided details of a bona fide letter of acceptance or confirmation of a place on a course.	
	Q2 Applicants commitment to the creative art form	Evidence of experience/track record in this field	
	Q3 How the training/development opportunity will be of benefit to you.	Will the opportunity enhance/develop the applicants skills in this art form	
Grant Amount	An award will be 100% of the total cost of the training, up to a maximum of £200.		
Responsible Service Area	Community & Culture		
Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers within the Cultural Services Unit of the Council listed below:</p> <p><u>Arts Projects</u> Desima Connolly 0287083 1400 Desima.Connolly@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p><u>Museum/Heritage Projects</u> Nic Wright 028 2764 9484 nic.wright@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

Name of the Programme	4. Building A United Community Fund 2020-21																																									
Overview	<p>“Building a United Community” Fund has been designed to support, promote and develop Good Relations projects throughout the council area.</p> <p>Organisations applying for funding from the Building a United Community Fund have to demonstrate how their organisation contributes to the Good Relations Aims identified in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council Good Relations Strategy 2014-2017. These aims are directed by a government strategy published in May 2013 entitled “Together: Building a United Community”. (TBAUC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Children and Young people • Our Shared Community • Our Safe Community • Our Cultural Expression 																																									
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	Good Relations Officer 02870347034	goodrelations@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk
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Name of the Programme	5. Community Development Support Grant			
Overview	The Community Development Support Grant Programme will provide grants to support, promote and develop the capacity of communities across Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council by providing financial assistance towards running costs of core community development organisations.			
Assessment	Criteria	Pass	Fail	
	1	Is organisation 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?		
	2	Premises used/hired by other organisations (Not for sole use of applicant organisation)		
	3	Full itemized breakdown of all costs		
Grant Amount	Community Development groups with premises – 75% up to a maximum of £2,000 Community Development groups without premises- 75% up to a maximum of £1,000			
Responsible Service Area	Community & Culture			
Contact information for applicant support purpose	Applications may be discussed with officers within the Community Development Support Team before submitting your application: Catherine Farrimond 028 777 60311 catherine.farrimond@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Adele McCloskey 028 703 47084 adele.mccloskey@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk			

Name of the Programme	6. Community Festival Fund				
<p>Overview</p>	<p>CFF was established in recognition of the positive contribution that festivals can make to communities and to the local economy. The main purpose of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council's Community Festivals Fund is 'to enable communities to enhance their quality of life through participation/engagement in culture, arts and leisure activities.' (<i>Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) Community Festivals Fund Revised Policy and Guidance Framework October 2015</i>).</p> <p>The purpose of the Community Festival Fund is to support, promote and develop the capacity of communities to host community festival events across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.</p> <p>The fund will also enable organisations to celebrate their unique cultural and community identity, to promote diversity and to strengthen good community relations within and between communities.</p> <p>*Organisers must ensure all Council funded events are in line with the most recent Northern Ireland COVID-19 guidance for events and mass gatherings.</p>				
<p>Assessment & Scoring</p>		<p>Criteria</p>	<p>Score (0-5)</p>	<p>Weighting</p>	<p>Possible Score</p>
	1	Strong community participation		X1	5
	2	Opportunities for people to improve their personal skills or receive training relevant to the project		X1	5
	3	Improve community relations and contribute to building a strong sense of community		X1	5
	4	Tackle poverty and/or social exclusion and /or address rural isolation issues		X1	5
	5	Promote equality of opportunity for all		X1	5
	6	Demonstrate value for money and maximise income		X1	5
	7	Provide opportunities to develop the festival		X1	5
	8	Encourage a 'sense of place' through connecting the community with, and effectively using, public places and the local built environment.		X 1	5
	9	NIMDM 2017Ranking/ Access to Services Measure Ranking		X 2	10
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Applications must score 65% in order to avail of funding.		
Grant Amount	Community Festival Fund Grant Programme	Maximum Grant Amount
	1. One day community fun day type events. 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.	Up to £750
	2. Festival events lasting 2 consecutive days or more. 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. It is not enough to simply duplicate the same event on 2 days – the festival must have different activities on each day that it takes place.	Up to £1,500
	3. Festivals lasting 3 consecutive days or more and anticipated to attract at least 500 participants. 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.	Up to £3,000
	Number of participants may change to reflect Government and/or PHA Guidance	
Responsible Service Area	Community & Culture	
Contact information for applicant support purpose	Applications may be discussed with officers within the Community Development Support Team before submitting your application:	
	Adele McCloskey	028 703 47084 adele.mccloskey@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Name of the Programme	7. Social Inclusion Grants														
Overview	<p>All organisations funded through the Social Inclusion Grant Scheme must demonstrate how their project contributes towards addressing the issues in their area. Organisations will be asked to report back on how effective their project has been in meeting these needs.</p> <p>Social inclusion is about involving everyone within a community and making sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in society. People can feel excluded or isolated for a number of reasons e.g. older people, people on low incomes, people living in isolated rural areas, people with a disability.</p> <p>Applicants can apply for grant-aid towards running costs e.g. insurance costs</p>														
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Grant Amount	<p>Applicants can apply for grants of up to 85% of costs, towards project revenue costs. Maximum amount - £500</p>														
Responsible Service Area	<p>Community & Culture</p>														
Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers within the Community Development Support Team before submitting your application:</p> <p>Catherine Farrimond 0287776 0311 catherine.farrimond@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>														

Name of the Programme	8. Tourism Large Events Fund			
Overview	<p>The purpose of the Tourism Large Events Fund is to support the delivery of the Destination Management Plan. Paramount to this is the growth of visitor numbers and visitor spend.</p> <p>Events must satisfy the parameters below to apply for the Large Tourism and Recreation Events Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events with an overall budget in excess of £30,000 • Total visitor numbers greater than 3,000 • Applicants must demonstrate that the event still takes place over a minimum of 2 days (no longer a requirement to be consecutive days). Events should encourage overnight stays were possible (minimum of 5 hours duration on each day). • Events must demonstrate how they will promote Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. (Marketing plan). 			
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria	Score out of possible 5	Weighting	Possible Score
	Q1. Current Status		Not Scored	
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	Q3. Scenario Planning		Not Scored	
	Q4. – Financial Breakdown outlining Eligible Project costs		Not Scored	
	Q5. Event Management (to include Covid-19 Risk Assessment and mitigation plans)		X 5	25
	Q6. Event Sustainability		X 3	15
	Q7. Economic Support/Benefit		X 2	10
	Q8. Media & marketing impact		X 3	15
	Q9. Visitor Experience		X 3	15
	Q10. Future planning – Event Development		X4	20
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Applications must score 65% in order to avail of funding.				
Grant Amount	Up to 50% of total project costs of the event- maximum available - £100,000			
Responsible Service Area	Tourism and Recreation			
Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers within the Tourism Events Team before submitting your application:</p> <p>Kerry McMullan 028 7034 7220 kerry.mcmullan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p>Tracey Freeman 028 7034 7221 tracey.freeman@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>			

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Overview	<p>The Council is seeking to provide financial support for events that align themselves to key priority areas such as; Cultural Tourism, Music / Food Tourism and Sports and Activities (tourism related).</p> <p>Events must satisfy the parameters below to apply for the Small Tourism and Recreation Events Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events with an overall total budget of between £10,000 and £30,000. • Total visitor numbers greater than 600 • Applicants must demonstrate that the event still takes place over a minimum of 2 days (no longer a requirement to be consecutive days). Events should encourage overnight stays were possible (minimum of 5 hours duration on each day). • Events must demonstrate economic benefits for the area. • Events must demonstrate how they will promote Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area 																																																			
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Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers within the Tourism Events Team before submitting your application:</p> <p>Kerry McMullan 028 7034 7220 kerry.mcmullan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p>Tracey Freeman 028 7034 7221 tracey.freeman@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																																																			

Name of the Programme	10. Christmas Festive Fund		
Overview	<p>The Christmas Festive Fund is to support Community Associations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets to help celebrate Christmas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only ONE community group per settlement will be successful. • Should Council receive more than one application per settlement the application which is the most inclusive and has the most far reaching community involvement will be selected. Council may also request that applicants work together to produce one all-inclusive event. • Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for events celebrating this festive period. <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towns, villages, settlements with a population of over 100 residents may apply or towns, villages, settlements who have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens borough Council may apply. • Applications are invited for clearly defined outdoor events to mark the lighting of the Christmas tree/ festive lighting in that settlement. 		
Assessment	Criterion	Pass	Fail
	1. Date of event within the scope of the fund		
	2. If required Risk Assessment supplied including preventative Covid-19 measures		
	3. Town/village/ settlement with a population of over 100 or who have been allocated a Christmas Tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council		
	4. Provide a full itemised breakdown of costs		
Grant Amount	100% of costs up to a maximum of £250		
Responsible Service Area	Tourism and Recreation		
Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers from the Tourism & Recreation unit before submitting your application:</p> <p>Kerry McMullan 028 7776 3117 kerry.mcmullan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p>Tracey Freeman 028 7034 7221 tracey.freeman@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

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Overview	<p>The Fund supports start-up businesses that have been trading less than two years.</p> <p>The Fund is about developing those young businesses that need assistance in taking the next step in their growth plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> this could be funding towards a new piece of equipment, developing I.T. infrastructure, implementing a significant marketing campaign, product and design development etc. <p>Grants of up to £5,000 are available</p>																																						
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Grant Amount	<p>Examples of what may be funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New equipment linked to creating new jobs or introducing innovative approaches leading to increased profitability Developing I.T systems which can demonstrably lead to increased profitability Implementing a significant marketing campaign which will lead to increased sales Development of a marketing support programme or sales research which will led to the business entering new markets 			Up to £5,000 Available																																			
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Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers from the Prosperity and Place unit before submitting your application:</p> <p>Bridget McCaughan (Economic Development Officer/Enterprise Development) Tel: 028 777 60304 Bridget.McCaughan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																																						

Name of the Programme	12. Landfill Communities Fund (LCF)																					
Overview	<p>The Ulster Wildlife Trust administer the LCF fund on behalf of Council.</p> <p>Applicants can apply to one of the following three Programmes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Public Amenity Programme applications must satisfy the requirements of LCF Object D – Public Parks and Amenities. The focus must be to undertake direct physical works on a park/amenity which must be open to the general public a minimum of four evenings or two days a week or 104 days a year. II. Biodiversity Conservation and Enhancement Programme applications must satisfy the requirements of LCF Object DA - Conservation of Biodiversity. Project costs must relate solely to the conservation of the species or habitat and the works must be carried out on a site where the species or habitat naturally occurs III. Restoration Programme applications must satisfy the requirements of LCF Object E – Restoration of Religious Buildings or Buildings of Architectural or Historical Interest. The intention should be to maintain, repair or restore either a place of worship, or a building or structure with a listed status or equivalent, where the general public have access. This object does not permit new works or works to private residences. 																					
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria for eligibility		Pass / Fail																			
	Projects must be located within a 10 mile radius of the following registered landfill sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craigmere Landfill Site, Craigmere Road, Garvagh, BT51 5HF • Craighullier Quarry, 45 Craighullier Road, Portrush, BT56 8NN 																					
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Grant Amount	75% of total project costs up to a maximum of £15,000																					
Responsible Service Area	Funding Unit																					
Contact information for applicants	Applications may be discussed with staff from the Ulster Wildlife Trust before submitting an application: Rosalind McSparron 02890454094 - rosalind.mcsparron@ulsterwildlife.org																					

Name of the Programme	13. Twinning Grant Programme		
Overview	<p>The purpose of the Twinning Grant is to support the legacy twinning associations to continue existing legacy links and explore future potential opportunities for twinning which promote the objectives and identity of the Council.</p> <p>The budget available for twinning is £20,000 and each of the 4 legacy Council twinning associations can apply for up to £5,000 per year.</p>		
Assessment & Scoring	Criterion	Pass	Fail
	<p>1. Aligned to Council's strategic Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic pride • Tourism development • Sports, arts, culture • Economic development <p>2. Provide a full itemised breakdown of all costs.</p>		
Grant Amount	<p>Grants are available for maximum of 100% of the total projects cost up to a maximum of £5,000</p> <p>Groups may not receive more than one funding award under this programme per year.</p>		
Responsible Service Area	Corporate Services		
Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers from Councils Funding Unit before submitting your application:</p> <p>Pauline Donaghy 028 70347164 pauline.donaghy@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

Name of the Programme	14. Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)																							
Overview	The PCSP small grants programme has been developed to provide organisations with up to a £500 grant to organise a project or event that will help prevent, reduce, address crime and help people feel safer in their own communities.																							
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Contact information for applicant support purpose	<p>Applications may be discussed with an officer from the PCSP Team:</p> <p>Melissa Lemon PCSP Officer Tel: 7034 7031 Email: melissa.lemon@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																							

Name of the Programme	15. Rural Business Development Grant Scheme (Criteria to be reviewed by DAERA)		
Overview	<p>The Rural Business Development Grant Scheme is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) as part of the Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation (TRPSI) Programme. It aims to sustain and support the development of micro rural businesses by providing a small capital grant for the business.</p> <p>Applications must satisfy the following eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The business must be based in a rural area - defined as an area with a population of less than 5,000 residents. • Must be an established business that is actively trading. • The business must currently be employing less than 10 full-time equivalent employees. • Must be appropriately insured or prepared to obtain appropriate insurance if awarded a grant. • Must provide two quotations for each item to be purchased. 		
Assessment & Scoring	<p>Assessment Criteria to be determined by DAERA</p> <p><u>Ineligible sectors</u> The Programme will not fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food production or processing businesses • New build accommodation, provision of additional bed space for existing accommodation providers, • Resource based projects, or • Any project which is the statutory responsibility of another government department or agency. <p><u>Programme Criteria</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro businesses located in rural areas (<i>as per NISRA NINIS definition</i>) • New businesses must be able to demonstrate they have commenced trading • Must demonstrate added value of proposal both to business and impact on future growth • Minimum grant awarded £500 with maximum of £4,999 • Must demonstrate they are ineligible to access similar support from elsewhere 		
Grant Amount	<p>The Scheme can provide funding of up to 50% of costs for capital items up to a maximum of £4,999. The minimum grant awarded will be £500. The total cost of the capital project must be a minimum of £1,000 and must not exceed £20,000. Applicants must provide the remaining match funding towards the project.</p>	<p>Up to £4,999 Available</p>	
Responsible Service Area	Prosperity and Place		
Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with an officer from the Prosperity and Place unit:</p> <p>Bridget McCaughan (Economic Development Officer/Enterprise Development) Tel: 028 777 60304 Bridget.McCaughan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

Name of the Programme	16. Live Smart Grant Programme (To be agreed by Environmental Services Committee)			
Overview	<p>The purpose of the LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme is to provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) improve the general cleanliness in their local area, particularly in respect of litter (2) promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction (3) look at ways of reducing carbon footprint by taking simple, practical actions such as planting <p>Groups are encouraged to keep their local area clean and tidy, promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction and have a positive impact on their carbon footprint. Applicants must address at least one of the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RecycleSmart: aims to reduce waste by educating, engaging and inspiring us all to buy less, reuse more, recycle and compost. • LitterSmart: aims to reduce litter through education, encouraging responsible disposal and supporting local people to carry out litter lifts. • ClimateSmart: aims to reduce our carbon footprint by increasing our knowledge of sustainability and empowering change with simple, practical actions such as planting vegetables, fruit, native shrubs and pollinator plant. 			
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria	Score (0-5)	Weighting	Possible Score
	1. Good project description; range of activities, quality of project; fit with the fund objectives.		X4	20
	2. How well the need has been demonstrated		X2	10
	3. How well the project includes participation from the wider community and involves a range of people		X2	10
	4. Area deprivation score		X1	5
	5. How well the project is promoted & publicised.		X1	5
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Grant Amount	The Scheme can provide funding of up to 100% of costs up to a maximum of £500.		Up to £500 Available	
Responsible Service Area	Environmental Resource Team			
Contact information for applicants	You may find it helpful to discuss your project with a member of the Environmental Resource Officer Team. Please email recycle@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or telephone 028 2766 0248.			

Name of the Programme	17. Town Centre Experience Fund																																
Overview	<p>The Town Centre Experience Fund will provide funding to support local town and village centre based retail businesses or organisations, to create, develop or support experiences and initiatives to assist in creating vibrant and sustainable town centres.</p> <p>The Fund is aimed at the 12 towns and villages of Ballymoney, Ballycastle, Ballykelly, Bushmills, Coleraine, Cushendall, Dungiven, Garvagh, Kilrea, Limavady, Portrush and Portstewart. It's about bringing different ideas together and developing cohesive thinking around activities which can improve the town centre experience. These could be commercial, community or cultural experiences which will contribute to the vibrancy of the town centre and generate more engagement in the town.</p> <p>The project will open for grants, up to a maximum of £4,000, and groups of traders/town centre stakeholders will be encouraged to work together to introduce new experiences, initiatives, activities, marketing or event development.</p>																																
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Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with an officer from the Town & Village Management Team:</p> <p>Catrina McNeill Tel: 07517 988161 Catrina.mcneill@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																																

