



Title of Report:	Funding Unit Annual Review 2020-21
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 October 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Information

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	n/a
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
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:	n/a	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	n/a	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	n/a	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	n/a	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	n/a	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	n/a	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to review the performance of Council's Funding Unit for the period 2020-2021.

2.0 Background

The Funding Unit was established in 2015. The strategic function of the Unit is to provide funding support services.

The Service has **4 Strategic Aims** as outlined in the Business Case each year:

- i. Securing Funding: To secure increased levels of funding to support Council's priorities, strategies and business plans.
- ii. Business Support for EU & UK Funding Programmes: To provide business support for EU and UK funding Programmes and Projects.
- iii. External Engagement: To develop and manage external working relationships and to support organisations in sourcing funding.
- iv. Management & Administration of Council's Grant Funding: Corporate management & administration of Council's Grant Funding programmes

3.0 Progress against Business Plan

3.1 Strategic Aim 1: Securing Funding

To secure increased levels of funding to support Council's priorities, strategies and business plans.

In the 2020/21 period the Funding Unit have worked on 11 external applications; 8 projects were successful in securing a combined total of £916,929.54. (**Annex 1**)

- £156,252.94 match funding was required from Council.
- For every pound of funding supplied by Council £5.87 of external funding has been received.

3.2 Strategic Aim 2: Business Support for EU & UK Funding Programmes

To provide business support for EU and UK funding Programmes and Projects:

- Claim processing for external grant applications.
- Equality data capture.
- Business support services for EU funding programmes were not required in the 2020/21 financial period.

3.3 Strategic Aim 3: External Engagement

To develop and manage external working relationships and to support organisations in sourcing funding.

- In the 2020/21 period the Funding Unit worked on one external partnership projects (Ballycastle Shared Campus Project).
- 30 Community Organisations supported in funding searches.
- 3 external community organisations supported in major (over £30k) grant applications.
- 7 x Funding Roadshows held.

3.4 Strategic Aim 4: Corporate Management & Administration of Council's Grant Funding Programmes.

In the 2020-21 Grant Funding Period the funding Unit administered 19 Grant programmes, including the COVID-19 grant programmes which had multiple strands:

- 19 grant programmes developed and delivered (guidance notes, application forms, assessment forms, monitoring forms, claims forms developed).
- 1,355 applications totalling £3,362,609.42 were received and processed.
- 1,329 eligibility checks undertaken (compliance & governance - constitutions checked and verified; accounts checked).
- 1,247 applications assessed.
- 1,054 applications successful.
- 275 ineligible or unsuccessful applications received feedback.
- 1054 letters of Offer issued totalling £1,828,139.
- 1046 payments processed.
- £1,299,513 worth of expenditure vouched & paid.

(Annex 2A: Council Grants programme summary)

(Annex 2B: COVID-19 Grants programme summary)

(Annex 3: Vouching & Payments Council Grants)

(Annex 3: Vouching & Payments COVID-19 Grants)

ANNEX 1

	Project	Funder	Total Project Costs (A)	Letter of Offer Amount (B)	Council Cash Contribution (C)	Council CIK Contribution (D)
1	IAT 1 Rivers Project	DAERA (Co-operation Fund)	£130,684.00	£106,263.00	£6,600.00	£17,821.00
2	IAT 2 Portneavy	DAERA (Co-operation Fund)	£539,854.04	£404,890.54	£53,985.40	£80,978.11
3	Water Based Access & Recreation	DAERA (Co-operation Fund)	£290,008.75	£217,506.00	£29,000.88	£43,501.31
4	Benone Access 2	DFC (Access & Inclusion Fund)	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
5	Limavady Changing Places Project	DFC (Access & Inclusion Fund)	£28,270.00	£28,270.00	£0.00	£0.00
6	East Strand Changing Place Facility	DFC (Access & Inclusion Fund)	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
7	Causeway Coast Way land Purchase project ref: EFCC 2020/11	DAERA (Challenge Fund)	£100,000.00	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£0.00
8	The Glens Music & Storytelling Trail	DAERA (Rural Tourism Collaborative Experience Fund)	£66,666.66	£50,000.00	£16,666.66	£0.00
		Totals	£1,215,483.45	£916,929.54	£156,252.94	£142,300.42
			ROI = (B) / (C) £5.87			

Annex 2A: Council Grants Summary 2020/21

	Grant Programme	No of Applications	No Withdrawn	No Ineligible	No Rejected	No Successful	Amount requested	LoO Amount
1	Building a United Community Fund	11	1	4	2	4	£17,954.70	£5,929.70
2	Community Development Support Grant	65	0	4	10	51	£130,353.83	£92,836.86
3	Community Festivals Fund	50	0	0	50	0	£97,000.50	£0.00
4	Creative Practitioner Bursary Scheme	6	0	0	0	6	£5,737.00	£5,697.00
5	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	33	0	0	5	28	£34,125.00	£20,012.75
6	Enterprise Fund	39	0	12	15	12	£315,238.73	£97,514.93
7	Festive Fund	20	0	1	1	18	£5,110.00	£4,494.00
8	Landfill Community Fund	15	0	0	12	3	£377,496.50	£72,124.00
9	Rural Business Development Grant (2020)	159	0	31	82	46	£592,955.40	£158,021.27
10	Social Inclusion Grant	38	0	7	8	23	£19,925.00	£11,215.00
11	Tourism & Recreation Growth	4	0	0	2	2	£44,950.00	£3,239.49
12	Tourism & Recreation Large	5	1	0	0	4	£318,000.00	£162,704.29
13	Town Twinning Grant	2	0	0	0	2	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
14	Youth Creative Skills Bursary	7	7	0	0	0	£1,500.00	£0.00
	Total (2A)	454	9	59	187	199	£1,970,346.66	£643,789.29

Annex 2B: COVID-19 Grants Summary 2020/21

	Grant Programme	No of Applications	No Withdrawn	No Ineligible	No Rejected	No Successful	Amount requested	LoO Amount
1	COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies	55	2	0	0	53	£113,990.25	£101,420.25
2	Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme - Strand 1	511	13	11	0	487	£565,895.55	£447,374.25
	Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme - Strand 2	110	0	0	0	110	£128,767.25	£116,000.00
3	Food Bank Support Grant	4	0	0	0	4	£19,550.00	£19,550.00
4	Strand 1 - COVID-19 Community Support Scheme	50	0	0	0	50	£86,413.98	£84,017.98
	Strand 2 - COVID-19 BUCF Community Support Scheme	8	0	1	0	7	£12,291.68	£10,710.00
	Strand 3 - COVID-19 BUCF Community Support Scheme	2	0	0	0	2	£3,000.00	£3,000.00
	Strand 3 - COVID-19 PCSP Community Support Scheme	37	0	7	4	26	£70,905.00	£49,534.00
	Strand 4 - COVID-19 Community Support Scheme	51	0	3	1	47	£140,049.53	£126,952.79
	Strand 5 - COVID-19 Community Support Scheme	53	0	0	0	53	£206,724.30	£193,790.80
5	Warm, Well & Connected	20	2	1	1	16	£44,675.22	£32,000.00
	Total (2B)	901	17	23	6	855	£1,392,262.76	£1,184,350.07
Grand Total (2A + 2B)		1355	26	82	193	1054	£3,362,609.42	£1,828,139.36

Annex 3A: Vouching & Payments Council Grants 20/21

Grant Programme	No of Payments	Total Paid / Vouched
Building a United Community Fund	4	£5,908.19
Community Development Support Grant	54	£75,960.71
Community Festivals Fund	0	£0.00
Creative Practitioner Bursary Scheme	6	£3,687.11
Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	17	£11,648.57
Enterprise Fund	18	£89,875.40
Festive Fund	16	£3,626.04
Landfill Community Fund	0	£0.00
Rural Business Development Grant (2020)	0	£0.00
Social Inclusion Grant	13	£4,920.67
Tourism & Recreation Growth	2	£3,219.49
Tourism & Recreation Large	8	£152,804.12
Town Twinning Grant	0	£0.00
Youth Creative Skills Bursary	0	£0.00
Total	138	£351,650.30

Annex 3B: Vouching & Payments COVID-19 Grants Summary 20/21

Covid Grant Programmes	No of Payments	Total Paid / Vouched
COVID-19 Food & Essential Supplies	99	£95,421.51
Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme - Strand 1	335	£284,999.94
Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme - Strand 2	94	£89,162.24
Food Bank Support Grant	6	£14,097.99
Strand 1 - COVID-19 Community Support Scheme	98	£80,290.85
Strand 2 - COVID-19 BUCF Community Support Scheme	12	£9,110.00
Strand 3 - COVID-19 BUCF Community Support Scheme	4	£3,000.00
Strand 3 - COVID-19 PCSP Community Support Scheme	47	£44,840.80
Strand 4 - COVID-19 Community Support Scheme	88	£116,438.53
Strand 5 - COVID-19 Community Support Scheme	95	£179,531.37
Warm, Well & Connected	30	£30,970.20
Total	908	£947,863.43
Grand Total	1046	£1,299,513.73