

Title of Report:	Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme Round 2 & Community Festivals Fund Round 3
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 January 2022
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	CFF £750 (50% of grants awarded) SFESG £0 (100% DfC funded)
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/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:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	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 two following grant programmes:

- i. Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme Round 2.
- ii. Community Festivals Fund Round 3.

And to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the two programmes.

2.0 Background

2.1 Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme

The Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme, which was set up with DfC additional funding to support a more sustainable approach to addressing food poverty, opened for applications in September and £54,491 was awarded to 24 successful applicants. Since the budget hadn't been fully allocated Council agreed to open for a second round of applications. The grant programme was reopened for applications on 17th November with a closing date of 8th December and was promoted through Councils corporate social media and a mailout to all community and voluntary sector organisations on Councils register.

2.2 Community Festivals Fund

The Community Festivals Fund was opened for two previous rounds of applications and an amount of £28,460 was awarded to 20 successful applicants by Leisure & Development Committee at meetings in September and November. Since the budget hadn't been fully allocated Council agreed to open for a third round of applications. The grant programme was reopened for applications on 25th November with a closing date of 10th December and was promoted through the usual channels.

3.0 Applications Received

3.1 Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme

Fifteen applications were received, and an assessment panel of Council Officers assessed the applications against the criteria as stated in the Guidance Notes for the 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. Of the applications received, twelve scored in excess of the threshold and are recommended for funding as attached at **Annex A**.

3.2 Community Festivals Fund

Three applications were received to the Community Festivals Fund and an assessment panel of Council Officers assessed the applications against the criteria. Of the three applications received, one scored in excess of the threshold and is recommended for funding as attached at **Annex B**.

Feedback will be provided by Council Officers to the unsuccessful applicants as well as any support required.

4.0 Recommendation

Approve awards for funding through the Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme and Community Festivals Fund as detailed in **Annex A and B**.

Annex A

Sustainable Food & Essential Supplies Grant Programme Round 2 - Assessment Scores and Recommended Grant Awards

Organisation	Project Title	Total Amount Requested	Total Score	Amount Recommended
Ballymacconnelly Renewal Group	Grow Healthy, Cook Healthy, Eat Healthy	£ 2,500.00	75%	£2,500.00
Benbradagh Community Support	Fun With Food	£ 2,000.00	75%	£2,000.00
Building Ballysally Together	Seed to Stew	£ 2,500.00	70%	£2,500.00
Burnfoot Community Development Association	To Love and Value Food	£ 1,002.00	75%	£1,002.00
Castlerock Community Association	Over 60's Luncheon Club	£ 2,500.00	65%	£2,500.00
Causeway Voluntary Action Trust	Mountsandel Community Garden - Reaching Out, Inv	£ 683.21	70%	£683.21
Dervock & District Community Association	Food for Thought 22	£ 2,480.00	45%	£0.00
Greysteel Community Association	Friends At Christmas	£ 665.00	25%	£0.00
Limavady Community Development Initiative	EQUAL upskilling families in need	£ 2,500.00	70%	£2,500.00
Rasharkin Primary School Parents' Association	Healthy Food Choices to Address Food Povetry	£ 2,464.00	75%	£540.00
Rasharkin Womens Group	Eating Well To Be Well	£ 2,500.00	65%	£2,500.00
Royal British Legion Portstewart Branch	Together We Can	£ 2,450.00	65%	£2,450.00
Society Of St Vincent De Paul, St Joseph And St Mary	Banagher Sustainable Food Project	£ 2,500.00	85%	£2,500.00
St. Matthew's GAC Drumsumn	Young At Heart	£ 2,500.00	55%	£0.00
The Glens Community Assoc	Get Cooking	£ 2,500.00	75%	£2,500.00
				£24,175.21

Annex B**Community Festivals Fund 2021-22 Round 3 - Assessment Scores and Recommended Grant Awards**

Applicant Name	Project Name	Assessment Score	Amount applied for (£)	Amount Recommended (£)
Mother Goose Community Playgroup	Love is in the Air - Valentines arts & crafts, afternoon tea, disco and storytelling	38.89%	£2,909	£0
North Coast Trad	Out in the Ocean- Irish traditional and Ulster Scots music festival	75.56%	£1,500	£1,500
Carey Faughs GAC	St Patrick's Festival	32.22%	£750	£0