

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Community Festivals Fund 2022-23</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Leisure &amp; Development Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>15 March 2022</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	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture Community Development Manager

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£25,729.12 net cost to Council (Full cost £51,458.25 with DfC 50% match funding)
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES/NO</b>
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	13201
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:	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	<u>Yes/No</u>	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 applications received to the Community Festivals Fund for 2022-23 and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the programme.

## 2.0 Background

The Community Festivals Fund (CFF) was established by the Department for Communities (DfC) in recognition of the positive contribution that festivals can make to communities and to the local economy. A key priority of Department for Communities is 'to enable communities to enhance their quality of life through participation/engagement in culture, arts and leisure activities.' (Department for Communities Community Festivals Fund Revised Policy and Guidance Framework October 2015).

Council receives funding from DfC on an annual basis to operate a Community Festivals Fund which it is required to match. For the purposes of decision making, the assumption is made that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2021-22 amounts.

The CFF grant programme was opened for applications on 10th December 2021 with a closing date of 11th February 2022. The grant opening was publicly advertised as part of Council's annual grant programme. Online grants roadshows were held to provide potential applicants with details of the grant programmes.

Applications were received from 36 organisations. A panel of Council Officers assessed the applications received 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. The results were presented to the Grants Governance Panel at a meeting on 17th February.

An extract from the Guidance Notes for the grant programme, detailing eligibility and assessment criteria, is attached at **Annex A**.

## 3.0 Applications Received

No. of applications received	36
No. of ineligible applicants	3
No. of successful applications (scoring 65% and above)	33
Total value of CFF funding recommended	£51,458.25
Total budget available (incl anticipated £28,600 from DfC similar to 2021-22)	£64,530
Surplus budget	£13,071.75

The applications that were ineligible either didn't meet the criteria for the Community Festivals Fund Programme in terms of the programme of activities, or they were ineligible organisations. A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and the grant amount recommended are listed in **Annex B**.

Detailed feedback will be provided to the unsuccessful applicants and developmental support will be offered where relevant to these applicants to source other appropriate funding.

Council may wish to re-open the Community Festivals Fund later in the year with the surplus budget of £13,071.75.

## 4.0 Recommendations

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Festivals Fund as detailed in **Annex B** subject to funding from DfC.
- ii. In the event that confirmation of funding has not been received from DfC by 1<sup>st</sup> April, issue letters of offer to the two applicants whose festivals are due to take place in April and May, to a value of £5,985.

- iii. Consider re-opening the Community Festivals Fund in July for events taking place in the second half of 2022-23.

## Annex A: Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Festivals Fund 2022-23

### Levels of grant award:

Community Festival Fund Grant Programme	Maximum Grant Amount
<p>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.</p>	Up to £750
<p>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.</p>	Up to £1,500
<p>3. Festivals lasting 3 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.</p>	Up to £3,000

### Eligible organisations:

- Constituted voluntary and community organisations.
- Applications may be from geographical communities (a town, village, neighbourhood, rural area); or communities of interest (a group of people who have a common interest, concern or characteristic).
- A community festival should constitute a series of events (or a single event with several elements) with a common theme and delivered within a defined time period.
- Each day of the festival must be programmed to be of at least 4 hours duration and include a range of at least 3 activities to suit all sections of the community.
- DfC has stated that all festivals must be culture based, where culture is defined as ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular people or social grouping.

### Ineligible organisations/activities:

- Festivals taking place outside the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area;
- Festivals of a commercial nature, organised to make profit;
- Trade, community or professional conferences/conventions;
- Core costs for festival organisers or organisations (staffing, annual overheads);

- Festivals that are primarily fundraising events, are heavily branded with charity branding or deploy potential sources of income from a festival to a charity;
- Awards ceremonies or industry events;
- Residential courses and associated events;
- Festivals that are social events for an organisation;
- Events developed and delivered by public bodies;
- Events initiated and led by private sector organisations;
- Festivals that are primarily sporting fixtures or competitive events;
- Festivals that are primarily tourism focused events where the organisation cannot demonstrate significant community involvement;
- Events which consist mainly of competitions;
- Transport outside of the area/ community that the festival is taking place in;
- Applications for funding which are considered to be the responsibility of another statutory organisation or Council fund or applications that have applied and secured funding from another Council programme.

### **Assessment Criteria:**

Each application is assessed and scored against the criteria listed below which has been specified by Department for Communities (DfC) in its Community Festivals Fund Revised Policy and Guidance Framework (Oct 2015). The criteria are all given equal weighting.

- i. Have strong community participation in the organisation and implementation of the project contributing to building a strong sense of community (x 1)
- ii. Provide opportunities for people to improve their personal skills or receive training relevant to the project (x 1)
- iii. Improve community relations; as defined in terms of activities designed to actively strengthen and promote good community relations (x 1)
- iv. Target social exclusion and /or poverty; address rural isolation issues where applicable (x 1)
- v. Promote equality of opportunity for all ( x 1)
- vi. Demonstrate value for money (x 1)
- vii. Provide opportunities to develop the festival – including capacity building, developing links with other organisations/events (increased partnership); expanding or diversifying activities ( x1)
- viii. Encourage a ‘sense of place’ through connecting the community with, and effectively using, public places and the local built environment, particularly infrequently used or abandoned spaces (x 1)
- ix. NIMDM 2017Ranking/ Access to Services Measure Ranking (X 1)

## Annex B: Community Festivals Fund 2022-23 Assessment Scores & Recommended Grant Amounts

Organisation	Project Title	Total Project Cost	Total Score	Funding Recommended	Amount Recommended
Apprentice Boys Of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Branch	Finvoy Fun Festival	£1,500.00	66.67%	Yes	£1,500.00
Bann Valley Community Association	Rabbis Burns Festival	£1,500.00	74%	Yes	£1,500.00
Building Ballysally Together	Summer community festival	£3,000.00	70%	Yes	£3,000.00
Burnfoot Community Development Association	Family Fun in Burnfoot	£750.00	66%	Yes	£750.00
Bushmills District Lodge No21	Bushmills festival	£1,190.00	66%	Yes	£750.00
CAN - Compass Advocacy Network Ltd	An All Inclusive Celebration of Nature in Autumn - 'Fall Festival'	£1,500.00	76%	Yes	£1,500.00
Coleraine Festival Committee	The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Festival	£2,950.00	74%	Yes	£1,500.00
Cushendun Building Preservation Trust	Cushendun's Big Arts Weekend	£2,985.00	80%	Yes	£2,985.00
Dervock & District Community Association	Right ROYAL Birthday Bash	£1,400.00	70%	Yes	£1,400.00
Dunloy Football Club	Dunloy Summer Fun Community Festival	£1,500.00	76%	Yes	£750.00
Focus On Family Nurturing & Development Centre	Cornfield Fest 2022	£3,000.00	70%	Yes	£3,000.00
Friends of Glenariff	Glenariff Family Fun Day	£750.00	80%	Yes	£750.00
Friends Of Kilmoyle	Kilmoyle PTA Summer Fair	£1,150.00	66%	Yes	£750.00
Gaeil Ruairí Óg Agus Gaeil Na nGlinntí	Sproai Samhraidh (Summer Fun)	£1,500.00	66%	Yes	£1,050.00
Glór Léim An Mhadaidh	The Gathering	£2,680.00	68%	Yes	£750.00
Greysteel Community Enterprise	Banks of the Foyle Festival / The Vale Centre	£3,000.00	72%	Yes	£1,500.00
Juniper Hill Caravan Occupiers' Association	Juniper Hill Community Festival Funday	£750.00	66%	Yes	£750.00
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club	Festival of Hurling	£3,000.00	76%	Yes	£1,500.00
Killowen Community Association	Killowen Community Association Garden Party	£500.00	66.67%	Yes	£500.00

Kilrea Community & Fairy Thorn Association	Kilrea Fairy Thorn Festival	£2,950.00	66%	Yes	£2,950.00
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society	Ballymoney Spring Fair	£3,000.00	90%	Yes	£3,000.00
Leonard Cheshire Disability	Celebrating International Day for People with Disabilities	£750.00	n/a	No	£0.00
Macosquin Village Community Association	Macosquin Village Community Association Summer Festival	£1,280.00	76%	Yes	£750.00
Magilligan Community Association	Magilligan Lughnasa Festival	£2,963.25	68%	Yes	£2,963.25
Millburn Community Association	Millburn Community Festival	£1,500.00	74%	Yes	£1,500.00
Moneydig Rural Network	Gig in the Dig	£1,500.00	78%	Yes	£750.00
North Antrim Bands Forum	Ballymoney Switch On Festival	£3,000.00	82%	Yes	£3,000.00
Portballintrae Community Development Group	Girona Gold Culture Festival	£750.00	80%	Yes	£750.00
Portstewart Community Association	Red Sails Festival 2022	£3,000.00	83.33%	Yes	£3,000.00
Portstewart Presbyterian Church	Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration	£900.00	n/a	No	£0.00
Pride Of The Park Flute Band	Armoys Christmas Together	£1,500.00	82%	Yes	£1,500.00
Reclaim The Enlightenment	Harp Alive, An Chruit Bheo, Harp Leevin	£750.00	n/a	No	£0.00
St. Mary's GAC, Rasharkin	Halloween Culture Camp at St Mary's GAC, Rasharkin	£1,500.00	68%	Yes	£750.00
Stranocum & District Development Group	Summer Anniversary Festival	£750.00	76%	Yes	£610.00
Ullans Speakers Association	Bloody Hutchinson Festival	£3,000.00	94%	Yes	£3,000.00
Windyhall Community Association	Windyhall Community Festival	£1,450.00	66.67%	Yes	£750.00
		<b>£65,148.25</b>			<b>£51,458.25</b>