



Title of Report:	Festive Fund Grant Awards 2022
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 October 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Stable and Cohesive Communities
Lead Officer	Peter Thompson - Head of Tourism and Recreation Patricia O'Brien - Funding Unit Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£5193.33
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	N/A

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

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant decisions and awards for the Christmas Festive Fund 2022-23.

2.0 Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launched the Christmas Festive Fund in 2015 to offer assistance to Community and Voluntary Organisations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Borough to help celebrate Christmas. This fund is specifically designed to mark the lighting of the Christmas tree and help facilitate outdoor festive celebrations within the Borough.

To be eligible to apply, organisations have to be from the smaller towns, villages or hamlets within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

3.0 Overview of the Fund

To help local groups and community organisations from small towns, hamlets and villages to celebrate Christmas by organising outdoor events and activities in their local communities. All activities must comply with government restrictions on events.

Projects/events must take place between 25th November and 17th December 2022.

Activities must be cross community and open for all residents offering an opportunity for all within the locality to participate.

4.0 Level of Grant Aid

Grants of up to £250 are available for eligible projects.

5.0 Criteria for Assessment

Criterion	Pass	Fail
1. Evidence of a developed project; with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between 25th November to 17th December)		
2. Outdoor Event / Open for all the community		
3. Suitable planning for events with a sufficiently completed Risk Assessment including preventative Covid-19 measures, if required as per current regulations.		
4. Full itemized breakdown of costs provided		

6.0 Outcome

26 applications were received by the closing date. The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks, 5 applications were deemed ineligible, and 21 applications were passed for assessment. The applications were assessed against the agreed criteria.

No of applications received	26
No of ineligible applications	5
No of unsuccessful applications at assessment	0
No of successful applications	21

A summary of the outcome including applications received and grants recommended is included in **Annex 1**.

7.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council award grant-aid to projects numbered 1-21 listed in Annex 1 at a total cost of £5,193.33

Annex 1

Festive Fund Grant Awards 2022-23:

	Applicant	Pass/Fail	Project	Amount Recommended
1	Gortnaghey Community Association	Pass	Christmas Tree and Park Trail	£250.00
2	Castlerock Community Association	Pass	Magical Christmas Weekend 2022	£250.00
3	Camus Juxta Bann Church	Pass	Christmas Tree Switch On	£250.00
4	Stranocum & District Development Group	Pass	Christmas tree lights switch	£250.00
5	Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	Pass	External carol service around a lighted Christmas tree	£210.00
6	Ballybogey Community Association	Pass	Santa and Elves switch on Village Christmas Tree Lights	£250.00
7	Benedy Community Association Limited	Pass	Christmas Community Event	£250.00
8	Bushside Orange Lodge No 923	Pass	Christmas Social Event	£150.00
9	Moneydig Rural Network	Pass	Santa – Light the Christmas Tree Event	£250.00
10	Heart Of The Glens Festival	Pass	Heart of The Glens Christmas Carols	£250.00
11	Burnfoot Community Development Association	Pass	Christmas Tree switch on	£250.00
12	Cloughmills Community Action Team	Pass	'Santa at the Mill' – Santa visit	£250.00
13	Dervock & District Community Association	Pass	Switching on of the Community Christmas Tree	£250.00
14	Apprentice Boys Of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Branch	Pass	Switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights	£250.00
15	Dunloy Development Association	Pass	Outdoor Santa Visit	£250.00
16	Balnamore Community Association	Pass	Carol singing, mince pies and festive music	£233.33
17	Mosside Presbyterian Church	Pass	Switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights	£250.00
18	Articlave District Community Association	Pass	Santa and Friends Visit the Village 2022	£250.00
19	Armoy Community Association	Pass	Armoy Christmas Lights Switch On	£250.00
20	Magilligan Community association	Pass	Magilligan Community Christmas Lights Switch On	£250.00
21	Carey Faughs GAC	Pass	Christmas lights switch	£250.00
	Total			£5,193.33

	Ineligible Applications	Project	Reason
	Building Ballysally Together	Christmas Community Event	Ineligible as Coleraine town receives a Council organised Christmas event.
	Ballintoy Young At Heart Club	Christmas Party with food and games	Outside the fund parameters – Indoor Event.
	Mae Murray Foundation	Christmas celebration for families with disabled children and adults	Ineligible as Portstewart town receives a Council organised Christmas event.
	Derrykeighan Community Association	Derrykeighan Christmas Party	Outside the fund parameters – Indoor Event.
	Glens Wellbeing Group	A candle light supper in Cushendall for elderly and friends.	Application did not meet the fund eligibility criteria