



Title of Report:	Grant Funding Programmes 2023-2024
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 November 2022
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	Total cost: £1,080,936 Cost to Council: £686,308 Subject to 2023-24 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 2023-24 period.

2.0 Background

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

2.1 Breakdown of Grants awarded 2016-2022:

Table 1

Year	No of Applications	Amount Requested (£)	No of Projects	Amount Awarded (£)
2016-17	312	1,017,490.53	266	854,958.05
2017-18	377	1,362,593.94	292	991,777.59
2018-19	389	1,728,482.51	276	1,347,399.59
2019-20	455	1,528,469.18	294	962,189.49
2020-21	1393	3,062,446.74	1054	1,828,139.36
2021-22	653	2,938,394.67	435	1,141,945.30
2022-23	451	2,002,996.70	352	1,271,631.04
Grand Total	4,030	13,640,874.27	2969	8,398,040.42

3.0 Current years grant programmes

In the current Grant funding period (2022-23) the following 19 grant programmes are being delivered:

Table 2

	Grant Programme	No of applications	Amount Requested (£)	No of LoOs	Sum of LoOs (£)
1	Building a United Community Fund	8	12,005.00	4	6,000.00
2	Christmas Festive Fund	26	6,570.83	21	5,193.33
3	Community Development Support Grant	74	198,257.81	55	145,418.02
4	Community Festivals Fund	36	63,148.25	34	51,383.25
5	Covid Recovery Small Settlement Scheme	12	545,328.00	5	211,664.00
6	Creative Practitioner Bursary Scheme	4	3,852.00	4	3,000.00
7	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	25	24,780.00	22	19,970.00
8	Enterprise Fund	42	213,144.85	20	76,923.97

9	Landfill Community Fund	14	201,584.75	12	178,216.25
10	LiveSmart Grant	8	3,811.72	7	3,311.72
11	Policing and Community Safety Small Grant	32	31,265.71	19	18,284.58
12	Queens Platinum Jubilee	83	62,397.50	83	31,198.75
13	Rural Business Development Grant	60	195,371.28	42	137,403.67
14	Social Inclusion Grant	12	6,490.00	10	4,984.50
15	Tourism and Recreation Large Events Fund	2	44,760.00	2	20,500.00
16	Tourism Events Growth Fund	7	388,829.00	6	356,979.00
17	Town Centre Experience Fund	Closes 02-Nov-22			
18	Town Twinning Grant	0		0	
19	Youth Creative Skills Bursary	6	1,400.00	6	1,200.00
	Grand Total	451	2,002,996.70	352	1,271,631.04

4.0 Proposed Grant Funding Programmes 2023-24

The Annual Review of Grant Programmes Workshop for Elected Members was held on 20 October 2022 at which the proposed grant programmes for the incoming year were presented and discussed. (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 2023/24 period are as follows:

Table 3

	Grant Programme	Assessment/ Scoring	Max grant available (£)	Other Funder	Indicative Budget (£)	Indicative Cost to Council (£)
1	Building a United Community Fund	Score	1,500	75% Exec Office	4,500	1,125
2	Community Development Support	Pass/fail	1,250 / 2,500 / 3,500	48% DfC	145,000	72,250
3	SIG / Social Connections Fund	Pass/Fail	500	48% DfC	15,000	2,500
4	Community Festivals Fund	Score	750 / 1,500 / 3,000	75% DfC	64,530	35,930
5	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	Score	1,000	100% Council	20,000	20,000
6	Creative Practitioner's Bursary Scheme	Pass/Fail	1,000	100% Council	3,000	3,000

7	Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme	Pass/Fail	200	100% Council	2,640	2,640
8	Tourism Large Events Funding	Score	100,000	100% Council	400,000	400,000
9	Tourism Growth Fund	Score	15,000	100% Council	Included above	Included above
10	Christmas Festive Fund	Pass/Fail	250	100% Council	7,500	7,500
11	Policing and Community Safety Grants	Score	TBC	100% DoJ	50,000	0
12	Enterprise Fund	Score	5,000	100% Council	76,923	76,923
13	Landfill Communities Fund	Score	15,000	100% HMRC	90,000	0
14	Town Twinning Fund	Pass/Fail	5,000	100% Council	10,000	10,000
15	Rural Business Development Grant	Score	4,999	100% DAERA	137,403	0
16	LiveSmart	Score	500	100% Council	10,438	10,438
17	Town Centre Experience Fund	Score	2000	100% Council	24,000	24,000
18	Pilot VR/AR Demonstrator Grant	Score	6,000	100% Council	20,000	£20,000
					1,080,936	686,308

5.0 Community Development Support Grant (CDSG)

Part funded by DfC, this is an enabling grant to provide financial assistance towards core operating costs of community development groups.

Last year Council agreed a number of changes to the CDSG which resulted in pass/fail criteria being applied, 3-year deals being offered and the maximum award increasing to £3,500.

The budget for 2022-23 was £141,270:

- 55 applications were successful totalling £145,418.02.
- 52 of these requested a 3-year contract – totalling £140,378.02.
- These 52 will receive a LoO in April 2023 for year 2.
- Council also agreed an annual CPI increase.

5.1 Recommendations from Grants Governance Panel:

- Open CDSG alongside the other annual grants.
- Applicants apply for 2-year term – bringing any new applicant groups into the 2024-25 cycle.
- Do not apply an annual CPI increase rate (9.4%) – increases budget required by £13,279.

- New & emerging groups – to receive seeding financial support from Community Development.

6.0 Social Inclusion Grant

Provides micro grants (up to £500) for addressing loneliness and isolation and building social connections. This year the Community Development Manager has been working closely with NHSCT Causeway Coast and Glens Loneliness Network and has secured match funding from NHSCT and WHSCT to increase the total budget - currently £10,000. It is anticipated that this could rise throughout the year.

6.1 Recommendations from Grant Governance Panel:

- Change name to Social Connections Fund.
- Change objectives to focus on loneliness & social isolation.
- Increase the level of contribution from 85% to 100% of costs.
- Travel expenses for volunteers - eligible cost (based on feedback from grant recipients e.g., volunteers who collect and return older people attending a luncheon club).
- Delay opening until February as December is too early for groups considering their programmes from April – March.
- Operate on a rolling basis.

7.0 Pilot VR / AR Demonstrator Grant

The Prosperity & Place Team are proposing a Pilot Virtual Reality (VR) or Augmented Reality (AR) Grant Programme for the incoming year.

The purpose of the grant is to support local entrepreneurs to make advancements with Virtual Reality (VR) or Augmented Reality (AR) applications.

It is proposed that local businesses/individuals would be able to apply for grants between £2,000 and £6,000 (50% matched funded) to contribute towards testing hours. (Full detail, including criteria for assessment in Annex 1, Page 35).

Following discussions with the North West Regional College, gaps have been identified for two potential support streams:

- Stream 1: Virtual Reality (VR)/ Augmented Reality (AR) Testing Support Grant for local businesses/individuals
- Stream 2: Virtual Reality (VR)/ Augmented Reality (AR) Development Support Grant for the charitable sector

It is proposed that Council will target Stream 1 for this pilot and commit a maximum of **£20,000** to deliver this programme. (Budget subject to Council's rate setting process). It is expected that Stream 1 will be serviced by referrals from the local Further Education Colleges who deliver the InnovateUS programme. Their support during the InnovateUS process will help identify projects which have the greatest potential to benefit from testing support.

8.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Leisure and Development Committee recommends to Council:

1. Grant programmes 1-18 along with the assessment criteria and scheduling as detailed in Table 3 and summarised in **Annex A**.
2. Do not apply the annual CPI increase to the CDSG Programme.
3. Change name of Social Inclusion Grant Fund to Social Connections Fund.



Grant Programmes 2023-2024

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 2023/24. 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.

2.0 Grant Programmes 2023/24

The Grant Funding Programmes available for the 2023/24 period are as follows:

	Grant Programme	Max grant available	Opening	Closing
1	Building a United Community Fund	£1,500	12 th Dec 2022	Rolling
2	Community Development Support Grant	£1,250 / £2,500 /£3,500	12 th Dec 2022	20 th Jan 2023
3	SIG/ Social Connections Grant	£500	1 st Feb 2023	Rolling
4	Community Festivals Fund	£750 / £1,500 / £3,000	12 th Dec 2022	3 rd Feb 2023
5	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	£1,000	12 th Dec 2022	27 th Jan 2023
6	Creative Practitioners' Bursary Scheme	£1,000	12 th Dec 2022	24 th Feb 2023
7	Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme	£200	12 th Dec 2022	28 th April 2023
8	Tourism Large Events Funding	£100,000	12 th Dec 2022	25 th Jan 2023
9	Tourism Growth Fund	£15,000	12 th Dec 2022	25 th Jan 2023
10	Policing and Community Safety Grants	TBC	TBC	Rolling
11	Town Twinning Fund	£5,000	12 th Dec 2022	Rolling
12	Enterprise Grant Programme	£10,000	3 rd April 2023	5 th May 2023
13	Landfill Communities Fund	£15,000	12 th Dec 2022	Rolling
14	Christmas Festive Fund	£250	4 th Sept 2023	TBC
15	Rural Business Development Grant Programme	£4,999	DAERA to confirm	TBC
16	LiveSmart	£500	1 st April 2023	Rolling
17	Town Centre Experience Fund	£2,000	TBC	TBC
18	Pilot VR / AR Demonstrator Grant	£6,000	20 th Feb 2023	31 st March 2023

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 Prosperity & Place Funds and DAERA's funds such as the 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 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 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.

6.4 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.

Appendix 1

Name of the Programme	1. Culture Arts & Heritage Grants 2023-24			
Overview	<p>Organisations must 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 			
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> Elaine Gaston 0287083 1400 elaine.gaston@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 2023-24																	
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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Name of the Programme	3. Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme 2023-24														
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. 														
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Q3 How the training/development opportunity will be of benefit to you.	Will the opportunity enhance/develop the applicant's 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> Elaine Gaston 0287083 1400 elaine.gaston@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 2023-24																																									
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 must 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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Grant Amount	Up to 100% of total project costs will be available for eligible projects - maximum amount available £1,500																																									
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	Good Relations Officer 07598403773 goodrelations@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk
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Name of the Programme	5. Community Development Support Grant 2023-24		
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 / core costs.		
Assessment	Criteria	Pass	Fail
	1 Is the 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	Category A: 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 2 other groups on a regular (at least monthly) basis.	75% up to a maximum of £3,500	
	Category B: Community development group directly providing a programme of activities with a premises* for their own use which is hired out by less than 2 other users on a regular basis.	75% up to a maximum of £2,500	
	Category C: Community development group that provides a programme of activities without their own premises.	75% up to a maximum of £1,250	
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 07846 099916 Gabrielle Quinn 07871 732616	catherine.farrimond@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk gabrielle.quinn@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk	

Name of the Programme	6. Community Festival Fund 2023-24				
<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>Assessment & Scoring</p> <p>As position is</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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<p>Applications must score 65% in order to avail of funding.</p>					

Option 2	Question	Criteria	Score out of 5	Weight	Possible Score
	1a	Strong community participation		X1	5
	1b	Opportunities for people to improve their personal skills or receive training relevant to the project		X1	5
	1c	Promotes inclusion and proactively puts measures in place to encourage this		X1	5
	8	NIMDM 2017Ranking/ Access to Services Measure Ranking		X1	5
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. 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. The festival must have different activities on each day that it takes place.			Up to £3,000	
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 catherine.farrimond@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Gabrielle Quinn gabrielle.quinn@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk				

Name of the Programme	7. Social Inclusion Grants/Community Connections Fund 2023-24														
Overview	<p>The purpose of the Social Connections Grant Programme is to provide small grants to community and voluntary organisations to address loneliness and isolation and build social connections.</p> <p>The Objectives of the Grant Programme are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create more opportunities to bring people together to make connections doing something they enjoy. • reach people who may be less likely to attend community activities. • help to reduce the social isolation that can be a result of living in poverty. • enable local activities to become more accessible. • involve the people who will benefit from the project in shaping your project <p>Applicants can apply for grant-aid towards running costs e.g., insurance costs</p> <p>Recommendations from Grant Governance Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change name to Social Connections Fund • Increase the level of contribution from 85% to 100% of costs • Change objectives to focus on loneliness & social isolation • Travel expenses for volunteers - eligible cost (based on feedback from grant recipients e.g., volunteers who collect and return older people attending a luncheon club) • Opening separately in February rather than with the annual grant cycle in December (as this was too early for groups considering their programmes from April - March) • Operate on a rolling basis <p>Other Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with NHSCT Causeway Coast and Glens Loneliness Network • Secured match funding from NHSCT, WHSCT (and possibly also Causeway GP Federation Multi-Disciplinary Team) to increase the total budget (currently £10,000 but could increase as the year goes on) 														
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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>														
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Name of the Programme	8. Tourism Large Events Fund 2023-24			
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 • Maximum award - £100,000 • Total visitor numbers greater than 3000 (previously 5000) • Applicants must demonstrate that the event still takes place over a minimum of 2 days, events must have a start and end date and run for consecutive days. • Events should encourage overnight stays (minimum of 5 hours duration on each day). • Events must demonstrate how they will promote Causeway Coast and Glens area. (Marketing plan) • No requirement to demonstrate return on investment. • Marketing campaign - Events will be expected to ensure that any marketing or communications showcase the Causeway Coast & Glens as a destination for visitors. 			
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	Q1. Current Status			Not Scored
	Q2. Event Financial Position Budgetary position in light of Covid-19			Not Scored
	Q3. Scenario Planning			Not Scored
	Q4. – Financial Breakdown outlining Eligible Project costs			Not Scored
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	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>Gareth Fall 077 1223 5744 gareth.fall@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p>Tracey Freeman 0771 2523 5746 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 (previously 1000) • Applicants must demonstrate that the event will take place over a minimum of 2 days, events must have a start and end date and run for consecutive days. • Events should encourage overnight stays (minimum of 5 hours duration on each day). • No requirement to demonstrate return on investment. • Events must demonstrate how they will promote Causeway Coast & Glens area (Marketing Plan). • Marketing campaign - Events will be expected to ensure that any marketing or communications showcase the Causeway Coast & Glens as a destination for visitors. 																																																			
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Name of the Programme	10. Christmas Festive Fund 2023-24																	
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. 																	
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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>																	

Name of the Programme	11. Enterprise Fund 2023-24																																						
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: 07976 510924 Bridget.McCaughan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																																						

Name of the Programme	12. Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) 2023-24																							
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. 																							
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	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	<p>Applications may be discussed with staff from the Ulster Wildlife Trust before submitting an application:</p> <p>Rachel Bain, the Council's Biodiversity Officer – rachel.bain@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or Tel.02870347272 or Mob. 07738 340799</p> <p>Erin McGarry - Ulster Wildlife's Senior Finance Officer (LCF eligibility) - erin.mcgarry@ulsterwildlife.org or Tel 07816065778</p>																							

Name of the Programme	13. Twinning Grant Programme 2023-24		
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> <p>1 x Question asked in the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Will the project contribute to Council's corporate objectives? 		
Assessment & Scoring	Criterion	Pass	Fail
	1. Aligned to Council's strategic Objectives:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic pride • Tourism development • Sports, arts, culture • Economic development 		
	2. Provide a full itemised breakdown of all costs.		
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) Small Grants Programme 2023-24																							
Overview	The PCSP small grants programme has been developed to provide organisations with up to a £999 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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Responsible Service Area	Community & Culture																							
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: 07523 942166 Email: melissa.lemon@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																							

Name of the Programme	15. Rural Business Development Grant Scheme (Criteria to be reviewed by DAERA) 2023-24		
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: 07976 510924 Bridget.McCaughan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

Name of the Programme	16. Live Smart Grant Programme 2023-24			
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 2023-24																																	
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>																																	

Name of Programme	18. Pilot Virtual Reality (VR)/ Augmented Reality (AR) Testing Support Grant																																											
Overview	<p>The purpose of this grant is to help local businesses/individuals who have been supported by InnovateUS to take the next step on their product development journey and demonstrate proof of concept. This testing stage is crucial for those looking to secure future funding (e.g. Innovation Vouchers or Tech Stars) for the next stage of their product development journey.</p> <p>Local businesses/individuals would be able to apply for a maximum of £6,000 (50% matched funded) to contribute towards testing hours. Expected testing hours requests and maximum grant allowance are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="560 658 1248 837"> <tr> <td>Hours</td> <td>Grant Allowance</td> </tr> <tr> <td><20 hrs</td> <td>Up to £2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20-40 hrs</td> <td>Up to £4,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40-60 hrs</td> <td>Up to £5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60-80 hrs</td> <td>Up to £6,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>The overall objective of this grant is to alleviate some of the financial burden on these entrepreneurs and help to contribute to economic growth and innovation within this sector.</p>				Hours	Grant Allowance	<20 hrs	Up to £2,000	20-40 hrs	Up to £4,000	40-60 hrs	Up to £5,000	60-80 hrs	Up to £6,000																														
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Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with an Officer within the Strategic Projects Team before submitting your application:</p> <p>Louise Mullan (Strategic Projects Officer) Tel: 028 777 60311 Ext. 3168/ Mob: 07749722080 or Email: Louise.Mullan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																																											