

Title of Report:	Festive Fund Grant Awards 2024
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 June 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
For discussion In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Stable and Cohesive Communities
Lead Officer	Head of Tourism and Recreation Funding Unit Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£42,362.00
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 of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant awards for the Christmas Festive Fund 2024-25.

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.

In June 2023 the Council agreed to the new parameters of the fund, as follows:

Fund A - Settlements with a population of 1,000 and above can apply for up to £2,500 towards costs relating to festive entertainment. Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for **outdoor events**.

Fund B - Settlements with a population between 100 -1,000 can apply for up to £750 towards costs relating to festive entertainment. Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for **outdoor events**.

3.0 Overview of the Fund

Community groups and voluntary organisations can apply for grant-aid to allow small towns, hamlets and villages to celebrate Christmas by organising outdoor events and activities in their local communities. Applicant areas must have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Projects/events should take place in the local community between Saturday 30th November and Wednesday 18th December 2024.

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

Only one grant per settlement will be awarded. 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 can also request that applicants work together to produce one all-inclusive event.

4.0 Criteria for Assessment

Criterion	Pass	Fail
1.Evidence of a developed outdoor project; with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between Saturday 30th November and Wednesday 18th December 2024.		
2.Evidence that your event provides a range of activities for everyone in the community.		
3. Full itemized breakdown of costs provided.		
4. Suitable planning for events with a sufficiently completed Risk Assessment.		

5.0 Outcome

32 applications were received by the closing date. The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks, two applications were deemed ineligible – summary below:

	Applicant	Status	Reason
1	Ballycastle Community Group	Ineligible	Ineligible as Ballycastle town receives a Council organised Christmas event.
2	Can - Compass Advocacy Network Ltd (Lislagan Road)	Ineligible	Ineligible as settlement size is less than 100 residents

The remaining 30 applications progressed for assessment and scoring against the agreed criteria.

No of applications received	32
No of ineligible applications	2
No of unsuccessful applications at assessment	0
No of successful applications	30

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

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Leisure & Development Committee approves grant-aid totalling £42,362.00 to projects numbered 1-30 listed in **Annex A**.

Annex A

Festive Fund Grant Awards 2024-25:

	Applicant	Pass/Fail	Project	Amount Recommended
1	Dunloy Stronger Together	Pass	Christmas Lights Switch on taking place in Dunloy	£2,400.00
2	St. Canice GAC	Pass	Christmas Lights Switch on taking place in Dungiven	£2,500.00
3	Friendly Friday Craft and Garden Club	Pass	Linked Christmas outdoor events in Ballykelly	£2,500.00
4	Armoy Community Association	Pass	Christmas Festive evening	£750.00
5	Carey Faughs GAC	Pass	Christmas Lights switch on with Santa	£550.00
6	RNLI - Portrush	Pass	'Christmas Jingle Mingle'	£2,500.00
7	Cloughmills Community Action Team	Pass	Christmas Festive Programme	£750.00
8	Stranocum & District Development Group	Pass	Carols around the Christmas Tree	£750.00
9	Foreglen Community Association	Pass	Christmas Tree switch on	£750.00
10	Greysteel Community Association	Pass	Outdoor Christmas Festive Fair	£2,500.00
11	Magilligan Community Association	Pass	Magilligan Community Christmas switch On	£750.00
12	Feeny Community Association	Pass	Christmas light switch on in the village	£750.00
13	PRA Portballintrae residents Association	Pass	Portballintrae Christmas lights switch on.	£750.00
14	Drumsumn Community Association	Pass	Community Christmas celebration event	£750.00
15	The Kilrea Community and Fairy Thorn Association	Pass	Kilrea Community Christmas Tree lights switch-on event	£2,500.00
16	Forest Connections Community Benefit Society	Pass	Garvagh Christmas lights switch on	£2,500.00
17	Bushside orange no 923	Pass	Christmas event in Bushside	£750.00
18	St. Marys GAC Rasharkin	Pass	Rasharkin Christmas Experience	£2,300.00
19	Moneydig rural network	Pass	Moneydig tree light up	£550.00
20	Balnamore Community Association	Pass	Balnamore Christmas light switch on	£750.00
21	Glack GAC	Pass	Christmas Santa event	£717.00
22	Heart of the Glens Festival	Pass	Heart of the Glens Festival Christmas Event	£2,500.00
23	Bushmills & District Community Association	Pass	Christmas switch-on	£2,500.00
24	Portstewart Community Association	Pass	Christmas Lantern Festival	£2,500.00

25	Gortnaghey Community Association	Pass	Christmas Tree & trail lights switch on event	£750.00
26	Burnfoot Community Development Association	Pass	Burnfoot's Christmas light switch on	£750.00
27	Castlerock Community Association	Pass	Castlerock's Magical Christmas	£2,500.00
28	Mosside Presbyterian Church	Pass	Christmas Tree in Mosside village	£345.00
29	Camus Juxta Bann Macosquin	Pass	Christmas Tree switch on in village	£750.00
30	Dervock & District Community Association	Pass	Community celebration - 'Jingle All the Way'	£750.00
	Total			£42,362.00