



Title of Report:	Grant Funding Programmes 2025-26
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 November 2024
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Develop & promote stable and cohesive communities
Lead Officer	Funding Unit Manager

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Total cost: £1,969,809 Cost to Council: £1,455,457 Subject to Rate Setting Process
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	Included

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 2025-2026 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 2016-2024:

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	657	2,475,153.36	520	1,508,375.86
2023-24	1028	2,088,505.15	816	1,311,617.76
2024-25*	750	1,846,709.53	608	£1,406,000.88
Grand Total	6,014	£18,124,932.50	4,561	£11,352,403.88

* The 2024/25 figures are as of 07/11/2024, end of year figures will increase as 2024/25 grants are still open.

3.0 Current Years Grant Programmes

In the current Grant funding period (2024-25) 21 grant programmes are being delivered:

Table 2

		Grant	Amount Requested £	No	Amount Awarded £	Cost to Council £
1	C&C	Building a United Community	£4,500.00	5	5,978.41	1,494.60
2	C&C	Community Development Support Grant	£199,033.09	64	167,181.02	86,934.13
3	C&C	Community Festivals Fund	£62,567.00	45	69,663.00	38,314.65
4	C&C	Creative Practitioner Bursary	£5,757.00	5	2,998.98	2,998.98
5	C&C	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	£24,401.50	20	20,017.43	20,017.43
6	C&C	Policing and Community Safety Small Grant	£13,782.00	14	13,704.00	0
7	C&C	Social Connections Grant	£16,870.00	27	12,920.00	6,718.40
8	C&C	Youth Creative Skills Bursary	£2816.00	3	1159.45	1159.45
9	P&P	Business Start Up and Seed Fund Bursary	£219,732.00	56	52,428.14	0
10	P&P	Go Succeed Grant	£357309.47	101	339,954.28	0
11	P&P	Personal Learning Account	£53527.00	117	52,248.00	0
12	T&R	Festive Fund	£52,015.00	31	40,855.00	40,855
13	T&R	Tourism Events Growth Fund	£203,900.00	5	45094.48	45094.48
14	T&R	Tourism Large Events Fund	£398,020.00	6	354895.19	354895.19
15	CS	Town Twinning Grant	£6,870.00	2	10,000.00	10,000.00
16	ES	LiveSmart Grant	£5,505.00	11	5,480.00	5,480
17	FU	Landfill Communities Fund	£177,400.00	13	177,400.00	0
18	FU	Capital Grants	opened	-	0	0
19	S&W	Sports Grant & Bursary	£21,442.47	55	20,311.50	20,311.50
20	S&W	Sport & Wellbeing Grant	£21,262	28	13,712	13,712
		Grand Total	£1,846,709.53	608	£1,406,000.88	£647,985.81

* *Rolling grants are still open - these figures are as of 06/11/2024.*

4.0 Proposed Grant Funding Programmes 2025-26

An Elected Members Annual Grants Workshop was held on 9 October 2024 at which the proposed grant programmes for the incoming year were presented and discussed. (**Annex A** includes a brief overview of each proposed grant and the criteria to be used for assessment).

In summary, the Grant Programmes proposed for the 2025/2026 period are as follows:

Table 3

		Grant Programme	Assessment/ Scoring	Max grant available (£)	Other Funder	Draft Budget (£)	Cost to Council (£)
1	C&C	Building a United Community Fund	Score	1,500	75% Exec Office	4,500	1,125
2	C&C	Community Development Support Grant	Score	1,250 / 2,500 / 3,500	48% DfC	145,000	75,400
3	C&C	Social Connections Fund	Pass/Fail	500	48% DfC	15,000	7,800
4	C&C	Community Festivals Fund	Score	750 / 1,500 / 3,000	45% DfC	64,530	35,492
5	C&C	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant	Score	1,000	100% Council	20,000	20,000
6	C&C	Creative Practitioner's Bursary	Pass/Fail	1,000	100% Council	3,000	3,000
7	C&C	Youth Creative Skills Bursary	Pass/Fail	200	100% Council	2,640	2,640
8	T&R	Tourism Large Events Funding	Score	100,000	100% Council	400,000	400,000
9	T&R	Tourism Growth Fund	Score	15,000	100% Council	Included above	Included above
10	T&R	Christmas Festive Fund	Pass/Fail	750/2,500	100% Council	50,000	50,000
11	C&C	PCSP Grants	Score	TBC	100% DoJ	50,000	0
12	P&P	Enterprise Fund	Score	5,000	100% Council	80,000	80,000
13	FU	Landfill Communities Fund	Score	15,000	100% HMRC	120,000	0
14	FU	Capital Grant	Score	£120,000	100% Council	600,000	600,000
15	CPR	Town Twinning Fund	Pass/Fail	5,000	100% Council	10,000	10,000
16	P&P	Rural Business Development Grant	Score	4,999	100% DAERA	TBC	0
17	ES	LiveSmart	Score	750	100% Council	10,000	10,000

19	H&W	Sports Grant & Bursary	Score	150/200/ 300/400	100% Council	20,000	20,000
20	H&W	Health & Wellbeing Grant	Score	1,000	100% Council	40,000	40,000
21	P&P	Go Succeed Fund	Score	4,000	100% UKSPF	235,139	0
22	P&P	Personal Learning Account	Score	500	100% DfC	TBC	0
23	P&P	Green Support Grant Scheme	Score	4,000	100% Council	100,000	100,000
					TOTALS	1,969,809	1,455,457

5.0 Community Development Support Grant (CDSG)

- 5.1 Part funded by DfC, this is an enabling grant to provide financial assistance towards core operating costs of community development groups.
- 5.2 In June 2024 Council agreed to reduce the level of grant available to groups operating Council Community Centres through Shared Management Agreements. The maximum available for these groups will reduce from £3,500 to £1,250.
- 5.3 At the Elected Members workshop, members were asked to consider the re-introduction of scoring criteria as laid out on page 20 of the attached **Annex A**.

There will only be 3 questions which will give applicants an opportunity to explain in full their programmes of activity for the year and how they were responding to the needs in the community. This will provide Officers with a good insight into the capacity of groups and will be used to identify groups that need support.

6.0 Green Support Grant Scheme

- 6.1 The Prosperity & Place Department are proposing the introduction of a Pilot Green Support Grant Scheme.

6.2 Purpose:

To help local SMEs improve on or introduce new 'greener' practices into their operations.

6.3 Rationale:

Local businesses are focused on maintaining their commercial success in an ever increasing competitive market, yet increasingly they are expected to demonstrate their energy efficiency, sustainability and net zero credentials. This fund will support their actions to become greener and more sustainable.

- 6.4 It is proposed that the Grant programme has 2 separate elements:

Phase 1 – Technical Assistance (£30k Budget)

To provide local SMEs or Social Enterprises with access to industry specialists who will assist them by conducting 'energy audits' that will result in bespoke carbon reduction action plans for each business.

Phase 2 - Capital Support (£70k Budget)

Competitive grant - 70% of project costs up to a max of £5k.

Only local SMEs or Social Enterprises who have undertaken Phase 1 will be eligible.

Businesses will only be able to apply for support which is directly related to recommendations included in their bespoke carbon reduction action plans.

7.0 Sports & Wellbeing Grant

7.1 In September 2023 Council agreed the creation of the Sports Grant & Bursary Programme which replaced funding to the legacy Sports Councils to provide Sports Development Grants. This was followed in 2024 with the new Sport & Wellbeing Grant Programme which is proving very popular for the promotion of positive mental health with community and sporting groups. Members are asked to consider adding £20,000 to the budget and increasing the maximum award to £1,000. Members are also asked to consider changing the name of the Grant Programme to Health & Wellbeing Grant to allow better differentiation between the Sports bursary and the grant programme.

8.0 Recommendations

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

- (1) Grant programmes 1-23, listed in Table 3, along with the assessment / scoring criteria as summarised in **Annex A**.
- (2) Re-introduction of a simple scoring/assessment for the Christmas Festive Fund to differentiate between applications from the same area.
- (3) Re-introduction of a simple scoring/assessment for the Community Development Support Grant.
- (4) Change name of Sport & Wellbeing Grant Programme to Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme.
- (5) Increase budget for Sport/Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme from £20,000 to £40,000.
- (6) Increase maximum individual grant award for Sport/Health & Wellbeing Grant from £500 to £1,000.
- (7) The introduction of a Pilot Green Support Grant Scheme as outlined above and in **Annex A**, along with associated budget of £100,000.



DRAFT Grant Programmes 2025-2026

DRAFT 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 2025/26. 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 2025/26

The Grant Funding Programmes available for the 2025/26 period are as follows:

	Grant Programme	Max grant available	Opening	Closing
1.	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	£1,000	9 th Dec 2024	26 th Jan 2025
2.	Creative Practitioners Bursary Scheme	£1,000	9 th Dec 2024	23 rd Feb 2025
3.	Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme	£200	9 th Dec 2024	26 th April 2025
4.	Building a United Community Fund	£1500	9 th Dec 2024	Rolling
5.	Community Development Support Grant	£1,250 / £2,500 /£3,500	9 th Dec 2024	19 th Jan 2025
6.	Community Festivals Fund	£750 / £1,500 / £3,000	9 th Dec 2024	2 nd Feb 2025
7.	Social Connections Fund	£500	9 th Dec 2024	Rolling
8.	Tourism Large Events Funding	£100,000	9 th Dec 2024	24 th Jan 2025
9.	Tourism Growth Fund	£15,000	9 th Dec 2024	24 th Jan 2025
10.	Christmas Festive Fund	£750/£2,500	TBC	TBC
11.	Enterprise Grant Programme	£5,000	TBC	TBC
12.	Landfill Communities Fund	£15,000	9 th Dec 2024	Rolling
13.	Town Twinning Fund	£5,000	9 th Dec 2024	Rolling
14.	Policing and Community Safety Grants	TBC	TBC	Rolling
15.	Rural Business Development Grant Programme	£4,999	DAERA to confirm	TBC
16.	LiveSmart	£750	TBC	Rolling
17.	Go Succeed Grant Programme	£4,000	TBC	TBC
18.	Sports Grant & Bursary Programme	£150/£200/£300/£400	TBC	Rolling
19.	Personal Learning Account	£500	TBC	Rolling
20.	Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme	£500	TBC	Rolling

21.	Causeway Festival of Learning	£500	TBC	TBC
22.	Capital Grant Fund	£100,000	TBC	TBC
23.	Green Support Grant Scheme	£4,000	TBC	TBC

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: <https://grants.ccqbcapps.com/>

All grants will be administered through our new online system designed inhouse by ICT and Funding Unit. It is user friendly with full in-house support for quicker turnaround re: queries and full online compatibility from application to evaluation.

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 2025-26			
Overview	<p>Organisations must demonstrate how their organisation contributes to any one of the following Culture, Arts and Heritage Aims:</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> Desima Connolly 0287083 1400 decima.connolly@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 2025-26																	
Overview	<p>Purpose: To invest in creative learning & skills development by: <i>Supporting the creative development of our creative practitioners through training, skills development and providing opportunities to showcase work (Cultural Strategy, Theme 2)</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 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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Grant Amount	Maximum of 100% of the total project costs up to £1000.																	
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> Desima Connolly 02870831400 decima.connolly@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	3. Youth Creative Skills Bursary Scheme 2025-26		
Overview	<p>Purpose: To help improve access to creative skills training or development programmes for young people by 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 (Cultural Strategy, Theme 2)</i> 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. 		
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria	Assessment	Pass/Fail
	Q1 Description of the training or development opportunity	Has the applicant provided details of a bona fide letter of acceptance or confirmation of a place on a course.	
	Q2 Applicants commitment to the creative art form	Evidence of experience/track record in this field	
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> Desima Connolly 0287083 1400 decima.connolly@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 2025-26																																									
Overview	<p>Purpose: To support, promote and develop Good Relations projects throughout the Council area. Applicants must demonstrate how their organisation contributes to the Good Relations aims identified in Councils Good Relations Strategy. These aims are directed by a Government strategy published in 2013 entitled “Together: Building a United Community (TBUC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Children and Young People – To continue to improve attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role in building good relations • Our Shared Community – To create a community where division does not restrict the life opportunities of individuals and where all areas are open and accessible to everyone • Our Safe Community – To create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety. • Our Cultural Expression – To create a community which promotes mutual respect and understanding, is strengthened by its diversity, and where cultural expression is celebrated and embraced. 																																									
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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>														
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Name of the Programme	8. Tourism Large Events Fund 2025-26			
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) • 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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	Q7. Economic Support/Benefit		X2	10
	Q8. Media & marketing impact		X3	15
	Q9. Visitor Experience		X3	15
	Q10. Future planning – Event Development		X4	20
	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 Funding Unit /Tourism Events Team before submitting your application:</p> <p>Grants Team 028 70347198 Christopher.Dunne@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Sara Adair 028 7034 7237 sara.adair@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Gareth Fall 077 1223 5744 gareth.fall@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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Responsible Service Area	<p>Tourism and Recreation Applications may be discussed with officers from the Funding unit/ Tourism & Recreation unit before submitting your application:</p> <p>Funding Unit 028 7034 7198 Christopher.Dunne@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Sara Adair 028 7034 7237 sara.adair@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Gareth Fall 077 1223 5744 gareth.fall@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																																																			

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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. <p>Fund A Applications for settlements with a population of 1,000 and above can apply for a range of costs relating to festive entertainment. Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for outdoor events celebrating this festive period: Up to £2,500</p> <p>Fund B Applications for settlements with a population between 100 -1,000 can apply for a range of costs relating to festive entertainment. Priority will be given to projects that promote wide community involvement for outdoor events celebrating this festive period: Up to £750</p>																													
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Responsible Service Area	Tourism and Recreation
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Name of the Programme	11. Enterprise Fund 2025-26			
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>			
Assessment & Scoring				
	Criteria	Score (0-5)	Weight	Max Points Available
	1 Clear and concise evidence of the need for the project within the scope of the fund		X3	15
	2 Clear and realistic outcomes set for the project e.g., increase in profit, employment, new markets entered, new products or services introduced		X3	15
	3 Project demonstrates innovation in the marketplace or in business practices		X2	10
	4 Ability, skills and experience of the business which enables them to deliver the project		X2	10
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Grant Amount	Examples of what may be funded: <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
Responsible Service Area	Prosperity and Place	
Contact information for applicants	<p>Applications may be discussed with officers from the Prosperity and Place unit before submitting your application:</p> <p>Una Bailey(Economic Development Officer/Enterprise Development) Tel: 07801 404525 una.bailey@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>	

Name of the Programme	12. Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) 2025-26																																							
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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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>Funding Unit 028 7034 7198 grants@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</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 2025-26		
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>Twinning Associations 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>Funding Unit 028 70347198 grants@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Pauline Donaghy 028 70347164 pauline.donaghy@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

Name of the Programme	14. Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Small Grants Programme 2025-26																							
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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Grant Amount	£999																							
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> <p>Jonny Donaghy PCSP Manager Email: jonny.donaghy@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>																							

Name of the Programme	15. Rural Business Development Grant Scheme (DAERA) 2025-26		
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	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.	Up to	£4,999 Available
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 Manager) Tel: 07976 510924 Bridget.McCaughan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>		

Name of the Programme	16. Live Smart Grant Programme 2025-26			
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
				50
Grant Amount	The Scheme can provide funding of up to 100% of costs up to a maximum of £750.		Up to £750 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. GO SUCCEED (2025-26)																																	
Overview	<p>Go Succeed - NI's new free go-to source for expert business advice to Start, Grow or Scale. The fund was developed by Local Authorities in NI to put in place a more ambitious approach to the delivery of start-up Growth Support.</p> <p>Funding is available to entrepreneurs and businesses who are participating on the FOUNDATION and ENABLING GROWTH elements of the new NI Enterprise Support Service demonstrating growth potential and potential to create employment opportunities, export or innovate.</p> <p>Projects need to fit with a minimum of two of the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment: Creating new employment opportunities for yourself or for other new employees • New markets entered • New products / services introduced • Increasing productivity • Improved business performance <p><i>Grants of between £1,000 and £4,000 available at an intervention rate of 70%</i></p>																																	
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Grant Amount	<p>Examples of what may be funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New equipment / machinery that contributes towards business productivity growth or efficiency. • Mobile machinery, such as scissor lifts, forklifts, ride-on lawn mowers • Computer equipment & software (outright purchase only, on-going license fees ineligible) • Web development / e-commerce website sites • Marketing / brand development • Specialist Consultancy costs (which cannot be provided for through the wider Go Succeed programme or another external agency), e.g., Energy efficiency improvements, digital transformation. • Attendance at trade shows/exhibitions/market visits to create market exposure and sales opportunities(eg targeting a new export market) 			Up to £4,000 Available																														
Responsible Service Area	Prosperity and Place																																	

Contact information for applicants	Applications may be discussed with officers from the Prosperity and Place unit before submitting your application: Bridget McCaughan (Business Development Manager) Tel: 07976 510924 bridget.mccaughan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk
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Name of the Programme	18. Sports Grant and Bursary Programme 2025-26			
Overview	<p>Available to local individuals, local sports clubs and National Governing Bodies representing a sport recognised by Sport NI. Applicants have to demonstrate how their organisation contributes to the development of sport in a club setting or the positive impact the grant can have for an individual towards their sporting career. Examples of eligible costs and grant award limits:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative / International Expenses (maximum grant available £400) e.g., Ulster, Northern Ireland, Ireland, GB • Safety Equipment for a Club (maximum grant available £200) e.g., Equipment to aid player safety when participating. • Club Coach / Official Education (maximum grant available is £300 for a generic course and £200 for a sports specific course). e.g., NGB Level 1 / officials / umpire / judge / referee (Sports Specific courses) e.g., Safeguarding, first aid (Generic courses) 			
Assessment & Scoring				
	Criteria	Score (0-5)	Weight	Max Points Available
	1 Application detail		X6	30
	2 Identified need		X10	50
	3 Sustainability		X4	20
				100
	Applications must score 65% in order to avail of funding.			
Grant Amount	Examples of what may be funded: Representative / International Expense e.g., Ulster, Northern Ireland, Ireland, GB Safety Equipment for a Club e.g., Equipment to aid player safety when participating. Club Coach / Official Education e.g., NGB Level 1 / officials / umpire / judge / referee (Sports Specific courses) e.g., Safeguarding, first aid			Up to £400 Available
Responsible Service Area	Sports Development Team			

Name of the Programme	19. Labour Market Partnership(LMP) – Personal Learning Account Fund (PLA)		
Overview	Causeway Coast and Glens Labour Market Partnership (LMP) is a Department for Communities (DfC) funded programme established to address key challenges in the local labour market for both local residents and local employers. The programme aims to improve employability outcomes and labour market conditions locally by delivering a tailor-made action plan reflecting local conditions and needs. The Personal Learning Account Fund can provide funding of up to 100% costs up to a maximum of £500.		
Assessment & Scoring	Criterion	Pass	Fail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant is aged 16 and over at the time of application • The applicant is resident in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area (this must be your main residence and not a 2nd home or holiday residence) • The applicant is eligible to work in the UK • The applicant is looking to find employment or progress in their career • If self-employed, the course must help the enterprise to be more sustainable • The course is accredited, or industry recognised • The course is wholly and exclusively for employment and career purposes and not recreational or personal • The course is appropriate and can deliver outcomes which meet the need of the applicant • The course or qualification cannot be funded elsewhere (e.g. Invest NI, Skill Up, Skills Focus, Job Centre Adviser Discretionary Fund) (unless other courses are not suitable e.g. considering work commitments or caring commitments) • A course that is deemed to be of reasonable value for money • The training and delivery will be undertaken by a credible, viable business with the capacity to deliver the project as stated. • Please tell us why you want to complete this course and qualification • Please detail what type of job this course will help you to get. The job that you want to progress towards must be suitable and appropriate, e.g. be in your travel to work area. As well as including details of the type of job please include things like salary, employers looking for these skills and qualifications etc. 		
Grant Amount	Examples of what may be funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All associated costs of training, upskilling, qualification and accreditation including: • Teaching / training / assessment costs • Awarding body costs and exam fees • Training materials costs including licencing costs. 	Up to £500 Available	
Responsible Service Area	Prosperity and Place		
Contact information for applicants	Applications may be discussed with officers from the Labour Market Partnership unit before submitting your application: Marc McGerty Tel: 07976629027 LMP@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk		

Name of the Programme	20.Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme 2025-26		
Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health and Wellbeing Grant Programme is for sporting and community organisations to promote the positive mental health and wellbeing of residents in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Area. <p>Council have allocated a cap of £5,000 from the budget to individual sporting codes to allow for a good distribution across all sporting codes/ community organisations. Once the cap has been allocated, the Council will update their website on: https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/grantsandfunding/open-grant-fundingprogrammes Any further application from these sporting codes once the cap is applied, will not be accepted until the fund re-opens the following year.</p>		
Assessment & Scoring	Criteria	Pass	Fail
	1. Project Detail. What will you do? When will you do it? Where will you do it? How will you do it?		
	2. Identified Need. How did you identify the need for this project? Have you consulted with potential participants? How does your project fit with Council's Community Plan priorities? Number of beneficiaries?		
	3. How will your project assist keeping people involved in physical and wellbeing activity. How will the success of the project help keep the participants involved in physical and wellbeing activity? How will the project help develop future participation from the participants and other members of the community?		
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	Sport & Wellbeing		
Contact information for applicants	If required, you can discuss your application with one of Council's Sports Development Officers before submitting your application: Sports Development Team – sportsdevelopment@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk Funding Unit – grants@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk		

Name of the Programme	21.Causeway Festival of Learning Grant Programme 2025-26	
Overview	<p>The Causeway Festival of Learning Week Fund has been developed to promote and encourage engagement in lifelong learning across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.</p> <p>The aim of Causeway Festival of Learning Week is to inform and encourage residents and organisations across the borough to engage in learning and upskilling, hence creating and fostering a culture of lifelong learning across the borough. Events and projects will be delivered across the borough by statutory partners, employers, private businesses, social enterprises and the community and voluntary sector.</p>	
Assessment & Scoring	The application will be assessed against the following criteria:	
	Criteria	Pass
1.The organisation must be a social enterprise or a community and voluntary sector organisation		
2. Your project must support residents in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area.		
3.Social enterprises and community and voluntary organisations from outside of the borough can apply, however, beneficiaries must be from the borough		
4.The project is clearly focused on for the promotion of lifelong learning in the Causeway Coast and Glens area		
5.The project is appropriate and can deliver outcomes which meet the need of the fund		
6.The project cannot be funded elsewhere (e.g. College Community Education Outreach, Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plans, CCAG Community Development Programme		
7.A project that is deemed to be of reasonable value for money		
8.The project will be undertaken by a credible, viable organisation with the capacity to deliver the project as stated		

	9. There is evidence of a clear and concise description of your project		
	10. There is evidence of a comprehensive list of the targeted beneficiaries of this event. Please include key details of your target audience, e.g., location, age range, demographic, and labour sectors		
	11. There is evidence of how you will promote your event to your target audience.		
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	Prosperity and Place		
Contact information for applicants	Applications may be discussed with officers from the Labour Market Partnership unit before submitting your application: Marc McGerty Tel: 07976629027 LMP@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk		

Name of the Programme	22. Capital Grants Programme 2025-26			
Overview	<p>The Capital Grants Fund is available to local sports and community organisations for support towards the development of new or the enhancement of existing facilities to meet unmet need. The Capital Grant Programme will only fund properly constituted not for profit community and voluntary sector organisations.</p> <p>A total capital grant pot of £600,000 per annum is available. Council is committed to distributing grants fairly, efficiently and effectively. In order to ensure fair and equitable access, no single sporting code can have access to more than 20% of the overall funding pot in any given year. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council will consider grant aid of 80% of total evidenced capital costs up to a maximum total grant value of £120,000. Organisations must match fund the remaining 20% from other sources or from their own resources. (In kind contributions will not be considered).</p>			
Assessment & Scoring	Criterion	Score(0-5)	Weight	Max Points
	1.Project Description and Strategic relevance		X3	15
	2.Community/Sporting Need		X4	20
	3.Accessible to All		X3	15
	4.Project Beneficiaries and Participation		X3	15
	5.Under Represented Groups		X3	15
	6.Sustainability and Viability		X4	20
	Total Score			100
Grant Amount	The Scheme can provide funding of up to 80% of costs up to a maximum of £120,000.			
Responsible Service Area	Funding Unit			
Contact information for applicants	<p>You may find it helpful to discuss your project with the following officers before submitting an Expression of Interest or a full application:</p> <p>Christopher Dunne, Funding Development Officer <u>Tel:07925 036162</u> christopher.dunne@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p>Julie Welsh, Head of Community & Culture Tel: 07749711879 julie.welsh@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p> <p>Wendy McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing Tel: 07889 535692 Wendy.McCullough@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>			

Name of the Programme	23. Green Support Grant Scheme 2025-26
Overview	<p>Prosperity & Place are proposing the introduction of a pilot 'Green Support Scheme' . <i>"Our local businesses are focused on maintaining their commercial success in an ever increasing competitive market, yet increasingly they are expected to demonstrate their energy efficiency, sustainability and net zero credentials".</i></p> <p>Purpose: To help local SMEs improve on or introduce new 'greener' practices into their operations.</p> <p>Phase 1 – Technical Assistance (£30k Budget)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide local SMEs or Social Enterprises with access to industry specialists who will assist them by conducting 'energy audits' that will result in bespoke carbon reduction action plans for each business. <p>Phase 2 - Capital Support (£70k Budget)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive grant - 70% of project costs up to a max of £5k Only local SMEs or Social Enterprises who have undertaken Phase 1 will be eligible. Businesses will only be able to apply for support which is directly related to recommendations included in their bespoke carbon reduction action plans.
Assessment & Scoring	TBC
Grant Amount	Access to Industry Specialist Max award of £5k
Responsible Service Area	Prosperity & Place
Contact information for applicants	<p>You may find it helpful to discuss your project with the following officer before submitting an application:</p> <p>Louise Mullan Strategic Projects Officer Tel: 07749722080 Louise.Mullan@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk</p>