

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Festive Fund Grant Awards 2019
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	Council Meeting
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 November 2019
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	For Decision

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

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£5,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	<b>YES</b>
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	N/A

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	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:

## Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend the grant awards for the Christmas Festive Fund 2019-20.

## 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.

With the assistance of the Funding Unit and by using Council's online funding Hub, invitations for the competitive process were issued on 26 August and closed on Friday 20 September 2019. To be eligible to apply, organisations had to be from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

## Purpose of the Fund

To help local groups and community organisations to celebrate Christmas by organising events and activities in their local communities.

## Level of Grant Aid

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

## Criteria

Criterion	Score (0-10)	Weighting	Overall Score
1. Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between 25 November to 14 December)		X 3	Max available 15 points
2. Clear and realistic objectives set for the project		X 2	Max available 10 points
3. Ability, skills and experience of the group which enables them to deliver the project		X 2	Max available 10 points
4. Detailed explanation of planned promotion of project		X3	Max available 15 points

## Outcome

The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on 24 & 25 September. 20 applications were passed for scoring. The grant assessment panel met on 26 September to score the applications. The applications were assessed against the criteria above, as agreed by Council in November 2018 and stated in the guidance notes. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding, in line with the agreed threshold.

No of applications received	22
No of ineligible applications	2
No of unsuccessful applications at scoring	1
No of applications successful applications	19

A summary of the applications received, the scores attained and grants recommended are included in **Annex 1**.

### **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council award grant-aid to projects numbered 1-19 at a total cost of £4,750.

## Festive Fund Grant Awards 2019/20:

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Applied For</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
1	Burnfoot Community Development Association	06/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
2	St Mary's Parish Church Macosquin	11/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
3	Gortnaghey Community Association	01/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
4	Largy Community Association	14/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
5	Boveedy Community Association	07/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
6	Glenullin & Agivey Conversation & Development Group	06/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
7	Feeny Community Association Ltd	07/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
8	Dunloy Development Association	01/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
9	Cloughmills Community Action Group	13/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
10	Heart of the Glens Festival	06/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
11	Rathlin Development & Community Association	07/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
12	Ballybogey Over 50s Club	04/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
13	Glenariff Improvement Group	01/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
14	Magilligan Community Association	06/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
15	Mosside Presbyterian Church	28/Nov/2019	£250.00	£250.00
16	Errigal Hall Development Association	08/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
17	Derrykeighan & District Community Association	07/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
18	Stranocum & District Development Group	06/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
19	Moneydig Rural Network	05/Dec/2019	£250.00	£250.00
	<b>Total</b>			<b>£4,750</b>

	<b>Unsuccessful Applicant</b>	<b>Reason</b>
20	Benedy Community Association	Ineligible - Application for indoor event with no outdoor element.
21	Millburn Community Association	Ineligible - Community based in Coleraine where switch-on was already happening.
22	Mosside Community Association	Unsuccessful - Scored below the threshold of 65% in application to be eligible for grant award