

Major Capital Grant Programme	8th January 2019
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Develop and promote stable and cohesive communities
Lead Officer	Funding Unit Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	Included in Budget

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant decisions for the Major Capital Grant Programme 2018-19.

Background

In November 2017 Council agreed that both a Large Capital Grant Programme and a Minor Capital Grant programme would operate in 2018-19 with a combined budget of £750k. No Budget breakdown between the two programmes was agreed.

Major Capital Grant Applications

The Major Capital Grant Fund is available to local sports and community organisations who wish to request support towards the development of new, or the enhancement of existing facilities to meet unmet need. It seeks to support external infrastructure projects that are aligned to Council's aims and objectives and that require additional capital funding to achieve completion.

As with the process agreed for the 2017–18 round, the Major Capital Grant programme was launched with two stages:

Stage 1: Pre-application discussions and submission of an Expression of Interest (submission deadline was 14 March 2018).

Stage 2: Submission of Outline Business Case from successful Expressions of Interest (Deadline for submission was notified as 27 July 2018).

A positive decision on eligibility and invitation to submit a Business Case is not a guarantee of an award of a grant.

Maximum award values and percentage grants available are as follows:

Scale of Project	Max Award%	Max Award Value
£30,000 - £100,000	80%	£80,000
£100,001 - £200,000	60%	£120,000
£200,001 - over	50%	£500,000

The potential total grant request for all the eligible schemes is detailed in the table below:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount requested</u>
Corrymeela Community	£148,500
Coleraine FC	£200,000
Derry GAA	£189,700
Glens Youth Club	£435,000

Limavady Community Development Initiative	£120,000
St Canices GAC	£196,000
Total Amount Requested by Eligible Schemes	£1,289,200

In September 2018 Council approved that the above 6 applicants move forward to stage 2 of the application process, submission of Outline Business Case (OBC) and reject 3 ineligible applications. The submission date for the business cases is **Friday 18th January 2019 @ 12 noon**.

Application Withdrawal

On 20th November 2018 Glens Youth Club notified Council of their intention to withdraw their application from stage 2 due to changes within their committee. Glens Youth Club thanked Council for their help and guidance to date.

Application Appeal

One of the rejected applicants, Eoghan Rua GAC, appealed their eligibility rejection listed in table 1 below. The eligibility criteria can be found at **Annex A**.

Table 1

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Eligible (Yes/No)</u>	<u>If No, criteria failed</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Eoghan Rua GAC	No	3&4	The introduction of a new grass pitch at the club is not consistent with the Council's strategy and would not add any additional value outside the club.

The appeal panel met in December 18 and decided that Eoghan Rua GAC appeal should be upheld and the application should move to full assessment of the Outline Business Case in stage 2.

Applicant	Notes	Amount Requested	Recommendation
Eoghan Rua GAC	The panel found the application provided enough evidence to satisfy the eligible criteria at stage one, for strategic fit and adding value to the existing provision.	£244,950.00	Status changed from rejected to eligible for stage 2 assessment

With Glens Youth Club withdrawal (-£435,000) and Eoghan Rua progressing to stage 2 (+£244,950), the amount requested by applicants has reduced by £190k but is still over the 18/19 Capital Grants budget allocation.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members approve progression of the Major Capital Grant application for Eoghan Rua to stage 2 assessment for the following;

Applicant	Project Value	Amount Requested	Project Description
Eoghan Rua GAC	£489,900,00	£244,950	Floodlit sand mattress pitch

On approval Eoghan Rua will join the other successful applicants as approved in September 2018 listed below for stage 2 assessment;

- Corrymeela Community

- Coleraine FC
- Derry GAA
- Limavady Community Development Initiative
- St Canices GAC

Annex A: Eligibility Criteria: Major Capital Grants Programme

<u>Stage 1 Criterion</u>		<u>Pass</u>	<u>Fail</u>
<u>1.</u>	Is the application from a properly constituted not for profit groups. Evidence that a constitution has been formally adopted must be supplied.		
<u>2.</u>	Is the application for a Sports Club or Community project geographically located within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area? If not is a large amount of beneficiaries from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council		
<u>3.</u>	Does the application add value to existing provision or opportunity (e.g. a project or activity which meets unmet demand and/or generates additional services)? Activities should not duplicate current provision or cause displacement.		
<u>4.</u>	Does the application demonstrate their strategic fit with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's vision, Mission and strategic themes as outlined in Council's Corporate Strategy • For Sports facility projects: Council's Local Facility Report • For Community facility projects: Councils Community Facility framework 		
<u>5.</u>	Does the application satisfy the definition of capital which is defined for the purpose of this programme as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant aid for an asset that would be expected to last at least 10 years. • Unitary in nature, e.g. a building extension, new pitch, provision of enhancement lighting to enable extended use of facilities. • Total projects over £15,000. 		
<u>6.</u>	Applicants will be considered ineligible if either the applicant organisation or the site where the project is to be based have received any capital investment from Council in the past five years.		
<u>7.</u>	Applicants must submit final signed accounts for the previous 2 financial years. Only those organisations that Council considers to be financially sound will be considered eligible.		
<u>8.</u>	Applicants must submit all documentation to demonstrate good governance practices (e.g. child protection policy, equity statement, financial processes etc.) Only those organisations that Council considers to have appropriate procedures in place will be eligible.		