

Community Festivals Fund - Allocation of funding 2018-19	13th March 2018
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture Community Development Manager
Cost (If applicable)	£61,794 subject to available funding

The purpose of the report is to provide a report on the assessment of the applications received to the Community Festivals Fund (CFF) for 2018-19, and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the programme, subject to confirmation of funding from Department for Communities (DfC).

Approximately 43% of the Community Festivals Fund grant awards are provided through the annual Community Festivals Fund award to Council from DfC's Arts Branch. At the time of preparation of the report, the level of grant to be allocated to Council for 2018-19 by DfC is unknown, however a decision in principle is being sought from Council so that grant awards can be made to local organisations as soon as Departmental funding is confirmed.

Background

The Community Festivals Fund programme was opened at the start of December 2017 with a closing date of 26th January 2018 for receipt of completed applications. 4 Information Roadshows were held in early December in locations across the Borough to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance regarding individual grant programmes.

A total of 58 applications were submitted by the closing date. The grant assessment panel of relevant Council officers assessed the grant applications against the criteria as stated in the Guidance Notes for each programme. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be considered for funding, in line with Council's Grant Funding Policy.

Purpose of the Programme:

To support, promote and develop the capacity of communities to host community festival events across the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. A community festival is a festival which has developed from within a community and should celebrate and positively promote what the community represents.

Levels of Grant:

<u>One day community fun day type events.</u> 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 .	75% of costs up to a maximum of £750
<u>Festival events lasting 2 consecutive days or more.</u> 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.	75% of costs up to a maximum of £1,500
<u>Festivals lasting 3 consecutive days or more and anticipated to attract at least 500 participants.</u> 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 .	75% of costs up to a maximum of £3,000

Eligibility and Assessment Criteria:

An extract from the Guidance Notes for the grant detailing eligibility and assessment criteria is attached at **Annex A**.

Applications Received:

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount is listed in **Annex B**. In summary:

No. of applications received	58
No. of ineligible applications	4
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	9
No. of eligible applications (scoring 65% and above)	45
Total maximum eligible amount of CFF funding requested	£61,794

Some applications were reduced in the scale of the grant deemed eligible as they did not meet the eligibility criteria in terms of the range of activities and length of their events. Four applications were deemed ineligible either because they were deemed to be competitions or mainly charity fundraising events and thus ineligible according to the criteria as defined in the guidance notes. 10 applications did not meet the threshold of 65% to be successful for funding. Community Development Officers will follow up with each of these groups to provide detailed feedback and support.

Total amount eligible for funding **£61,794**

Budget available **tbc**

(Budget 2017-18 **£70,299)**

At the time of preparation of the report, the level of grant to be allocated to Council for 2018-19 by DfC is unknown, however the amount of applications eligible for funding is within the budget that was available in 2017-18.

In the event that the letter of offer from DfC is delayed beyond 31st March, Council may wish to consider awarding grants to successful organisations with events scheduled to take place in April, May and June in order to ensure that they can plan ahead. A letter of offer could

then be issued for the remainder of the applicants when Council receives confirmation of funding from DfC, and subject to the amount received.

Recommendation:

- i. Approve, as indicative allocations, the recommended amounts for funding as detailed in Annex B, subject to securing Letter of Offer from DfC and final confirmed Council budgets.**
- ii. If confirmation of funding is not received from DfC by 1st April issue letters of offer to events taking part in April, May and June, with the remainder of the letters of offer to be issued when confirmation of funding is received from DfC.**

Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Festival Fund

Eligible organisations:

- Constituted voluntary and community organisations.
- Applications may be from geographical communities (a town, village, neighbourhood, rural area); or communities of interest (a group of people who have a common interest, concern or characteristic).
- A community festival should constitute a series of events (or a single event with several elements) with a common theme and delivered within a defined time period.
- If incorporating one day fun day type events these must be programmed to be of at least 4 hours duration and include a range of at least 3 activities to suit all sections of the community.
- DCAL has stated that all festivals must be culture based, where culture is defined as ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular people or social grouping.

Ineligible organisations/activities:

- festivals taking place outside the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area;
- festivals of a commercial nature, organised to make profit;
- trade, community or professional conferences/conventions;
- core costs for festival organisers or organisations (staffing, annual overheads);
- festivals that are primarily fundraising events, are heavily branded with charity branding or deploy potential sources of income from a festival to a charity;
- awards ceremonies or industry events;
- residential courses and associated events;
- festivals that are social events for an organisation;
- events developed and delivered by public bodies;
- events initiated and led by private sector organisations;
- festivals that are primarily sporting fixtures or competitive events;
- festivals that are primarily tourism focused events where the organisation cannot demonstrate significant community involvement;
- Events which consist mainly of competitions;
- Applications for funding which are considered to be the responsibility of another statutory organisation or Council fund or applications that have applied and secured funding from another Council programme.

Assessment Criteria:

Assessment criteria for CFF have been developed following objectives specified by the Department for Communities (DfC) for the Community Festival Fund:

- i. Have strong community participation in the organisation and implementation of the project contributing to building a strong sense of community (x 1)
- ii. Provide opportunities for people to improve their personal skills or receive training relevant to the project (x 1)
- iii. Improve community relations; as defined in terms of activities designed to actively strengthen and promote good community relations (x 1)
- iv. Target social exclusion and /or poverty; address rural isolation issues where applicable (in line with DfC requirements this assessment characteristic will be weighted in favour of those festivals taking place in the top 10% of the most deprived wards of the Borough as defined by the NI Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM). The same weighting will be used in consideration of festival proposals which address rural isolation as defined by the Access to Services domain within NIMDM (x 2)
- v. Promote equality of opportunity for all (x 1)
- vi. Demonstrate value for money (x 1)
- vii. Attract visitors to the area (DfC have stated that whilst attraction of visitors is a positive quality, the primary driver of the fund is significant community involvement.) (x 1)
- viii. Provide opportunities to develop the festival – including capacity building, developing links with other organisations/events (increased partnership); expanding or diversifying activities (x1)
- ix. Encourage a 'sense of place' through connecting the community with, and effectively using, public places and the local built environment, particularly infrequently used or abandoned spaces (x 1)

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Table 1: Successful Applications

Organisation	Name of Festival	Dates of Festival	Amount Requested from Council (£)	Total Score (%)	Loo Amount Recommended (£)
Antrim Glens Tourism	Ghosts in the Glens Storytelling Festival 2018	25th - 28th Oct 2018	3000	76	3,000
Apprentice Boys Of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Branch	Finvoy Fun Festival 2018	29th - 30th June 2018	1475	66	1,475
Ballylough Living History Ltd	Battle of the Boar	8th - 10th June 2018	3000	68	750
Bann Valley Community Association	Bannvalley Easter Festival	2nd - 3rd April 2018	1500	66	1,500
Big Telly Theatre Company	Big Sunday Weekend	25th - 30th Sep 2018	3000	66	750
Building Ballysally Together	July festival	6th - 11th July 2018	3700	68	1,500
Burnfoot Community Development Association	Burnfoot Community Fun Day	23rd June 2018	1100	72	750
Cairns Residents Group	Cairns Open Day	12th Aug 2018	705	66	705
Cloughmills Community Action Team	Cloughmills June Fair	2nd - 3rd June 2018	2800	68	1,500
Co Antrim independent Grand Lodge Committee	Ballycastle Twelfth Festival	28th June - 12th July 2018	3000	74	750
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann	County Antrim Fleadh Cheoil	26th - 29th April 2018	1500	92	1,500
Cushendun Building Preservation Trust	Cushendun Big Arts Weekend 2018	4th - 6th May 2018	2875	80	2,875

Dervock & District Community Association	Different Shoes, Boots - But same Souls	19th - 21st July 2018	3120	72	900
Dry Arch Children's Centre	Spooky Spectacular Halloween Festival	30th Oct - 1st Nov 2018	2850	82	1,500
Dunaghy Flute Band	Dunaghy Flute Band Cultural Festival	17th - 18th July 2018	1500	68	750
Friends Of Glenariffe	Glenariffe Marquee Weekend July 2018	7th - 8th July 2018	1500	76	1,500
Garvagh District Cultural Society	The Third Tree Festival	27th - 29th Oct 2018	3000	68	1,500
Glack Community Association	Glack Family Fun Festival	25th - 26th Aug 2018	1500	68	750
Glebeside Community Association Limited	Glebeside Community Festival	7th - 8th Sep 2018	1500	68	1,500
Glenmanus Residents Association	Glenmanus Fun Day	22nd Aug 2018	750	66	750
Glór Dhún Geimhin	Féile Litríochta	6th - 9th Dec 2018	2950	72	1,500
Gortnaghey Community Association	Fun In Drum	14th - 15th July 2018	1480	80	1,380
Gortrighey AOH And Community	Gortrighey AOH Centenary Celebration	27th May 2018	750	66	600
Jimmy O' Hara CCE Roe Valley	County Derry Fleadh Cheoil 2018	24th - 27th May 2018	3000	66	750
Juniper Hill Caravan Occupiers' Association	Juniper Hill Community Festival Weekend	20th - 21st July 2018	2200	68	750
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club	Festival of Hurling	23rd - 29th July 2018	3000	84	1,500
Killowen Community Association	Killowen Garden Party	2nd June 2018	724	70	724
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society	Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Christmas Festival	3rd - 8th Dec 2018	3000	100	3,000
Loughgiel Community Association	Loughgiel Community Fun Days	TBC	1300	66	1,300

Macosquin Village Community Association	Macosquin Community Festival Day	1st - 2nd June 2018	1695	76	750
Mae Murray Foundation	All ability beach day	4th July 2018	750	66	480
Millburn Community Association	Millburn Community Festival	10th - 11th July 2018	1500	72	1,500
Moneydig Rural Network	Gig in the Dig {Barn Dance and fun in the park}	21st - 22nd Sep 2018	1500	76	1,500
Mother Goose Playgroup	House of Horrors	29th - 31st Oct 2018	7050	70	3,000
North Antrim Bands Forum	Ballymoney Winter Festival	21st - 23rd Nov 2018	3000	86	3,000
O Connors Glack GAA	Craic In Glack	3rd - 5th Aug 2018	3000	66	750
Portstewart Community Association	The Portstewart Community Red sails Festival 2018	22nd - 28th July 2018	4971	76	3,000
Pride Of The Park Flute Band	Armoy Summer Festival	11th - 12th July 2018	1500	74	1,500
Rasharkin Community Association	Rasharkin People's Festival 2018	14th - 16th June 2018	2880	74	2,880
Riding For The Disabled Association (Coleraine)	RDA Coleraine Annual Equestrian Festival	4th - 5th Aug 2018	1500	66	600
Roe Valley Residents Association	Celebrating Community Cohesion	10th - 11th July 2018	1500	66	1,500
Ullans Speakers Association	Bloody Hutchinson Festival	25th - 27th Oct 2018	1500	76	1,500
Waterfoot Residents Association	Waterfoot Community Festival	21st July 2018	995	66	625
Windyhall Community Association	Windyhall Community Festival	7th - 11th July 2018	1740	66	750
Total Amount					61,794

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Table 2: Unsuccessful Applications

Organisation	Name of Festival	Dates of Festival	Amount Requested from Council (£)	Total Score (%)
Annual Heavy Horse Show & Vintage Vehicles (Ballycastle)	Annual Heavy Horse Show & Vintage Vehicles (Ballycastle)	25th Aug 2018	985	58
Ballybogey Over 50's Club	Ballybogey Village Festival	22nd - 24th Aug 2018	400	58
Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum	Giants Festival	8th - 9th June 2018	1,500	56
Causeway Older Active Strategic Team (COAST)	COAST Festival of Ages	16th June 2018	750	62
Co Antrim Agricultural Show Society Ltd (Class Ltd)	Co Londonderry Agricultural Show	15th July 2018	2,775	60
Culcrow Primary School Parents Teachers Association	May Festival	3rd - 4th May 2018	1,500	62
Focus On Family	The Cornfield Project Family Fun Day	29th June 2018	750	58
Glenariff Improvement	A Traditional Glens Christmas	1st - 2nd Dec 2018		58
Greysteel Community Enterprises	Banks of the Foyle Festival	30th Aug - 1st Sep 2018	3,000	60
Parish Of Errigal & Desertoghill	St. Patricks Celebration	16th March 2019	550	62

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Table 3: Ineligible Applications

Organisation	Name of Festival	Festival Dates	Amount Requested from Council (£)
Area 10 North Derry County Darts	Festival of Darts	26th - 27th Jan 2019	1,500
Causeway Rural & Urban Network	CRUN Colour Run	18th Aug 2018	750
Danny Boy Jazz And Blues Festival	the Danny Boy Jazz and Blues Festival - Limavady	7th -10th Jun 2018	5,000
Northern Ireland Childrens Hospice Roe Valley Support Group	Northern Ireland Childrens Hospice Family Fun Day and Street Parade	25th Aug 2018	500