

Community Development Support Grant Social Inclusion Grant - Allocation of funding	8th March 2016
To: 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	Julie Welsh - Head of Community & Culture Louise Scullion – Community Development Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	£110,000 (indicative budget)

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant awards to be made through the following Community Development Grant Programmes for 2016-17:

- 1. Community Development Support Grant (CDSG)**
- 2. Social Inclusion Grant (SIG)**

At the time of preparation of the report, the level of grant allocated from DSD is unknown, however a Letter of Offer is expected prior to 31st March 2016.

These allocations are subject to confirmation of funding from Department for Social Development.

Background

Council Grant programmes were launched on 7th December with a closing date of 29th January, providing a period of 8 weeks for completion and submission of applications. Four Information Roadshows were held in December and early January in locations across the Borough in order to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance on the process. The Roadshows were well attended with over 130 attendees.

The Grant assessment panel, involving relevant staff, 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 recommended for funding, in line with Council's Grant Funding Policy.

1. Community Development Support Grant

Purpose of Programme:

To contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations.

Levels of Grant:

Community Development groups with premises	75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £2,000
Community Development groups without premises	75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £1,000

Details of eligibility and assessment criteria are attached at **Annex A**.

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	58
No of applications eligible for funding	52
No of unsuccessful applications	6
Total maximum eligible amount of CDSG funding requested	£84,016
Allocation of funding to Garvagh Development Trust for the GADDA Building (approved at Council meeting on 23 rd February) to come from CDSG budget	£9,000
Total eligible levels of funding requested	£93,016

A summary of the applications received, scores and recommended grant levels is included within **Annex B**. In some cases the grant amount has been reduced to reflect the 75% of eligible running costs that can be applied for. Of the 6 applications that were deemed ineligible for funding, 3 of these were referred to be considered through the Social Inclusion Grant Programme. The remaining 3 unsuccessful applicants were deemed to be within the remit of other service areas within Council and will be referred to relevant named officers for support.

2. Social Inclusion Grant**Purpose of Programme:**

To provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations that are involved in activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially isolated, to participate in social and recreational activities.

Levels of Grant:

Standard grant award level	85% of costs up to a maximum grant of £500
Specific conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount requested towards refreshment costs cannot exceed 20% of total grant No more than 50% of total grant can be allocated towards transport costs.

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	45
No. of applications referred from CDSG	3
No. of applications withdrawn	1
Total no. of applications assessed	47
No of applications eligible for funding	39
No of unsuccessful applications	8
Total eligible levels of funding requested	£18,889

A summary of the applications received, scores and recommended grant levels is included within **Annex C**. Of the 8 applications that were deemed ineligible for funding, some of these were deemed to be within the remit of other service areas within Council or Council funding programmes and will be referred as appropriate to Good Relations, Cultural Services or Sports Development. The reasons for the remaining applications being deemed ineligible were that

the organisation was not constituted; the costs were ineligible; or did not score past 65% scoring threshold.

Recommendation

Approve recommended grant awards for Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant as detailed in Annex B and C, as indicative allocations, subject to securing Letter of Offer from DSD and final confirmed budgets.

Annex A: Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant

Community Development Support Grant

Eligible organisations:

- Only Community Development Organisations which are not-for-profit organisations that are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area in which they service, promote and support community development can apply to the Community Development Support Grant Programme.
- Groups must be multi-purpose, providing or hosting a number of different activities and services for the benefit and to meet identified needs of their whole community, not just for a specific group and/or single issue within that community.
- Eligible organisations will be those that are incorporated to provide programmes and offer services aimed at improving the social, economic and environmental situation of a certain locality i.e. housing estate, village, town or district.
- Groups must demonstrate that they are well run, that they provide a voice for local concerns, are inclusive and have activities open to the whole community, adhere to democratic principles, encourage people to become active and involved in their community, meet local needs and provide local services and are working in partnership with others. This may include Community Associations, Residents' Groups, Town or Village Committees or similar.

Ineligible organisations:

- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Umbrella organisations that do not have a separate local constitution
- Organisations principally established for the delivery of activities for one specific grouping or single issue e.g. youth groups, 50+ sector
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Organisations whose primary objectives are concerned with health, education or training
- Culture, Arts and Heritage Groups
- Sports Clubs / Leisure Activity Clubs
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations

Assessment Criteria:

Eligible applications will be scored out of 10 against the following weighted criteria (weighted by 1 to 3 where indicated).

- i. Range of services and activities provided for the benefit of local communities within the Borough (weighted x 2)
- ii. Clear and realistic objectives set for incoming year (x1)

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- iii. Extent of awareness and understanding of specific needs of community / area (x1)
- iv. Targeted area of benefit in relation to deprivation measures (x3)
- v. Engagement in capacity building for group members and wider community (x2)
- vi. Promotion of social inclusion ensuring that marginalised groups feel valued and included (x2)
- vii. Promotion of partnership working with others – working on a collaborative basis to find solutions to locally identified problems (x2)
- viii. Extent of volunteer base involved in group activities (x1)
- ix. Demonstrates value for money and has a realistic budget (x2)
- x. Demonstrates ability to lever other additional funding in support of group (x2)

Social Inclusion Grant

Eligible Organisations:

- The grant programme is open to properly constituted community and voluntary organisations.
- Sports Clubs and Youth Clubs can apply to the grant programme as long as the project they are applying for is a social inclusion project that is in addition to and separate from their regular activities.

Ineligible Organisations:

- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Umbrella organisations that do not have a separate local constitution
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Uniformed youth organisations
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations
- Organisations that are applying for a Causeway Coast and Glens Community Development Support Grant in 2016-17

Assessment Criteria:

Eligible applications will be scored out of 10 against the following weighted criteria (weighted by 1 to 3 where indicated).

- i. Range and quality of project activities (weighted x2)
- ii. Number and type of beneficiaries (x 2)
- iii. Area deprivation score (x 2)
- iv. How well the project promotes and addresses social inclusion (x 3)
- v. Value for money (x 1)
- vi. Match funding/fundraising (x 1)

Annex B: Community Development Support Grant 2016-17 - Maximum Eligible Award Amounts

Applicant Organisation	Amount Requested(£)	Total Score	Max Eligible Award (£)
Aghanloo Community Association	2,000	65	1,645
Ardinariff Historical & Cultural Society	1,660	69.44	1,635
Armooy Community Association	2,000	75.56	2,000
Ballycastle Town Market CIC	2,000	not eligible for CDSG - refer to Prosp & Place	0
Ballycastle TRAINS Community Devel Group	1,000	not eligible for CDSG - refer to Prosp & Place	0
Ballykelly Community And Youth Association	2,000	68.89	2,000
Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	2,000	70.56	2,000
Benbradagh Community Support	2,000	82.22	2,000
Benedy Community Association Ltd	2,000	77.78	2,000
Boveedy Community Association	4,426	67.22	2,000
Building Ballysally Together	2,000	75.56	1,735
Burnfoot Comm Devel Association	2,000	73.89	2,000
Bushmills & District Community Association	999	76.11	999
Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum	2,000	73.33	2,000
Cairns Residents Group	947	68.89	795
Castle Community Association	1,700	70	1,700
Castlerock Community Association	1,500	77.22	1,500
Cloughmills Community Action Team	2,000	86.67	2,000
Coleraine Borough Churches Forum	1,600	not eligible for CDSG - refer to Good Rel	0
Coolessan Community Association	1,077	78.33	808
Dromboughil Community Association	2,000	80	2,000
Drumsumn Community Association	2,000	75.5	2,000
Feeny Community Association Limited	2,000	71.11	2,000
Focus On Family Nurturing & Devel Centre	2,000	81.67	2,000
Foreglen Community Association	2,000	71.67	2,000
Garvagh Development Trust	2,000	72.78	2,000
Garvagh Women's Network	1,788	not eligible for CDSG - refer Social Inc Grant	0
Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	1,403	69.44	1,403
Glenariff Improvement Group Ltd	2,120	67.22	1,000
Glenmanus Community Association	650	65.56	642
Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Devel Gp	3,127	68.89	2,000
Glór Dhún Geimhin	2,000	66.67	2,000
Gortnaghey Community Association	2,000	72.78	2,000

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Greysteel Community Association	2,000	67.78	2,000
Greysteel Community Enterprises	2,000	77.78	2,000
Killowen & Churchlands Community Assoc	680	66.67	680
Killowen Community Association	1,000	73.89	1,000
Killyrammer & District Community Association	2,000	65.56	1,282
Killyvally Residents Association	450	67.78	338
Largy Community Group	2,000	68.89	1,969
Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	2,000	80	2,000
Macosquin Village Community Association	2,010	65	2,000
Marconi Radio Group	1,200	not eligible for CDSG - refer Social Inc Grant	0
Millburn Community Association	2,000	76.67	2,000
Moneydig Rural Network	2,000	67.78	1,762
Portballintrae Residents' Association	1,000	65	1,000
Portstewart Community Association	1,000	65	1,000
Project Fusion	1,000	65.56	765
Rasharkin Community Association	2,000	65.56	2,000
Roe Valley Residents Association	2,000	81.67	2,000
Somerset Residents Association	1,000	70.56	1,000
Stranocum Community Centre	2,000	67.22	2,000
The Glens Community Association	2,000	71.11	2,000
The Keady Clachan Community Group	1,950	73.33	1,785
Vineyard Compassion	2,000	not eligible for CDSG - refer Social Inc Grant	0
Waterfoot Residents Association	800	65	788
West Bann Development	2,000	86.67	2,000
Windyhall Community Association	900	67.22	785
	100,986		84,016

*Plus additional allocation of £9,000 as agreed by Council towards Garvagh Development Trust

Annex C: Social Inclusion Grant 2016-17 - Maximum Eligible Award Amounts

Organisation	Amount Requested(£)	Total Score	Max Eligible Award (£)
Age Concern Causeway	495	76.36	495
Ballerin GAC	500	70	500
Ballybogy Over 50's Club	500	78.18	500
Ballymoney Borough Churches Forum	553	refer to Good Relations	0
Ballymoney Evergreen Club	760	73.64	500
Beautiful Minds	500	70.91	500
Bee Heard	575	70	489
B'money Ornothological Society	495	69.09	421
BRG Lint Dam Allotments Group	500	73.64	500
Burnfoot Seniors Group	1200	72.73	500
Bushmills Children & Young Peoples Services P'ship	500	69.09	500
CAN Compass Advocacy Network Ltd	485	73.64	472
Causeway Hospital Radio	1150	70.91	500
Causeway Rural & Urban Network	500	70.91	500
Causeway U3A	500	70	500
Coleraine & District Talking News	500	70.91	500
Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum	356	70.91	356
Coleraine Borough Churches Forum	700	refer to Good Relations	0
Coleraine Cage Bird Society	900	65.45	500
Community Rescue Service (CRS)	500	70	500
Crafts With Love	500	74.55	500
Dungiven Regeneration Club	500	70.91	500
Friends Of Moving On Up	500	withdrawn	0
Garvagh Cultural Awareness	524	74.55	445
Garvagh Women's Network	1,788	75.45	500
Glór Léim And Mhadaidh	828	65.45	500
Gortnaghey Social Club	1000	72.73	500
Hands That Talk	500	80	500
Home-Start Causeway	500	70.91	500
HOPE	500	77.27	500
Jimmy O' Hara Ceoltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Roe Valley	500	refer to Cultural Services	0
Kilrea Ageing Well Club	425	70.91	425
Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster Scots Society	500	73.64	500

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Knit & Knatter	500	70	425
Limavady Community Development Initiative	2000	78.18	500
Marconi Radio Group	1,200	67.27	500
Mossida Women's Institute	500	78.18	500
North Antrim Bands Forum	500	77.27	500
North West Of Ireland Cricket Union	500	refer to Sports Development	0
Northern Ireland Fife Fancy Canary Club	1020	69.09	500
Portstewart Music Festival	1610	ineligible - not constituted	0
Riding For The Disabled Association Coleraine	500	77.27	500
Tapp Friens Community Group	575	66.36	500
The Open Door Ballymoney	500	70	500
Ullans Speakers Association	500	refer to Cultural Services	0
Vineyard Compassion	2,000	not eligible project costs	0
Windyhall 50+ Club	424	70.91	361
Zomba Action Project (ZAP)	1445	30.91	0
TOTAL	34507.9		18,889