

Title of Report:	Community Development Grant Programme 2022-23 Community Development Support Grant Social Inclusion Grant
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	15 March 2022
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
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

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£96,846.52 net cost to Council (£148,106.52 gross cost inc DfC anticipated contribution)
Included in Current Year Estimates	<u>YES/NO</u>
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	33201
Staffing Costs	n/a

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	<u>Yes/No</u>	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the outcome of the assessment of the applications received to the following two Grant Programmes for 2022-23 and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the programmes:

- i. Community Development Support Grant.
- ii. Social Inclusion Grant.

2.0 Background

The Department for Communities provides annual funding to Council through the Community Support Programme which contributes towards 50% of the Community Development Support Grant (CDSG) and Social Inclusion Grant (SIG) Programmes.

In September 2021 the Leisure & Development Committee recommended several changes to the CDSG and SIG as part of reducing bureaucracy in Council's grant making which were ratified by Full Council. These included:

- i. Reducing the number of questions in the application form;
- ii. Replacing scoring of application forms with pass or fail responses;
- iii. Providing funding for a 3 year term (subject to DfC funding).

The Community Development Team undertook an in-depth review of the CDSG for 2022-23, and several changes were recommended to the October Leisure & Development Committee and subsequently ratified by Full Council. In addition, Council agreed to an increase of £43,750 to the budget, providing a budget of £146,270 for the two programmes combined. For the purposes of decision making, the assumption is made that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2021-22 amounts.

The grant programmes were opened for applications on 1st December 2021 with a closing date of 21st January 2022. An online workshop was delivered for potential applicants to explain the changes to the programmes and to provide guidance on how to apply to the programmes. This was well attended with representatives from **27 organisations attending**.

Officers carried out eligibility checks and assessed the applications against the pass/fail criteria and the results were presented to the Grants Governance Panel on 17th February for consideration.

3.0 Community Development Support Grant

3.1 Purpose of Grant Programme: To contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations.

3.2 Levels of Grant available:

The changes made to the programme for 2022-23 are as follows:

Three categories of awards were established to allow a differentiation between differing sized premises and differing scale of activities.

- i. Category 1: Community development groups directly providing a programme of activities. The group has its own premises including a hall/space adaptable for a range of activities with one or more meeting rooms, hired by at least two other groups on a regular (at least monthly) basis.
- ii. Category 2: Community development groups directly providing a programme of activities with premises for their own use, which isn't hired by two or more regular user groups.
- iii. Category 3: Community development groups that provide a programme of activities without their own premises.

The Grant level was increased to reflect increasing operating costs for community groups - an increase from £2,000 to £3,500 for Category 1 groups; an increase from £2,000 to £2,500 for category 2 groups; an increase from £1,000 to £1,250 for Category 3 groups. Community Development groups can apply for grants of up to 75% of costs to the relevant category level. An extract from the Guidance Notes for the grant programmes, detailing eligibility and assessment criteria, is attached at **Annex A**.

3.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	71
No. of applications from ineligible organisations eg. sports clubs, playgroups, religious organisations	11
No. of applications with insufficient range of activities	6
No. of successful applications	54
Total value of CDSG funding recommended	£143,122.02

A list of the applications received, the assessment results and maximum eligible funding amount recommended are listed in **Annex B**.

Officers from the Community Development team will provide detailed feedback to the ineligible or unsuccessful applicant organisations and can offer support to develop projects and source other funding.

4.0 Social Inclusion Grant

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

4.2 Levels of Grant: 85% of costs up to a maximum grant of £500.

4.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	12
No. of ineligible applications	2
No. of successful applications	10
Total value of SIG funding recommended	£4,984.50

Notes. A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount recommended are listed in **Annex C**.

5.0 Summary

Amount recommended for funding through CDSG	£143,122.02
Amount recommended for funding through SIG	£4,984.50
Total Amount recommended for funding	£148,106.52
Total budget available*	£146,270.00
DfC contribution*	£51,260.00
Anticipated net cost to Council	£96,846.52

*Based on assumption that DfC allocations to Council will be at the same rate as 2021-22 amounts.

The total amount recommended for funding for CDSG and SIG combined is £1,836.52 above the amount budgeted for. Given that there tends to be a level of underclaiming of the CDSG as a result of groups not claiming their grant award in full, it is recommended that the levels of grant recommended are awarded in full and the small additional budget, if needed, be taken from the Community Development programme budget.

6.0 Recommendations

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant for 2022-23 as detailed in Annex B & C, subject to the necessary funding being available from DfC.
- ii. In the event that confirmation of funding hasn't been received from DfC by 1st April 2022, issue letters of offer at risk to successful applicants in order to ensure that community groups don't experience a delay in their funding for operating costs.

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

Community Development Support Grant

Eligible organisations:

- Only Community Development Organisations which are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area in which they service, promote and support community development can apply.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. 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 (such organisations should apply to the Social Inclusion Grant)
- Culture, Arts and Heritage Groups (such organisations should apply to the Culture, Arts & Heritage Grant)
- Sports Clubs / Leisure Activity Clubs (such organisations should contact Council's Sport & Well-being section for support)
- Organisations whose primary objectives are concerned with health, education or training
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations

Assessment Criteria:

If the organisation, based on the information supplied, is able to satisfy Council of their eligibility for the Community Development Support Grant Programme they will be assessed on a Pass/ Fail basis as indicated in the table below.

Is organisation 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?	Yes/ No		
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If Yes Does the organisation operate (own or lease) community premises that are used/hired by other organisations	Yes	hired by <u>at least</u> 2 other groups at least monthly?	Awards of up to £3,500
		hired by <u>at less than</u> 2 other groups at least monthly.	Awards of up to £2,500
	No	Award of up to £1,250	
Full itemized breakdown of all costs provided	Amount awarded based on eligibility of costs and Category limit as above.		

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:

- Individuals
- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Organisations with an annual income in excess of £50,000
- 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 successful in applying for a Community Development Support Grant for 2022-23

Assessment Criteria:

will be assessed on a Pass/ Fail basis as indicated in the table below.

Will the project provide activities for people that are socially isolated within the community?	Yes/ No
Have the beneficiaries been identified?	Yes/ No
Has a full itemized breakdown of costs been provided	Yes/ No

Annex B: Community Development Support Grant 2022-23 Recommended Grant Awards

	Amount applied for (£)	Recommended (yes/no)	Amount recommended (£)
Ardinariff Historical and Cultural Society	£2,175.00	Yes	£2,175.00
Armoy Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Articlave District Community Association	£3,372.36	Yes	£2,500.00
Ballinlea Community Group	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,250.00
Ballykelly Mens Shed & Community Association	£3,500.10	No	£0.00
Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	£2,500.50	Yes	£2,500.00
Bann Valley Community Association	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,250.00
Benbradagh Community Support	£2,000.00	Yes	£2,000.00
Benedy Community Association Limited	£3,616.55	Yes	£2,500.00
Boveedy Community Association	£5,035.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Building Ballysally Together	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Burnfoot Community Development Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Cairns Residents Group	£924.57	Yes	£693.43
Castlerock Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Causeway Coast Vineyard Church	£2,000.00	No	£0.00
Causeway Voluntary Action Trust	£2,817.51	Yes	£2,817.51
Cloughmills Community Action Team	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Coleraine Festival Committee	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Coolessan Community Association	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,245.00
Cushendall Development Group	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Cushendun Building Preservation Trust	£3,342.00	Yes	£3,342.00
Dunloy Stronger Together	£3,500.00	No	£0.00
Dervock & District Community Association	£2,500.00	No	£0.00
Dromboughil Community Association	£2,500.00	Yes	£2,500.00
Drumsurn Community Association	£2,500.00	Yes	£2,500.00
Dungiven Men's Shed	£2,500.00	No	£0.00
Dungiven Regeneration Club	£3,600.00	Yes	£2,500.00
Dunloy Development Partnership	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Eagle Glen Community Partnership Ltd	£2,000.00	Yes	£2,000.00
Feeny Community Association Limited	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Focus on Family Nurturing & Development Centre	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Foreglen Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Friends of Glenariffe	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Garvagh Development Trust	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	£2,017.00	Yes	£2,170.00
Glens Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£2,500.00
Glens Youth Club	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Glenshane Community Development Limited	£3,500.00	No	£0.00
Glór Léim An Mhadaidh	£3,662.56	Yes	£2,746.92
Glór Na Maoile	£1,250.00	No	£0.00

Gortnaghey Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Greysteel Community Association	£2,500.00	Yes	£2,500.00
Greysteel Community Enterprises	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Grow The Glens CIC	£1,300.00	No	£0.00
Hands That Talk	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Killowen & Churchlands Community Assoc (KACCA)	£540.00	Yes	£540.00
Killowen Community Association	£1,250.00	yes	£1,050.00
Kilrea And District Ulster Scots Society	£750.00	No	£0.00
Largy Community Association	£2,449.00	No	£0.00
Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Loughguile Gaelic Athletic Club	£3,500.00	No	£0.00
Macosquin Village Community Association	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,250.00
Magilligan Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Millburn Community Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Moneydig Rural Network	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,250.00
Mosside Community Association	£1,250.00	Yes	£1,150.00
Mother Goose Playgroup	£1,000.00	No	£0.00
North Antrim Cultural & Musical Society (NACMS)	£2,625.00	Yes	£2,625.00
Northern Ireland Blind Golf	£1,000.00	No	£0.00
Portballintrae Residents Association (PRA)	£867.25	Yes	£867.25
Portstewart Community Association	£1,600.00	Yes	£1,150.00
Portstewart FC	£4,388.50	No	£0.00
Portstewart Regeneration and Cultural Group	£3,299.91	Yes	£3,299.91
Rathlin Development & Community Association	£3,250.00	Yes	£3,250.00
RDA Causeway Coast and Glens Ltd Aka RDA Coleraine	£3,500.00	No	£0.00
Roe Valley Residents Association	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
St Patrick's Hall Committee	£3,500.00	No	£0.00
Stranocum Community Centre	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
The Coast Office	£2,225.00	No	£0.00
West Bann Development	£3,500.00	Yes	£3,500.00
Windyhall Community Association	£1,000.00	Yes	£1,000.00
			£143,122.02

Annex C: Social Inclusion Grant 2022-23 Recommended Grant Awards

Organisation	Recommended for funding	Amount Recommended
Ashes To Gold	Yes	£484.50
Ballintoy Young At Heart Club	Yes	£500.00
Burnfoot Seniors Club	Yes	£500.00
Coleraine & District Talking News	Yes	£500.00
Cushendun And District Development Association	Yes	£500.00
Dervock & District Community Association	Yes	£500.00
Dunloy Football Club	Yes	£500.00
Glens Wellbeing Group	No	£0.00
Gortnaghey Social Club	Yes	£500.00
Greysteel Community Association	No	£0.00
Northern Ireland Blind Golf	Yes	£500.00
RDA Causeway Coast and Glens Ltd, Formerly RDA Coleraine	Yes	£500.00
		£4,984.50