

<b>Annual Review of Funding Unit</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>
<b>To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Accelerating Our Economy and Contributing to Prosperity
<b>Outcome</b>	Work with partners to maximise investment funding opportunities from external sources including
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Funding Unit Manager
<b>Cost: (If applicable)</b>	N/A

**The purpose of this report is to review the performance of Council's Funding Unit for the period 2018-19.**

### **Introduction**

The Funding Unit was established in 2015 with the appointment of the Funding Unit Manager in October 2015. The strategic function of the Unit is to provide funding support services.

The Service has **4 Strategic Aims** as outlined in the 2018/19 Business Case:

1. **Securing Funding:** To secure increased levels of funding to support Councils priorities, strategies and business plans.
2. **Business Support for EU & UK Funding Programmes:** To provide business support for EU and UK funding Programmes and Projects.
3. **External Engagement:** To develop and manage external working relationships and to support organisations in sourcing funding.
4. **Management & Administration of Council's Grant Funding:** Corporate management & administration of Council's Grant Funding programmes.

### **Progress against Business Plan**

#### **Strategic Aim 1: Securing Funding.**

To secure increased levels of funding to support Councils priorities, strategies and business plans.

In the 2018/19 period the Funding Unit have worked on 18 external applications to 10 different funders:

17 projects were successful in securing a combined total of £4,397,038. (**Annex A**)

- £86,767.00 match funding was required from Council.
- For every pound of funding supplied by Council £51 of external funding has been received.

#### **Waiting a decision:**

1 x application totalling £500,000 is awaiting a decision.

- £307,702.15 to be provided by Council in match funding

In the 2017/19 period the Funding Unit have worked on 6 external applications and secured £6,101,051. (**Annex A**)

### **Strategic Aim 2: Business Support for EU & UK Funding Programmes.**

To provide business support for EU and UK funding Programmes and Projects:

- Claim processing for external applications.
- Equality data capture.
- Business support services for EU funding programmes have not been required in the 2018/19 financial period. (RDP and PEACE IV)

### **Strategic Aim 3: External Engagement**

(To develop and manage external working relationships and to support organisations in sourcing funding)

- In the 2018/19 period the Funding Unit worked on one external partnership project (Ballycastle Shared Campus Project).
- 25 Community Organisations supported in funding searches.
- 4 external community organisations supported in major (over £30k) grant applications.
- 6 x Funding Roadshows held.

### **Strategic Aim 4: Management & Administration of Council's Grant Funding.**

Corporate management & administration of Council's Grant Funding programmes.

In the 2018-19 Grant Funding Period the Funding Unit administered 16 Grant programmes:

- One central online funding hub implemented for the receipt, assessment and processing of all Council grant aid.
- Streamlined grant application, assessment, award and project monitoring processes.
- 16 grant programmes developed and delivered (guidance notes, application forms, assessment forms, monitoring forms, claims forms developed).
- 389 applications totalling £1,244,665.76 were received and processed.
- 386 eligibility checks undertaken (compliance & governance - constitutions checked and verified; accounts checked).
- 358 applications assessed.
- 279 applications successful.
- 101 ineligible or unsuccessful applications received feedback.
- 279 letters of Offer issued totalling £800,646.80.
- 146 payments processed.
- £665,643.33 worth of expenditure vouched & paid.

(**Annex B: Council Grants programme summary**)

(**Annex C: Vouching & Payments**)

## Annex A: Successful External Applications 2018/19

	Project	Funder	Head of Service	Total Project Costs (£)	17/18 Awards (£)	18/19 Awards (£)	Council Contribution (£)	Other Funder (£)
1	CCTV provision at Riada Stadium	Sport NI	WMcC	20,000		20,000		
2	Beach Access at Benone	SportNI	PT	32,500		32,500		
3	Garvagh Forest Trails	Sport NI	PT			120,000		
4	Garvagh Forest Trails	DAERA	PT	597,655		417,773	29,882	
5	Garvagh Forest Trails	Landfill Communities Fund	PT	-		30,000		
6	Ballycastle Shared Space Project	SEUPB Peace IV	WMcC	2,800,000		2,800,000		
7	Sea Gods, Ship Wrecks & Sidhe Folk	Heritage Lottery Fund	JW	56,500		56,500		
8	Armed Forces Day	The Hon The Irish Society	DJ	-		£10,000		
9	Armed Forces Day	Ministry of Defence	DJ	20,000		£10,000	£10,000	
10	Multi - Agency Sports Hubs	DoJ	WMcC	3,600		3,600		
11	Inclusive Golf Project	DfC	WMcC	7,500		7,500		
12	Ballycastle Ballymoney Greenway Design Study	DfI	PT	25,000		25,000		
13	Village Renewal	DAERA	PB	90,000	67,500	-	22,500	
14	IAT Feasibility Study	DAERA	PT	4,434	4,434	-		

	Project	Funder	Head of Service	Total Project Costs (£)	17/18 Awards (£)	18/19 Awards (£)	Council Contribution (£)	Other Funder (£)
15	Coastal Regeneration	DAERA	PT	4,137	4,137	-		
16	Rivers Based Recreation	DAERA	PT	3,750	3,750	-		
17	Yellow Frames Project	DAERA	PT	170,719	-	128,040	17,072	
18	Coastal & Dune Management	DAERA	PT	146,260	-	106,447	7,313	32,500
19	Magheracross Viewpoint Project	DAERA / LCF	PT	-	-	-		
20	Dunluce Car Park Upgrade	DfC	JR	23,670	-	23,670		
21	West Bay Car Park Upgrade	DfC	JR	117,771	-	117,771		
22	Portrush Public Realm 1	DfC	PB	250,000	250,000	-		
23	Portrush Public Realm 2	DfC	PB	5,771,230	5,771,230	-		
24	Portrush Revitalise	DfC	PB	488,238	-	488,238		
	<b>Overall Totals</b>			£10,632,964	<b>£6,101,051</b>	<b>£4,397,038</b>	£86,767	£32,500

**Annex B: Council Grants Summary 18/19**

Grant	No of Applications	No Withdrawn	No Ineligible	No Rejected	No Successful	Budget	Amount requested	LoO Amount
Building a United Community Fund	18	1	5	3	9	£15,000.00	£20,654.20	£13,487.00
Capital Grants – Large	6	0	0	0	0	£750,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Capital Grants – Small	6	0	2	0	4		£66,663.00	£71,807.50
Community Development Support Grant	72	0	5	9	58	£94,122.00	£146,416.90	£95,019.57
Community Festivals Fund	58	1	4	10	43	£71,490.00	£116,544.60	£61,044.00
Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	43	1	0	12	30	£21,000.00	£44,056.77	£30,439.00
Enterprise Fund	15	0	2	6	7	£50,000.00	£174,905.93	£50,000.00
Every Body Active	55	0	3	14	38	£34,936.00	£52,849.69	£20,194.47
Festive Fund	19	0	0	0	19	£4,240.00	£5,040.00	£4,690.00
Individual Arts Bursary	4	0	0	0	4	£3,000.00	£3,743.76	£3,743.76
Landfill Community Fund	7	0	2	0	5	£127,060.71	£111,300.00	£108,662.50
Large Events Funding	11	0	2	0	9	£242,426.00	£321,017.00	£241,465.00
Policing and Community Safety Grants Programme	20	0	0	6	14	£65,000.00	£120,406.80	£76,417.50
Small Events Funding	4	0	1	1	2	£7,700.00	£37,470.00	£8,982.00
Social Inclusion Grant	41	0	5	9	27	£15,575.00	£20,707.11	£12,694.50
Youth Creative Skills Bursary	10	0	0	0	10	£3,000.00	£2,890.00	£2,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>£1,504,549.71</b>	<b>£1,244,665.76</b>	<b>£800,646.80</b>

## Annex C Vouching & Payments

	<b>Grant</b>	<b>No of Payments</b>	<b>Total Paid &amp; Vouched</b>
1.	Building a United Community Fund	12	£10,850.00
2.	Capital Grants – Large	8	£300,677.00
3.	Capital Grants – Small	0	£0.00
4.	Community Development Support Grant	26	£27,213.08
5.	Community Festivals Fund	35	£35,449.95
6.	Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Scheme	13	£10,658.83
7.	Enterprise Fund	7	£27,696.58
8.	Every Body Active	5	£4,005.29
9.	Festive Fund	5	£1,230.00
10.	Individual Arts Bursary	5	£2,343.20
11.	Landfill Community Fund	0	£0.00
12.	Large Events Funding	13	£229,771.44
13.	Policing and Community Safety Grants Programme	4	£9,858.21
14.	Small Events Funding	1	£2,250.00
15.	Social Inclusion Grant	5	£2,239.75
16.	Youth Creative Skills Bursary	7	£1,400.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>£665,643.33</b>