

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: Leisure & Development Committee

Community Development Support Grant Programme

14th April 2015

For Information

15.0 Report to Committee

Linkage to Interim Corporate Plan	
Strategic Themes	Health & Wellbeing Cohesive Community
Lead Officer	Richard Baker - Director of Leisure & Development Julie Welsh – Community Services Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information on the assessment and timeframe for the processing of Community Festivals applications.

15.1 Background

Following approval of the Community Development Strategy by Council, both the Department for Social Development and the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure have confirmed match funding of £229,786 and £31,000 respectively. Staff have subsequently launched both the Community Development Small Grants and Community Festival Fund for applications from community and voluntary organisations.

The purpose of the Community Development Support Grant Programme is to contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations. The purpose of the Community Festivals Fund is to support Community Festivals taking place in the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area. The closing date for submission of completed applications for both of these programmes will be no later than 4pm on Friday 1st May 2015.

Organisations interested in applying for are invited to attend information roadshows which will take place as follows:

Tues 14th April, 12.00 noon	Coleraine Town Hall
Tues 14th April, 7.00pm	Council Offices, Limavady
Wed 15th April, 10.30am	Ballymoney Town Hall
Wed 15th April, 7.00pm	Sheskburn House, Ballycastle

The assessment process undertaken will be consistent with the Grant Funding Policy as agreed by Council in February 2015 with the exception of one amendment. Due to the timeframe for assessment of a substantial volume of applications, and to facilitate implementation of projects within the communities' timeframe, applications in this instance will be presented directly to the full Council meeting in May.