

FOR DECISION

Community Development Support Grant & Social Inclusion Grant - Allocation of funding	12th March 2019
LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	

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)	£110,000 (<i>gross</i>) £57,524 (<i>net budget forecasted budget</i>)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the outcome of the assessment of the applications received to the Community Development Grant Programmes for 2019-20 and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the two programmes:

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

Approximately 48% of the Community Development Support Grants are provided through the annual Department for Communities (DfC) District Council Community Support Programme. At the time of writing the report, the amount of funding from DfC through the Community Support Programme (excluding the monies ring-fenced for Advice Provision) for 2019-20 is not yet known. The amount of funding allocated to grants from DfC for 2018-19 was £52,476.

Background

The Community Development Support and Social Inclusion grants form part of Council's Community Development Strategy strategic priority 1 'Developing the capacity of the community sector' adopted by Council in 2015.

As part of the business planning process, a report was brought forward to Council in November 2018 to approve all grant funding programmes for the 19/20 period, inclusive of both of the aforementioned grant programmes.

Information Roadshows were held in early December in four locations across the Borough in order to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance about the detail of the individual grant programmes.

CDSG and SIG programmes were opened for applications on 4th December 2018 with a closing date of 1st February 2019, allowing over 8 weeks for completion and submission of applications.

The Community Development team assessed applications received 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.

A review was carried out of the CDSG programme in September 2018 and taking on board feedback from community groups the criteria were changed and the application form was adjusted to make it less onerous to complete. Feedback received from several groups that submitted applications indicates that the new application form was easier to complete this year. An extract from the Guidance Notes for the two grant programmes, detailing eligibility and assessment criteria, is attached at **Annex A**.

Community Development Support Grant

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

Levels of Grant available: Community Development groups with premises could apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £2,000. Community Development groups without premises could apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £1,000

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	67
Total value of applications received	£114,842.46
No. of ineligible applicants	9
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	9
No. of successful applications (scoring 65% and above)	49
Total value of CDSG funding recommended	£86,881.96

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

Nine applicant organisations were deemed to be ineligible as the applicant organisation did not meet the criteria for the grant programmes.

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: 85% of costs up to a maximum grant of £500

Applications Received:

No. of applications received	36
Total value of applications received	£17,918.00
No. of ineligible applications	6
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	2
No. of successful applications scoring 65% or more	28
Total maximum eligible amount of SIG funding requested	£12,283.00

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

Four applications were ineligible as they had already applied for and were eligible to receive a Community Development Support Grant and as stated in the Guidance Notes, '*organisations that intend to apply for a Community Development Support Grant from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are not eligible to apply for a Social Inclusion Grant.*'

One of the ineligible application was not deemed to be an eligible activity through SIG as it was for regular sporting activities of a sporting organisations and sports clubs can only apply if the project is specifically a social inclusion project in addition to and separate from their regular sporting activities. The applicant will be directed elsewhere for support.

The remaining eligible applications was deemed to be ineligible as it was deemed to be the responsibility of another funder (DfC Volunteer Strategy).

Two applications did not score sufficiently high enough to be awarded a grant. Community Development Officers can provide feedback and capacity building support to these groups in order to increase their capacity and to source and apply for other funding.

Proposal for additional support

Eleven of the applications from the above grant programmes did not score high enough to meet the minimum threshold required for the grant programmes ie 65%. Community Development Officers will provide feedback to these organisations and recommend the

provision of a bespoke programme of capacity building support to include support with programme development, sourcing and applying for funding.

In the event of available budget after the grant awards have been allocated, it is proposed that a capacity building programme be facilitated through staff to support for unsuccessful applicant groups, focussing on developing community engagement and relevant social inclusion activities within the respective communities. This would be subject to participation in the capacity building programme. The total value attributed to these activities would be up to the value of up to £10,836 of the uncommitted budget is allocated to this programme.

Summary

Total amount eligible/recommended for funding (CDSG & SIG)	£99,164.96
Total recommended for capacity building resource allocations	£10, 836
Budget forecasted*	£110,000
Anticipated net cost 19/20 to Council	£57,524

**(subject to budgetary process for 19/20 and based on gross 18/19 budget)*

At the time of preparation of the report, the level of grant to be allocated to Council for 2019-20 by DfC is unknown, however the planning assumption is £52,524 based on 18/19 budget.

Recommendations

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grants and Social Inclusion Grants as detailed in Annex B, subject to the necessary funding being available from DfC and final confirmed budget.**
- ii. Provide a bespoke programme of capacity building support to the 11 unsuccessful applicant groups for the CDSG and SIG grants, to include a resource allocation per group from the total remaining grant budget of £10,836, subject to participation in the support programme, availability of funding from DfC and final confirmed budget,**

Annex A: Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant 2019-20

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

CDSG Assessment Criteria:

Eligible applications will be scored out of 5 against the following weighted criteria).

Criteria	Weighting
Range of activities and beneficiaries	X2
Needs of the community	X1
Extent of awareness and understanding of needs of community	X1
How well activities of the group address needs of the community	X1
Level of Deprivation (NIMDM 2017)	X2
Other income levered in	X1

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
- 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 in 2019-20

Assessment Criteria:

Eligible applications will be scored out of 5 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 1)
- iv. How well the project promotes and addresses social inclusion (x 3)

Annex B: Community Support Grant & Social Inclusion Grants Recommendations for Awards

Table 1: Successful applications

	Organisation	Amount Requested (£)	Assessment Score (%)	Amount Recommended (£)
1	Aghanloo Community Association	2,000.00	75	2,000.00
2	Armoyn Community Centre	2,000.00	77.5	2,000.00
3	Ballybogey Community Association	2,000.00	75	2,000.00
4	Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	1,999.50	80	1,999.50
5	Bann Valley Community Association	1,000.00	70	1,000.00
6	Benbradagh Community Support	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
7	Benedy Community Association Limited	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
8	Boveedy Community Association	2,000.00	80	2,000.00
9	Building Ballysally Together	2,000.00	70	2,000.00
10	Burnfoot Community Development Association	2,000.00	65	2,000.00
11	Bushmills & District Community Association	1,000.00	75	1,000.00
12	Castle Community Association	1,618.46	72.5	1,618.46
13	Castlerock Community Association	2,000.00	70	2,000.00
14	Cloughmills Community Action Team	2,000.00	77.5	2,000.00
15	Coolessan Community Association	1,000.00	65	1,000.00
16	Cushendall Development Group	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
17	Dernaflaw Community Association	750.00	85	750.00
18	Dervock & District Community Association	1,920.00	70	1,920.00
19	Dromboughil Community Association	2,000.00	80	2,000.00
20	Drumsumn Community Association	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
21	Eagle Glen Community Partnership Ltd	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
22	Feeny Community Association Limited	2,000.00	75	2,000.00
23	Focus On Family Nurturing & Development Ctre	2,000.00	65	2,000.00
24	Foreglen Community Association	2,000.00	75	2,000.00
25	Friends Of Glenariffe	1,998.00	80	1,998.00
26	Garvagh Development Trust	2,000.00	87.5	2,000.00
27	Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd	1,696.00	72.5	1,696.00
28	Glack Community Association	1,000.00	72.5	1,000.00
29	Glenariff Improvement Group	1,000.00	65	1,000.00
30	Glór Dhún Geimhin	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
31	Gortnaghey Community Association	2,000.00	95	2,000.00
32	Greysteel Community Association	2,000.00	65	2,000.00
33	Greysteel Community Enterprises	2,000.00	80	2,000.00
34	Hands That Talk	2,000.00	80	2,000.00
35	Largy Community Association	2,000.00	70	2,000.00
36	Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
37	Magilligan Community Association	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
38	Millburn Community Association	2,000.00	75	2,000.00
39	Moneydig Rural Network	2,000.00	67.5	1,000.00

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40	Mosside Community Association	1,000.00	82.5	1,000.00
41	Rasharkin Community Association	2,000.00	72.5	2,000.00
42	Rasharkin Community Centre	2,000.00	82.5	2,000.00
43	Rathlin Development & Community Assoc	2,000.00	75	2,000.00
44	Roe Valley Residents Association	2,000.00	80	2,000.00
45	Stranocum And District Development Group	1,000.00	65	1,000.00
46	Stranocum Community Centre	2,000.00	67.5	2,000.00
47	The Glens Community Association	2,000.00	85	2,000.00
48	The Keady Clachan Community Group	1,892.48	70	2,000.00
49	Windyhall Community Association	1,000.00	67.5	900.00
		87,874.44		86,881.96

Table 2: Unsuccessful applications

	Organisation	Amount* Requested (£)	Assessment Score (%)	Amount Recommended (£)
1	Ardinariff Historical & Cultural Society	1,660.00	55	0.00
2	Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum	2,000.00	62.5	0.00
3	Cairns Residents Group	985.02	60	0.00
4	Derrykeighan & District Community Assoc	2,000.00	60	0.00
5	Dungiven Regeneration Club	2,000.00	62.5	0.00
6	Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Development Gp	1,875.00	60	0.00
7	Killowen Community Association	1,000.00	62.5	0.00
8	Macosquin Village Community Association	2,000.00	57.5	0.00
9	Portstewart Community Association	896.00	57.5	0.00

Table 3: Ineligible applications

	Organisation	Amount* Requested (£)	Assessment Score (%)	Amount Recommended (£)
1	Ballyspallen Cricket Club	552.00	ineligible	0.00
2	Computer Technology Club CIC	2,000.00	ineligible	0.00
3	Cushendun Building Preservation Trust	2,000.00	ineligible	0.00
4	Dunloy Football Club	1,000.00	ineligible	0.00
5	Garvagh And Aghadowey Great War Society	1,000.00	ineligible	0.00
6	Heart of the Glens Festival	2,000.00	ineligible	0.00
7	Kilrea And District Ulster Scots Society	1,000.00	ineligible	0.00
8	St. Mary's, Rasharkin G.A.A. Club	2,000.00	ineligible	0.00
9	Zomba Action Project (ZAP)	1,000.00	ineligible	0.00