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| <b>Culture, Arts &amp; Heritage Grant Programme 2016-17</b>      | <b>11th October 2016</b> |
| <b>To: Leisure and Development Committee<br/>For Information</b> |                          |

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| <b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b> |   |
| <b>Strategic Theme</b>                       | Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities  |
| <b>Outcome</b>                               | Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough |
| <b>Lead Officers</b>                         | Head of Community & Culture<br>Cultural Services Manager                                    |
| <b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)                 | £21,000   |

**The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Programme 2016-17.**

## **Background**

The Culture, Arts and Heritage Grant Programme was launched on 3 May 2016. Four Information Roadshows were held across the Borough to provide potential applicants with information about the new online application process and information specific to the programme.

The purpose of the programme is to support local groups to promote and develop cultural, arts and heritage projects and activities in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. It is open for applications on a rolling basis until the fund has been expended. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for eligible projects. Council will only pay a maximum of 75% of the total project costs. The total budget allocated to the programme is £21,000.

Applicants must be from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. They must be formally constituted, not-for-profit organisations which are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area in which they serve. These include Cultural, Arts and Heritage groups, community development groups, other organisations involved in Culture, Arts or Heritage development work and umbrella organisations provided that their work takes place at a local level.

The types of projects which can be funded include the following:

- Training and skills development programmes.
- Projects and events which develop arts and heritage at a local level and make them more accessible for all.
- Learning activities which are not for profit and organised by groups for the community e.g. talks, courses, seminars.
- Cultural resources including publication, exhibitions, trails, digital resources.

Examples of eligible expenditure are venue hire, tutors fees, performance fees, materials, insurance, marketing and publicity.

Applications are assessed by a panel of officers from within Community and Culture. Applicants are required to attain a score of least 65%.

Groups who are eligible for funding must demonstrate how they meet the following assessment criteria:

- Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a culture, arts and heritage ethos.
- Clear and realistic objectives for the project.
- A clear understanding of how the project objectives link to the Culture, Arts and Heritage Strategy aims.
- Ability, skills and experience of the group which enables them to deliver the project.
- A clear understanding of how the project will address Culture, Arts and Heritage needs in their area.
- Detailed explanation of planned promotion of the project.

#### Applications Received May-September 2016

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| No of applications received     | <b>22</b>      |
| No of successful applications   | <b>15</b>      |
| No of unsuccessful applications | <b>2</b>       |
| No of ineligible applications   | <b>2</b>       |
| No of applications resubmitted  | <b>2</b>       |
| No of applications withdrawn    | <b>1</b>       |
| Total budget allocated          | <b>£13,185</b> |
| Budget unspent                  | <b>£6,815</b>  |

#### Successful Applications

| Group                             | Project   | Amount Awarded |
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| Ballerin GAC                      | 4-day summer scheme for 150 children in Ballerin GAC with community showcase event on the final day. Activities include local history, Irish language and traditional arts and crafts.  | £700           |
| Bann Valley Community Association | Traditional music classes for 20 young people in Eden Hall, Bendooragh. The classes will run for 14 weeks and conclude with a public showcase event.  | £950           |
| Beautiful Minds                   | Creating Limavady Workhouse Memorial course in Beautiful Minds drop in centre in Limavady. A 6-week course for 12 participants using expressive arts techniques, concluding with a celebration event and unveiling of a piece of artwork. | £660           |
| Carey Faughs                      | Heritage project focusing on a historic hurling match which took place in 1904 between Carey Faughs and Glenarm, two of the oldest teams in North Antrim.   | £1,000         |
| Cloughmills Community Guides      | Series of arts and craft workshops for young girls aged 11-14 living in a rural community. These include  | £600           |

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|  | ceramics, jewellery making, decoupage and photography.   |        |
| Coleraine Festival Committee             | 10-week mini-banner painting course for 12-15 people in Coleraine Ulster Scots Resource Centre. The course will conclude with an exhibition of the work in the centre.   | £875   |
| Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Dun Lathai  | Music classes for 50 young people in St Joseph's Parish Hall Dunloy, with showcase events. Classes include guitar, tin whistle, flute, accordion, singing, banjo, mandolin and fiddle.   | £1,000 |
| DU Dance                                 | An intergenerational dance project involving young people and an over 50s group in the Ballymoney area. Includes creative and old time dancing, visual arts and singing and will conclude with a Dance Hall Extravaganza showcase event. | £1,000 |
| Dungiven Regeneration Club               | Arts and crafts workshops for people living in a rural area. The project includes showcase events in the Dungiven area.  | £650   |
| Friends of Ballycastle Museum            | Series of local history talks in Ballycastle on a range of topics relevant to the area. Topics include the Narrow Gauge, transport and local industry.   | £1,000 |
| Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd    | Publication of local history book recording stories, photographs and articles from the local community. Will coincide with the 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the group being established.  | £1,000 |
| Kingdom of Dalriada Ulster-Scots Society | Arts and crafts classes and talks for 20 people in the Ullans Centre, Ballymoney. Includes knitting, crocheting and flower arranging.  | £1,000 |
| Mother Goose Playgroup                   | Halloween Haunted House Heritage Event will take place over four days in Sheskburn Community Centre, Ballycastle. Will highlight local ghost stories, myths and legends in the Ballycastle area.   | £1,000 |
| North West Tongues, Tones and Tapping    | Series of 20 workshops and 5 seminars in venues in Dungiven and Limavady for 140 participants. Includes accordion, songs, percussion, dance, flute and ethnic minority music.  | £1,000 |
| Ullans Speakers Association              | Traditional music classes for 10 young people in the Ullans Centre, Ballymoney. Instruments include fiddle, tin whistle and dulcimer. 14 week course will conclude with a showcase event.  | £750   |

As this is a rolling programme, applicants who have been ineligible, unsuccessful or have withdrawn, have the opportunity to avail of support from council officers to develop their projects and re-submit an application. These are as follows:

- Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Branch.
- Building Ballysally Together.
- Carey Historical Society.
- Girlguiding North Antrim.
- Portrush Summer Theatre.