

Festive Fund Grant Awards 2017	12th December 2017
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Head of Tourism and Recreation
Cost: (If applicable)	£5,249.60

The purpose of this report is to update members on the grants awarded to those organisations who applied for grant aid to help them celebrate Christmas.

Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launched the Festive Fund initiative in 2016 to offer assistance to Community & Voluntary Organisations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Borough to help celebrate Christmas. This fund is specifically designed to mark the lighting of the Christmas tree and help facilitate festive celebrations within the Borough.

With the assistance of the Funding Unit and by using Council's online funding Hub, invitations for the competitive process were issued. To be eligible to apply, organisations had to be from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Level of Grant Aid

Grants of up to £250 are available for eligible projects.

Criteria

Criterion	Score (0-5)	Weighting	Overall Score
1. Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between 21 st November and 17 th December).		X 3	<i>Max available 15 points</i>
2. Clear and realistic objectives set for the project.		X 2	<i>Max available 10 points</i>
3. Ability, skills and experience of the group which enables them to deliver the project		X 2	<i>Max available 10 points</i>

4. Detailed explanation of planned promotion of project		X 3	<i>Max available 15 points</i>
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Outcome

The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on the morning of 15th November 2017. 31 applications were received. 27 applications passed Stage 1 eligibility and were passed to assessment for scoring. The grant assessment panel met on afternoon of the 15th November 2017 to score these applications. The applications were assessed against the criteria stated above, as advertised in the guidance notes. 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.

No of applications received	31
No of applications ineligible for funding	4
No of unsuccessful applications (who did not achieve the 65% threshold)	6
No of successful applications	21

A summary of the applications received and grants awarded are included within **Annex A**.

Annex A

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Applicant	Event Date	Score %	Applied For	Awarded
Castlerock Community Association	14/12/2017	80%	£250.00	£250.00
Bushmills & District Community Association	01/12/2017	82%	£260.00	£250.00
Ballykelly Community & Youth Association	28/11/2017	66%	£250.00	£250.00
Rathlin Development & Community Association	09/12/2017	84%	£250.00	£250.00
Largy Community Association	09/12/2017	76%	£250.00	£250.00
Feeny Community Association	09/12/2017	80%	£250.00	£250.00
Heart of the glens festival	01/12/2017	84%	£250.00	£250.00
Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Development Group	01/12/2017	74%	£250.00	£250.00
Gortnaghey Community Association	03/12/2017	68%	£250.00	£250.00
Greysteel Community Association	01/12/2017	66%	£250.00	£250.00
Derrykeighan & District Community Association	02/12/2017	66%	£250.00	£250.00
Ballintoy Young at Heart Club	09/12/2017	70%	£250.00	£250.00
Glenariff Improvement	03/12/2017	80%	£250.00	£250.00
Stranocum & District Development Group	01/12/2017	74%	£440.00	£250.00
Magilligan Community Association	08/12/2017	76%	£250.00	£250.00
Drumsumn Community Association	07/12/2017	68%	£350.00	£250.00
Dervock & District Community Association	14/12/2017	66%	£250.00	£250.00
Moneydig Rural Network	09/12/2017	66%	£250.00	£250.00
Foreglen Community Association	08/12/2017	76%	£250.00	£250.00
Aghanloo Community Association	09/12/2017	70%	£250.00	£250.00
Mosside Presbyterian Church	23/11/2017	70%	£250.00	£249.60
Totals			£5550.00	£5249.60

Unsuccessful Applicants	Score %
Craft Collective	48%
Riding for the Disabled Association Coleraine & District	52%
Portballintrae Community Development Group	46%
Burnfoot Community Development Association	48%
O'Connor's Glack GAA	60%
Culcrow P.S	46%

Annex A

Ineligible Applicants
West Bann Community Christmas Celebration
Festive Tea Dance
Winter wonderland
Maritime Festival