

Capital Grants Programme Grant Decisions	9th May 2017
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Develop and promote stable and cohesive communities
Lead Officer	Funding Unit Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The purpose of this report is to recommend grant decisions for the Capital Grants Programme 2017-18.

Background

In November 2016 Council agreed the Capital Grants programme for 2017-18.

In February 2017 Cushendun Old Church Project was awarded £100,000 from the 2017-18 Capital Grants Programme.

In February 2017 Council agreed to revise the application process to allow a pre-application stage to include discussion between the potential applicants and senior Council Officers. This was to allow critical discussions on project need, type and scale to help contribute to the creation and submission of viable and sustainable business cases.

The revised programme opened on 1st March 2017 and involves a 2 stage process:

Stage 1: Pre-application discussions and submission of an expression of interest (submission deadline was 19th April 2017).

Stage 2: Submission of Outline Business Case from successful Expressions of Interest (deadline for submission is 12noon on 2nd August 2017).

Purpose of Capital Grants Programme

The Capital Grants Fund is available to local sports and community organisations who wish to request support towards the development of new, or the enhancement of existing facilities to meet unmet need. It seeks to support external infrastructure projects that are aligned to Council's aims and objectives and which require additional capital funding to achieve completion.

Four Grant information roadshows were held in November 2016 and information, guidance and support was provided to potential applicants. A Capital Grants Workshop was also held on 25th January 2017 with potential applicants. The roadshows and the workshop were advertised in local press, Council's website, social media and via the local community networks.

5 x Expressions of Interest were received before the 19th April 2017 deadline.

The Grant assessment panel of relevant officers assessed the Expressions of Interest against the advertised criteria (**Annex A**). Applications are required to pass the 8 eligibility criteria detailed.

Applications Received (Application summary details available at **Annex B**)

- 5 applications were received requesting £1,711,437.50 from the £650,000 available.
- 3 applications passed the eligibility criteria.
- 2 applications failed to pass the eligibility criteria.

No. of Applications received	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural Group Ltd• St Matthews Drumsurn GAC• Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC• Camman Wood Community Group• Limavady FC
No. of applications failing to address eligibility criteria	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camman Wood Community Group• Limavady FC
No of applications successful in addressing eligibility criteria	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural Group Ltd• St Matthews Drumsurn GAC• Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC

Eligibility Assessment Outcomes

Eligibility Assessment (Full details of eligibility and assessment criteria are detailed in **Annex A**)

	Eligibility Assessment	
Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural Group Ltd	Pass	Proceed to stage 2
St Matthews Drumsurn GAC	Pass	Proceed to stage 2
Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC	Pass	Proceed to stage 2
Camman Wood Community Group	Fail	Eligibility criterion 3 & 4 not met.
Limavady FC	Fail	Eligibility criterion 3 & 4 not met.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the 3 successful expressions of Interest and invite Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural Group, St Matthews GAC Drumsurn and Loughgiel GAC to progress to stage 2 and submit their Outline Business Cases for assessment and scoring against the agreed criteria.

Annex A

Applicant	Project	Total project Costs	Amount requested from Council	Balance of costs
Portstewart Regeneration & Cultural Group Ltd	Regeneration of Cromie Memorial Orange Hall to provide a provide a modern community centre(credit union, drop in, education, social welfare & recreation facilities)	£95,700.00	£47,850 (50%)	DfC £25,000 Other grants - £22,850 (identifying funders at present)
St Matthews Drumsum GAC	Enhancement of existing facility for wider community use, upgrade of kitchen & toilet facilities to increase accessibility & participation for women & people with disabilities.	£138,000.00	£69,000.00 (50%)	Reserves £20,000 Loan £49,000
Loughgiel Shamrocks GAC	Full sized sand carpet (100 x 80 metres) for a multi-use physical activity space 40 x x40 metres ball wall	£589,175.00	£294,587.50 (50%)	Danske loan £176,725.50 Croke Park GAA loan £117,835.00
Camman Wood Community Group	Purchase of a car showroom in Ballykelly, situated on a 4 acre site to provide a rural community hub to be used for sporting activities (boxing, judo, karate, soccer, Gaelic football, horse riding and a MUGA). Project includes a community museum, storytelling centre & a well-being centre	£2,000,000.00	£800,000.00	Applications to be made to other funders for £400,000 Apply for UCIT Community loan £700,000 Fundraising / Crowdfunding £100,000
Limavady United FC	Development of purpose built sports facility to include clubhouse, 206 seater stand, 3G pitch & fencing, floodlights, dugouts, perimeter paving and access roads, security tower	£1,860,548.40	£500,000	Orange order Field Committee £100,000 (secured) DfC Sub Regional Football Fund £1,260,548.40
		4,683,423.40	1,711,437.50	

Annex B

	Criterion	Pass	Fail
1	Is the application from a properly constituted not for profit groups. Evidence that a constitution has been formally adopted must be supplied.		
2	Is the application for a Sports Club or Community project geographically located within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area? If not is a large amount of beneficiaries from within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. (is there a reciprocal agreement with other relevant Council)		
3	Does the application add value to existing provision or opportunity (e.g. a project or activity which meets unmet demand and/or generates additional services). Activities should not duplicate current provision or cause displacement.		
4	Does the application demonstrate their strategic fit with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's vision, Mission and strategic themes as outlined in Council's Corporate Strategy • For Sports facility projects: Council's Local Facility Report • For Community facility projects: Councils Community Facility framework 		
5	Does the application satisfy the definition of capital which is defined for the purpose of this programme as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant aid for an asset that would be expected to last at least 10 years. • Unitary in nature, e.g. a building extension, new pitch, provision of enhancement lighting to enable extended use of facilities. • Total projects over £15,000. 		
6	Applicants will be considered ineligible if either the applicant organisation or the site where the project is to be based have received any capital investment from Council in the past five years.		
7	Applicants must submit final signed accounts for the previous 2 financial years. Only those organisations that Council considers to be financially sound will be considered eligible.		
8	Applicants must submit all documentation to demonstrate good governance practices (e.g. child protection policy, equity statement, financial processes etc) Only those organisations that Council considers to have appropriate procedures in place will be eligible.		