

<b>Report on</b>	Covid - 19 Community Support Response
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Council Food Parcel Support for Trust Shielded Patients – update on progress.
1.2	Food bank support for those in financial crisis – update on progress.
1.3	Council Existing Grants – update on progress.
1.4	Older People Befriending support – update on progress.
1.5	Council Emergency Support Fund– update on progress.
1.6	Council support to the community and care sector – update on progress.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council Food Parcel Support – DFC has provided food parcels for the Trust shielded clients, who are in need, to be distributed by Council.
2.2	Food bank support for those in financial crisis – Foodbanks are responding to people in financial crisis during this crisis.
2.3	Council Existing Grants – Support continues to be required for groups who have ongoing overhead and administration costs. These grants are strategic arts, strategic community development, strategic sports and venues.
2.4	Older People Befriending support – Additional older and vulnerable people are requiring befriending engagement at this time, due to social isolation.
2.5	Council Emergency Community Support Fund – Support to local community groups mobilizing to support communities through the Covid -19 crisis, with funding support for transport, essential PPE items, promotion etc.
2.6	Council support to the Community and Care sector – a number of requests have come to Council seeking help and support for PPE items. Council can, using its supplier sources, procure quantities of PPE items to help the community volunteers delivering for Council (Trust and DFC shielded residents) and Care Homes/services that are under pressure currently in Mid Ulster. It will also seek to link communities providing these items with the relevant Homes and Carers.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Council Food Parcel Support</u> – DFC has provided food parcels for Trust “shielded clients” who cannot access food. Shielded clients have been advised to contact Advice NI helpline to confirm if they require support with a food parcel during isolation. Where a food parcel is required, this is being supported for delivery through the local foodbank volunteers and community volunteers. Where this is not possible, Council will undertake direct delivery. Additional vulnerable citizens are also being assisted where no alternative support exists.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Food bank support</u> for those in financial crisis – Financial and ongoing support has been provided to the 10 existing food banks (£60,000 has been allocated to date) to support those in financial crisis at this time. This is through direct food parcel crisis delivery or a food voucher system.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Council Existing Grants</u> – The strategic grants and venues are currently being progressed to support groups who have ongoing overhead and administration costs. Grants are strategic arts, strategic community development, strategic sports, &amp; venues.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Older People Befriending</u> support – Officers are supporting Ageing Well with calls and taking on new calls of people that require befriending support during this period.</p>
3.5	<p><u>Council Emergency Community Support Fund</u> –Delivery of an Emergency Support fund for local groups actively supporting communities and volunteering.</p> <p>A total of 21 groups have applied for funding and after an initial assessment of eligible costs these were assessed based upon the following:</p> <p>Level of Support Activity Programme being delivered &amp; volunteering, including number of requests, collections etc.  Geographic area being covered  Level of coordinated delivery; links with other local groups, delivering food parcels for Council etc.</p> <p>Proposed expenditure to each group is attached as per Appendix 1. The funding is being targeted towards PPE, transport costs, phone, promotion etc. Food and fuel requests are being directed to Advice NI direct number to register for a food parcel if shielding or Council can link to a food bank for those in financial crisis or are being supported with a CFNI grant who are providing funding for food. Food and fuel is continuing to be reviewed based on a real identified need that is not being met. Other costs for toys, games, gardening etc are not supported at this point to maximise support for the community crisis support activities.</p> <p>The initial funding will allow groups to continue or to commence and develop their volunteer support ,any additional requests can be considered .  Officers will continue to support and engage the groups to allow for networking and linking groups covering the same areas to maximise volunteer and community support. Groups are also being asked, where possible, to support Council in the delivery of food parcels if there are requests from their areas.</p>

3.6	<p><b><u>Council support to the Community Care Sector</u></b></p> <p>Due to the level of need and demand from groups and more significantly local Nursing Homes and Care providers requiring PPE , it is proposed Council would seek to bulk buy provisions to support such local demand across Mid Ulster.</p> <p>This will be through bulk buying from a Council supplier/s to a value of up to £25,000.</p> <p>We will also engage with groups and schools making PPE and seeking to link them to local care homes and carers to share across the area.</p> <p>Council will also seek to provide supplies to the Care Homes, where necessary. Mid Ulster has a total of 33 Care Homes. Where possible Council will seek to coordinate a collect and drop.</p> <p>Council will also engage with the Home Care workers and again support where possible, with a PPE box available where we can to support individuals in this sector.</p>
4.0	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Council Emergency Community Support Fund – £20,400 PPE £25,000</p> <p><b><u>Professional Support</u></b> None</p>
4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b> None</p>
4.3	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b> None</p>
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Council Food Parcel for Trust Shielded Patients – to note an update on progress.
5.2	Food bank support for those in financial crisis – to note update on progress.
5.3	Council Existing Grants – to note update on progress.
5.4	Older People Befriending support – to note an update on progress.

5.5	Council Emergency Community Support Fund – to note update on progress.
5.6	Council PPE Support – to note update on progress.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 Emergency Support Grant Allocations.

	<b>Covid-19 Emergency Fund</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Award</b>	
1	O4O Cookstown Ltd	<b>£462</b>	<b>£250</b>	Deliveries & making of food for its clients in Cookstown area
2	Bann Valley Community Group	<b>£520</b>	<b>£500</b>	Deliveries in Clady and Innisrush area
3	Bawn Dev Assoc	<b>£2,000</b>	<b>£1,500</b>	Deliveries in Bawn, Aughnacloy, Ballygawley & wider area, Making PPE masks for health
4	Bellaghy Village Reg (BVR)	<b>£700</b>	<b>£700</b>	Deliveries in Bellaghy village
5	Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd	<b>£500</b>	<b>£500</b>	Deliveries across Clonoe areas
6	Coalisland Na Fianna GFC	<b>£550</b>	<b>£550</b>	Deliveries & Council parcel deliveries across Coalisland & area, Clonoe, Stewartstown
7	Cookstown RBL	<b>2500</b>	<b>£1000</b>	Deliveries in Cookstown town North & towards Stewartstown
8	Desertmartin GAC	<b>£280</b>	<b>£250</b>	Deliveries in Desertmartin area
9	Galbally Pearses GFC	<b>2650</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	Deliveries in Galbally & rural areas, PPE
10	Killowen Drive Residents Association	<b>£1,300</b>	<b>£1,300</b>	Deliveries in Killowen area and PPE for Health
11	Kildress GAC	<b>£600</b>	<b>£600</b>	Deliveries in Kildress and wider rural area
12	Me, You and Them	<b>£1,135</b>	<b>£750</b>	Deliveries of food Dungannon area
13	Mid Ulster Com Support Network	<b>£3,000</b>	<b>£500</b>	Deliveries of Food in Cookstown area
14	Moneymore GAC	<b>£250</b>	<b>£250</b>	Deliveries in Moneymore
15	Moneymore Heritage Trust	<b>£800</b>	<b>£800</b>	Deliveries Moneymore & wider area
16	Moortown St Malachys GAC	<b>£700</b>	<b>£700</b>	Deliveries Moortown area
17	Moygashel Reg Group	<b>£600</b>	<b>£600</b>	Deliveries across Moygashel village & surrounding rural areas
18	SVP Group for Covid-19 PPE	<b>5,000</b>	<b>£3,000</b>	PPE manufacturing for health and community
19	Tamnamore CC	<b>£1,990</b>	<b>£500</b>	Deliveries in Tamnamore & Ballinakelly
20	Tobermore District No 11	<b>£380</b>	<b>£380</b>	Deliveries in Tobermore & surrounding areas
21	TRAAD	<b>£2,900</b>	<b>£1,500</b>	Deliveries in Ballyronan, Loup, Trad
22	Upperlands Com Dev Ltd	<b>£970</b>	<b>£970</b>	Deliveries in Upperlands, Culnady, & will provide for Innishrush, Tamlaght (if need)
23	Watty Grahams Glen	<b>£807</b>	<b>£800</b>	Deliveries across Maghera, Glen & hinterland
24	Ardboe GAC & Lough Shore Groups	<b>£1,500</b>	<b>£1,500</b>	PPE manufacturing for health and wider
		<b>£32,094</b>	<b>£20,400</b>	

**Village settlements (one specific area of Town)    Towns (if across town area)**

<b>BANDS</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
<b>90+</b>	<b>£2,000</b>
<b>80-89</b>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>70-79</b>	<b>£1000</b>
<b>60-69</b>	<b>£750</b>
<b>50-59</b>	<b>£500</b>
<b>40-49</b>	<b>£250</b>

<b>BANDS</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
<b>90+</b>	<b>£3000</b>
<b>80-89</b>	<b>£2500</b>
<b>70-79</b>	<b>£2000</b>
<b>60-69</b>	<b>£1500</b>
<b>50-59</b>	<b>£1000</b>
<b>40-49</b>	<b>£500</b>

Funding awards to commence support to groups. This will be verified as spend completes and grant remains open for groups needing further support and other PPE direct assistance.