

Report on	Development Report
Date of Meeting	6 th December 2023
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
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1	Purpose of Report															
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Grants Rolling Programme • DFC Hardship Funding – Allocation • Development Update 															
2	Key Issues															
2.1	<p>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2023 – 2024 Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grant</th> <th>No. of groups awarded</th> <th>Value of Awards</th> <th>Awarded to date</th> <th>Remaining Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>2</td> <td>£1220</td> <td>£13,830</td> <td>£11,626</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sports Representative Grants</td> <td>3</td> <td>£675</td> <td>£13,610</td> <td>£1,440</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please see attached in Appendix 1 grant award recommendations.</p>	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Awards	Awarded to date	Remaining Budget	Good Relations Grant	2	£1220	£13,830	£11,626	Sports Representative Grants	3	£675	£13,610	£1,440
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2.2	<p>DFC Hardship Funding – Allocation At the end of the last financial year the Department of Communities allocated Mid Ulster District Council an award of £316,303 Hardship Funding to be utilised within the current financial year to support the vulnerable across the district. To date the following allocations have been made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £113,418 of this fund has been allocated to grants to support the local community & voluntary sector in assisting vulnerable people at the local level. 2. £14,390 to Save the Children, with match funding from both Health Trusts and Save the Children with an investment of £43,000, alongside Save the Children staff resource, to allow the programme to run to end of March 2024. This will support approximately 150 families (mostly single parents) in the 															

provision of essential household items and early learning support pack for young children.

3. Food & Fuel Support - £90,000 was delivered in July to the Mid Ulster Foodbank/SVP Network, made up of 10 foodbanks and SVPs operating across 5 main towns and Clogher Valley to provide support with provision of food (or food vouchers), fuel costs, white goods and other necessary household requirements, dependent on need, with a focus on Holiday Hunger.

£85,220 was also delivered to the Network from DfC's Social Supermarket Fund in November with a focus on winter and Christmas hardship.

It is now proposed to allocate the remaining £98,500 DfC Hardship Funding to the Mid Ulster Foodbank/SVP Network in January, with a focus on post Christmas hardship. It is proposed that the allocation go to the main Foodbanks/SVP, based on area size, deprivation and demand.

Foodbank/SVP	Recommended Allocation
SVP Magherafelt	£9,500
Hope Magherafelt	£9,500
Cross Community Link Maghera	£12,000
SVP Cookstown	£20,500
SVP Dungannon	£11,500
Vineyard Dungannon	£11,500
SVP Coalisland	£6,000
Coalisland Cross Community Foodbank	£6,000
Hope4U (Clogher Valley)	£6,000
SVP Ballygawley	£6,000
TOTAL	£98,500

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Development Update

Community Development

Council officers are currently support groups with projects and events and seeking to maximise funding for their community.

Strategic Development

The delivery of the Test and Learn model for Community Wealth Building is continuing. The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for 13th December.

The engagement on social housing for Mid Ulster is continuing, alongside the delivery of the poverty plan.

Good Relations & Peace

The Good Relations Plan 2023 – 2024 continues to be delivered.

	<p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre</u> The Winter/Spring programme has been launched covering performances and activities from November 2023 to March 2024.</p> <p><u>Seamus Heaney Homeplace</u> The Winter/Spring programme is due to be released in December 2023 and school visits are continuing to show sizeable uptake from across NI & ROI.</p> <p><u>Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House</u> The new action plan continues to be delivered with a range of new events, craft activities and educational programmes are currently being rolled out.</p>
3.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>Good Relations Grant £</p> <p>Sport Representative Individual & Team Grant £</p> <p>Hardship Fund £98,500</p>
	<p>Human: NA</p>
	<p>Risk Management: NA</p>
3.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: NA</p>
4	Recommendations
4.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Agree the rolling community grant allocations (ii) Agree the Hardship Funding allocations (iii) Note the Development Update
5	List of Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Community Grants