

Subject	Community Grants
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1	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present to members the proposed community grant allocations.
2	Background
2.1	Council launched a public call on Monday 5th February for the following grants:- Sports Representative (Individual and Team), Small Sports Grant, Arts/Culture/Heritage/ Community Small Grant, Local Community Festivals, Strategic Events, Community Venues, Strategic Community Development, Good Relations and Strategic Arts and Cultural Programme.
2.2	The grants closed on Friday 16 st March. There was a very positive response from across Mid Ulster District with over 460 applications submitted through the online application portal. Three grants remain open as rolling programmes: Local Community Festivals, Good Relations, Sports Representative grant.
2.3	Eligibility criteria compliance was completed by officers followed by grant programme assessment.

3	Update
3.1	The following community grant allocations are proposed for approval: 1a. Sports Representative Grant – 1 Individual competing within 17/18 financial year awarded £250 -10 Individual Applications for 2018/19 awarded £2,400 and 1 Team Application awarded £350. This is a rolling programme with a requirement to have a request for support prior to the date of the competition. 1b. Small Sports Grant: - 27 Applications awarded £30,458. Two applications were ineligible as they were not meet the minimum score threshold.

	<p>1c. Sports Capital Grant – 24 Applications awarded £85,191. Four applications were deemed ineligible as not meeting minimum score threshold or as double applicant from the year before. One application was withdrawn.</p> <p>1.d Strategic Sports Development Grant – 6 Applications awarded £72,650.</p> <p>2. Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Small Grant: - 146 Applications awarded £98,259. Two applications were ineligible as double category submissions, one was not a community and voluntary sector organisation and the fourth was a double application.</p> <p>3. Community Local Festivals Grant: - 43 Applications awarded £33,480; rolling programme</p> <p>4. Strategic Events Grant: - 17 Applications awarded £81,680. One application was not strategic event to be redirected to the Decade of Anniversaries Grant (to open).</p> <p>5. Strategic Community Development Support Grant: - 10 Applications awarded £45,755. One application did not meet the minimum score threshold and a further four were assessed as ineligible in not meeting the Strategic Community Development criteria.</p> <p>6. Community Venues Grant: - 40 Applications awarded £67,095. One application was ineligible as did not meet 80% Community Development venue activity, one venue was not yet operational and another was deemed not a community venue.</p> <p>7. Good Relations Grant: - 8 Applications awarded £6,980; rolling programme.</p> <p>8. Strategic Arts & Cultural Programme – 7 Applications awarded £67,500 – Awards have been scaled back by 25% to keep within budget due to the of Arts Council Challenge Fund support not being available for 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>There was a very high demand for grants across all budget allocations; and all successful applicants were facilitated within a banding system across each grant. Some grant areas have exceeded budget allocations and others have come in under budget; it is proposed to allow flexibility within budgets to accommodate all grant awards listed.</p>
4	Resource Implications
4.1	<p><u>Financial</u> Sports Representative – Individual £2,650 – Team/Club £350 - rolling programme</p> <p>Small Sports Club Grant: - £30,458 (budget £25,000 (due to EBA not finalised), remainder £5,458 from Sports Capital to small sports club grant)</p> <p>Sports Capital - £85,191 (budget £100,000, surplus to other sports programmes)</p>

4.2	<p>Arts, Culture, Heritage & Community Small Grant: - £98,259 (budget £80,000 - £35,000 from Arts and £45,000 from Community Development, proposed Community Development re-profiling)</p> <p>Strategic Events Grant: - £81,680 (budget £70,000, proposed Community Development re-profiling)</p> <p>Strategic Community Development Support Grant: - £45,755 (budget £70,000, surplus to Community Development re-profiling)</p> <p>Community Venues Grant: - £67,095 - (budget £85,000 surplus to Community Development re-profiling)</p> <p>Good Relations Grant: - £16,630 – rolling programme (budget £40,000)</p> <p>Community Local Festivals Grant: - £33,480 – rolling programme (Budget £65,000)</p> <p>Strategic Arts & Culture Programme - £67,500 (budget £67,500 with 25% reduction due to funding from Arts Council not being available)</p> <p>Transfer of funding across community development grant budgets. Remaining community development budget to transfer (£16,211) to local festivals.</p> <p><u>Human resources</u> None.</p>
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5	Other Considerations
5.1	None

6	Recommendations
6.1	To agree the recommendation for grant allocations.

7	List of Documents Attached
7.1	Grant recipients and amount of grant award at Appendix 1