

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	8 th October 2020
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Grants – to agree the rolling good relations grants & small community, arts and heritage grant appeal
1.2	Emergency Support Funding; DFC funding
1.3	Peace IV – to note the Peace IV update
1.4	Community Development – to note the recommendation regarding Good Relations Leadership group and community development update
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers two rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals. Local Community Festivals is on hold due to Covid 19. Good Relations grants are to continue, where possible, using innovative methods of delivery.
2.2	Emergency Support Funding; DFC has allocated a further £85,548 for emergency support to Mid Ulster. This is the second tranche following the first allocation of £63,300. A further additional fund of £81,195 has been offered to Mid Ulster based on a proposal to be submitted; which is targeted at a Food Partnership Fund £42,774 & a Financial Inclusion Partnership Fund £38,421.
2.3	Peace IV – Council delivers on the Peace IV Action Plan through guidance and engagement with the Peace IV Partnership.
2.4	Community Development includes the following areas: Community Support, Good Relations, PCSP, Connecting Pomeroy and facilitation of Community Planning.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p data-bbox="240 271 1422 342">Grants - Rolling Good Relations – 1 application is recommended for award totalling £1,100- Please refer to Appendix 1.</p> <p data-bbox="240 383 1465 707">Council received an appeal to the small community, arts and heritage grant fund from Cookstown Royal British Legion Branch. The grant was deemed ineligible due to perceived duplicate grant applications to the same strand of funding. In light of further information provided, by both the Cookstown Royal British Legion Social Club and Cookstown Royal British Legion Branch, in relation to the venue grant awarded and the grant deemed duplicate, this has been reviewed. Officers have now confirmed that there is a distinction between both groups and clarity has been provided regarding their cultural activities listed within the venues grant. As a result, the grant has been assessed and is proposed for award at £720.</p> <p data-bbox="97 748 528 786">3.2. Emergency Support</p> <p data-bbox="97 824 1422 1003">3.2.1 As members will be aware, an allocation of £63,300 was received previously from DFC to support with the issues relating to Covid 19. This was allocated as follows: £50,000 to foodbanks and £13,300 to support community groups delivering for their communities during the lockdown period. This was matched by Council at just over 50% for areas of delivery along with support for PPE.</p> <p data-bbox="240 1043 1465 1151">DFC has allocated a further tranche of emergency response funding of £85,548. It is proposed to allocate the emergency response funding partly to support mental health provision and partly to support community led debt management support.</p> <p data-bbox="240 1191 1465 1592">Community led mental health support (via counselling) £50,000 Engagement with the sector has identified an increased demand for community led/provided counselling which can be attributed to Covid 19. It is proposed to allocate awards per town area to progress forward and allow for In-depth engagement with the sector regarding support needs and capacity to deliver. The social enterprise sector (Mid Ulster Counselling Service, STEPs, The Olive Branch, Vineyard & Link Counselling) and other Mid Ulster community certified counselling providers may be identified. The allocations are indicative to areas and capacity for the social enterprise sector to deliver. Alongside support, the organisations will be facilitated to come together and link and network to share good practice and maximize resources and link with relevant agencies as required The proposed allocation is as follows:</p> <p data-bbox="240 1632 759 1809">Magherafelt £10,000 Cookstown £10,000 Maghera £7500 Dungannon & Clogher area £15,000 Coalisland £7500</p> <p data-bbox="240 1850 1465 1957">Targets to be set once further engagement has taken place with the sector; however a provisional minimum target would be supporting over 1000 sessions over the winter period, over 300 people.</p>

Engagement continues to take place with EA youth and their FLARE programme – supporting post primary schools and young people with mental health issues and REACH working with schools to support young people at key stage 2-4 where attainment may be falling.

CAP Debt Management Service £10,000

CAP is a national programme, delivered in Mid Ulster (led by CAP and hosted by Hope located in Magherafelt); it operates across Mid Ulster. It supports people in debt by taking on the management of the debt (this is through the national CAP service that has agreements with many credit service providers). It is proposed to fund increased provision for the CAP service to support people in serious debt. CAP also works closely with services to take referrals as often people in serious debt requiring debt management are struggling with stress and mental health issues.

It is proposed to retain the remainder of the emergency support funding of £25,000 until further information is provide in relation to lockdown over the winter period.

3.2.2

Additional funding, dependent upon a proposed submission to DFC, of £81,195 is also available but they have stipulated this award has to be split as follows: DFC Food Partnership Fund of £42,774 & DFC Financial Inclusion Partnership Fund of £38,421

Food Partnership Fund of £42,774 – It is proposed to allocate the funding towards emergency food support, through the registered food banks (linked to Fairshare and /or Trussell Trust) and SVP. This funding would allow them to continue to support people in a time of crisis. The foodbanks are currently supported to network to allow for partnership and a shared approach to addressing need. The average value of food parcel is £35 - £50 for a larger family, either in food items or vouchers.

Financial Inclusion Partnership Fund of £38,421 – It is proposed to allocate the funding towards fuel poverty and the provision of emergency fuel support through the foodbanks and SVP. This will be in the form of a fuel voucher of £50 - £60. This will contribute to the Council oil stamp scheme, which allows people to save for oil through purchase of stamps.

Expenditure £81,195

Dungannon Vineyard Foodbank £10,000 SVP £7,500

Magherafelt Hope Food bank £10,000 & SVP £7,500

Cookstown Foodbank £7,500 -SVP (drop in food bank & voucher) £10,000

Coalisland Foodbank £5000 & SVP £5,000

Clogher Valley RBL Food Bank £5000 & SVP £5000

Maghera Foodbank £5000 & SVP £5000

The above will be based on demand and phased payments linked to regular audits.

Targets:

To support over 1200 food parcels (average value £35 per parcel/voucher)

To support over 500 people (to allow for a 3-5 week emergency intervention over approximate 4 weeks to allow income support or emergency to be addressed)

To support over 1000 fuel vouchers (average value £50 - £60)

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p>To support over 750 people to allow for a small number that may require a second level of support. Time period – 5 - 6 months to cover Autumn, Winter</p> <p>Peace IV</p> <p>An extension has been granted by SEUPB for delivery of Peace IV to June 2021.</p> <p>Programmes are continuing to deliver as per the last update report, in alternative format, as agreed by SEUPB.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Peace IV Partnership that Council would formally write to SEUPB seeking a meeting to address the issue of claims and timeline to receive outstanding funding.</p> <p>Community Development</p> <p>Community Support – The Community Support team continues to work with groups regarding the delivery of grants to respond to their communities.</p> <p>Good Relations – As a follow up to the recommendation to host a Member meeting to discuss good relations issues such as the elimination of the display of offensive posters, effigies, a meeting was led by the Chair of Council to discuss this. From early conversation to date It is recommended for discussion that a working group be established to allow conversation around these issues and others that may arise under sectarianism and racism; and hate crime within the District. It is proposed the working group would have party leaders & independent who wish to be involved, and operate under TBUC (Together Building a United Community) of Good Relations and report any recommendations through Development Committee.</p> <p>Good Relations continues to deliver the updated Plan through innovative and flexible models in line with social distancing requirements.</p> <p>The teams are continuing to support in the development and delivery of Mid Ulster poverty plan and initiatives.</p> <p>The PCSP team has commenced delivery of the action plan in alternative formats as agreed by DOJ and NIPB.</p> <p>All of the partnership meetings are continuing via Zoom to accommodate members and external partners.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Other Considerations</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Good Relations awards £1,100 Small community, arts & heritage grant £720</p>

	<p>Emergency Support Funding – Tranche II £85,548, Financial and Food Emergency Fund £81,195 based on proposal to be submitted.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u> None</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>Grants - To agree the grant award recommendation for Good Relations & grant appeal award for the small community, arts & heritage grant</p>
5.2	<p>Emergency Support Funding – to agree the proposed delivery and allocation</p>
5.3	<p>Peace IV – To agree the Peace IV Partnership and note the Peace IV Update</p>
5.4	<p>Community Development – to discuss the recommendation for a Good Relations leadership group and to note the update report</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Grant Award Recommendations</p>

Appendix 1

Good Relations October 2020 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Ausome Kids	Community	Diversity Community for Kids	1	£1,100	£1,100
						£1,100

Unsuccessful

Polish Anglers NI	Open International Course Match	Did not meet minimum threshold
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Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%