

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	14 th October 2021
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development
Contact Officers	Philip Clarke - Community Services Manager, Oliver Morgan – Good Relations Manager, Michael McCrory - PCSP Manager, Martina Totten Community Planning Coordinator

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Community Grants - to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations and Decade of Anniversaries.
1.2	Capital Discretionary Grants – to approve the capital discretionary grant.
1.3	Emergency Support funding – to approve the venue/facility funding support.
1.4	Community Development - to update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers a number of rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals. Council also annually delivers the Decade of Anniversaries Grant. .
2.2	Capital Discretionary Grants – Council annually agrees a budget for the delivery of the Capital Discretionary Grant. A budget of £50,000 has been agreed based on successful applications to the grant programme.
2.3	Emergency Support funding – DFC has allocated Council a further emergency Covid 19 support fund to help the community sector remobilise and open up in light of the Covid 19 pandemic and social distancing requirements.
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	The Community Festivals grant opened in June and is a rolling programme – 4 applications recommended for awards total £2,440.00 – 2 applications did not meet the minimum score threshold and will receive feedback from officers.

	<p>Good Relations – the good relations grant is a rolling programme - 2 applications are recommended for award totalling £1,905.00.</p> <p>See grant award recommendations in Appendix 1 for approval.</p>
3.2	<p>Capital Discretionary Grants – Council officers have liaised with a number of potential projects; however to date there is only one project ready to proceed for capital discretionary funding. Council will continue to work with other groups.</p> <p>It is proposed to support Aghaloo GAC to the value of £50,000 under the capital discretionary, as per the conditions of support, for the development of their facility, which was received in presentation to Council in September 2021. This includes the development of the first 3 phases of a 5 phase development; refurbishment of club pavilion, new spectator stand, and gym and health and wellbeing space. The full value of the 3 phases is £400,000 of which it is proposed Council contributes £50,000.</p>
3.3	<p>Emergency Support funding – In partnership with DFC, it is proposed to support the community sector through a grant fund to assist with opening up community development premises. Council has been told a proposed allocation of £134,000 will be forthcoming for emergency response to Covid 19 for the development and opening up of the community sector. The allocation and letter of offer have to be confirmed. To allow a state of readiness for the funding the following is proposed.</p> <p>It is proposed to deliver the above support via a grant programme to community venues and facilities –</p> <p>The grant support would be £1000 to £3000 as a maximum.</p> <p>It is proposed that it would be for groups with a minimum of 10 hours current or proposed community development activity in their community venue/facility.</p> <p>It is proposed the fund is for not for profit groups based on volunteering of all members, who deliver community development activity in their venue or facility for the engagement and benefit of the residents of Mid Ulster.</p> <p>See attached detail of the grant attached in Appendix 2.</p> <p>This grant will complement the DAERA Halls programme which is due to launch in October facilitated by CWSAN. Council will work with CWSAN in the promotion of the funding and aligning groups to ensure no duplication. It will also complement the Sport NI sports grant award.</p> <p>It is proposed to open the grant mid-October, following Committee, pending receipt of DFC letter of offer, and close it first week in November with grant recommendations to December Committee.</p>
3.4	<p>Community Development</p> <p>Community Support</p> <p>The Community Support team continues to work with groups regarding the development and delivery of community programmes.</p> <p>The team is supporting groups to open up their community provision again to keep people engaged.</p> <p>Good Relations</p>

	<p>Good Relations is continuing to deliver the Plan for 2021 – 2022.</p> <p>Peace IV Local Action Plan – the following local shared space projects are now complete – Moy, Draperstown, Moneymore Castledawson is at snagging stage, with Aughnacloy pending its final play park safety inspection. Donaghmore is ongoing and is near completion.</p> <p>Closure of programmes and grants is currently taking place with the exception of 2 grants which are completing; alongside the final elements of the cross border literary, cross border heritage, communications, and research projects.</p> <p>The towns shared space project engagement programme is completing. The design stage was delayed due to the need for CPD engagement, an extension to the Council Peace IV letter of offer has been requested to March 2022 to allow this element of the project to complete.</p> <p>Connecting Pomeroy – the projects are all at stage 4 design, with planning progressing through process. The stage 4 costs have risen due to inflation, and supply issues and cost relating to Covid 19/Brexit; Council is working with SEUPB on the current economic appraisal and addendum and the potential for additional funding, along with other sources of funding.</p> <p>PCSP – see attached previous minutes for information in Appendix 3.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Community Festival awards £2,440 Good Relations awards £1,905 Capital Discretionary Grant £50,000</p> <p>Emergency DFC funding – Community Development venues/facilities fund £134,000</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	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Community Grants - to agree the rolling grant awards - Local Community Festivals, Good Relations.

5.2	Capital Discretionary Grants – to approve the capital discretionary grant award.
5.3	Emergency Support funding – to approve the venue/facility funding support.
5.4	Community Development - to update on Community Development.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals Grant Awards</p> <p>Appendix 2 Emergency Support Fund for Community Development venues/facilities</p> <p>Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes</p>

Appendix 1

Community Festivals October 2021 (Maximum £1200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Moygashel Community & Cultural Assoc	Community	NI Centenary Festival Week	7	£1,500.00	£480.00
2	Desertmartin GAC	Sports	Community Family Fun & Day	6	£1,200.00	£600.00
3	Killeeshil Community Centre	Community	Vintage Display /Tractor Run	6	£800.00	£400.00
4	Ballinderry Community Hub	Community	Halloween Pumpkin Picking and Corn Maize Trail Fest.	3	£1,200	£960

Total £2,440.00

Unsuccessful

Me, You & Them	Santa Goes Wild	Failed to meet minimum score threshold
Moygashel Lambeg Drumming Club	Northern Ireland Centenary Dinner Dance	Failed to meet threshold score threshold

Good Relations October 2021 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Apex Music Centre	Community	Apex Rock School	3	£1,200.00	£960.00
2	Ren-Bu-Kan Judo Club	Sport	Ren-Bu-Kan Judo Club Festival	2	£1,050.00	£945.00

Total £1,905.00

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%



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

Community Development Venues/Facilities Reopening Grant Support Programme 2021

Name of Organisation:

Please complete all details & return by Friday 5th November, 2021, close of play.

Guidance; please contact philip.clarke@midulstercouncil.org Tel 03000 132 132

ext: 24611 or emma.ohagan@midulstercouncil.org Tel 03000 132 132 ext: 23616

Please email your completed **Community Development Venues/Facilities Reopening Grant Support Programme** to:
communitydevelopment@midulstercouncil.org

Programme Fund Information

The Community Development Venues/Facilities Reopening Grant Support Programme is specifically designed to assist local community groups and sector open up their community development venues and facilities to support a safe recovery and return of normal activities similar to those pre-Covid 19 pandemic.

It aims to help with costs associated with reopening venues and facilities in a safe manner and provide the necessary maintenance to enable active usage again.

The grant will provide funding across three threshold levels £3,000, £2,000 and £1,000, which will support capital, large equipment and key maintenance spend to groups for venues and facilities to support community development activity across community engagement, arts, culture & heritage, sports.

The grant funding takes account of the following conditions;

- I. The need and space of the venue/facility based on square footage of the facility that is opening up again for community development usage, based on restrictions of use currently due to social distancing etc. (photographic evidence will be required).
- II. The cost areas re capacity for opening up venues and facilities any capital infrastructure/large equipment/maintenance /essential repairs that are applied for as part of the application e.g.
 - changes to internal and external layouts to help with social distancing
 - provision of sanitisation stations/areas/capability, signage etc.
 - contribution to the modernisation of community facilities
 - provision of outdoor seating, barriers, awnings to support distancing
 - contribution to improved access & inclusion at community facilities

- III. The levels of usage in terms of groups using or activity in the venue/facility. There must be a minimum of 10 operational hours or proposed regarding usage per week, for a minimum of 42 weeks in the year.

Other standard grant conditions:

1. Funding cannot be allocated for a venue/facility where an existing SLA exists with Council. Groups currently in receipt of Council grants can apply.
2. Statutory and 'for profit' organisations, activities and recipients (incl. activities that receive statutory core provision are not eligible for grant).
3. Regional groups/organisations are not eligible to apply.
4. Applications that are not completed accurately and in full will not be considered.
5. Religious or political activity cannot be funded under any grant.
6. All applicants must present a project that will take place within the MUDC area.
7. Applicants must present a project that will be delivered by 31st March each year.
8. Evidence of good governance; including annual AGM, Group bank account, financial management practice, insurances, etc. will be required.
9. Successful applicants will draw down grants retrospectively based on vouched expenditure, with procurement adhered to. Advance payments will be 50% up to £1500 and 25% up to £10,000 with final verification of all expenditure.
10. Group recipients should not have a membership charge for its users accessing its community provision greater than £250.
11. Group recipients should have no element of profit gain to any member or individual of its Committee.
12. The following items are not eligible for funding:

Reclaimable VAT or other costs	Retrospective funding applications	Flags or bunting, sports kits	Groups or activities that discriminate against any section of the community	Equipment or items that duplicate what already exist or that are covered by other funding
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Funding will be assessed on

- IV. Need and Square footage of venue/facility for community development activity
- V. Need and number of planned groups/activity of use for the venue/facility
- VI. Level and nature of proposed costs for capital infrastructure, large items of equipment and maintenance to allow the venue/facility to operate close to full capacity and to maximize community engagement as much as possible
- VII. Confirmation that work can be completed / monies expended by 31st March 22

The funding can complement other funding however no duplication of support.

Section 1 – You and your Group/Organisation

1.0 The Organisation's name and address:

Name of Organisation:

Contact:

Address:

Email:

Telephone number:

1.2 Please confirm your organisation is a not for profit community or voluntary group with an annual AGM and member volunteers.

Yes

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1.3 Aim of your group delivering community development activity

1.4 Project description

Please provide a detailed description of your community development venue/facility and how you plan to use the funding to open this up to the local community to emerge and recover to pre pandemic levels of activity. (Please attach photographic evidence of the exterior and interior of the facility, along with estimate square footage of space)

1.5 Programme of Activity

You must provide a breakdown of community development groups and activities linked to your proposed development of venue/facility. Confirm hours of operation (min 10 hrs per week) of all of the current/proposed activities/user groups.

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1.6 Cost Breakdown (please detail costs with the level of grant applied for)

List areas of expenditure	Total Cost	Requested Amount
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
Totals	£	£

Please list below your anticipated income for the project/event

Estimated Income:	£
Total Income	

Section 2 – Checklist of attachments

The following documents are required with your form

- ☐ A copy of our constitution or set of rules
- ☐ List of Office Bearers
- ☐ Copy of minutes of Annual General Meeting
- ☐ An original Bank or Building Society statement not more than three months old that show your group's name, account number and current balance.
- ☐ Details of insurance relating to the project
- ☐ Photographic evidence of facility and square footage

If any of the above has been issued to Council already this financial year please state and you do not have to attach again.

- ☐ All above documents issued to Council in current financial year.

Section 3 – Verification and Authorisation

Data Protection Policy -All data gathered will be held securely by the Mid Ulster District Council in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. All such data will not be shared with any third party unless required to do so by law.

3.0 YOUR SIGNATURE.

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this application form is true and correct. I understand that you may ask for more information at any stage of the application process.

Signed:

Date:

Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer

Please email your completed application to communitydevelopment@midulstercouncil.org by close of play on 5th November