

Title of Report:	Festive Fund Grant Awards 2021
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 October 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Stable and Cohesive Communities
Lead Officer	Peter Thompson - Head of Tourism and Recreation Patricia O'Brien - Funding Unit Manager

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£2,750
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	N/A

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes	Date:10.10.17
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to make decisions on grants awards for the Christmas Festive Fund 2021-22.

2.0 Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launched the Christmas Festive Fund in 2015 to offer assistance to Community and Voluntary Organisations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Borough to help celebrate Christmas. This fund is specifically designed to mark the lighting of the Christmas tree and help facilitate festive celebrations within the Borough.

To be eligible to apply, organisations had be from the smaller towns, villages or hamlets within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area, have a population of over 100 residents or have been allocated a Christmas tree from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

3.0 Overview of the Fund

To help local groups and community organisations from small towns, hamlets and villages to celebrate Christmas by organising events and activities in their local communities. All activities must comply with government restrictions on events.

Projects/events must take place between 26th November and 18th December 2021.

Activities must be cross community and open for all residents offering an opportunity for all within the locality to participate.

4.0 Level of Grant Aid

Grants of up to £250 are available for eligible projects.

5.0 Criteria for Assessment

Criterion	Pass	Fail
1. Evidence of a developed project; with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between 26th November to 18th December)		
2. Outdoor Event / Open for all the community		
3. Suitable planning for events with a sufficiently completed Risk Assessment including preventative Covid-19 measures, if required as per current regulations.		
4. Full itemized breakdown of costs provided		

6.0 Outcome

14 applications were received by the closing date. The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks, 3 applications were deemed ineligible and 11 applications were passed for assessment. The applications were assessed against the agreed criteria.

No of applications received	14
No of ineligible applications	3
No of unsuccessful applications at assessment	0
No of successful applications	11

A summary of the outcome including applications received and grants recommended is included in **Annex 1**.

7.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council award grant-aid to projects numbered 1-11 listed in **Annex 1** at a total cost of £2,750.

Annex 1

Festive Fund Grant Awards 2021-22:

	Applicant	Pass/Fail	Project	Amount Recommended
1	Moneydig Rural Network	Pass	Moneydig Christmas tree light up with Santa	£250.00
2	St Mary's Parish Church Macosquin	Pass	Macosquin Christmas Tree lights switch on and carol singing night	£250.00
3	Heart of The Glens Festival	Pass	Cushendall Christmas Tree Switch On	£250.00
4	Gortnaghey Community Association	Pass	Christmas Lights Turn-On in Gortnaghey	£250.00
5	Articlave Cultural & Historical Society	Pass	It's a Musical Christmas 2021	£250.00
6	Apprentice Boys of Derry Campsie Club Rasharkin Group	Pass	Festive Finvoy	£250.00
7	Stranocum & District Community Association	Pass	Twilight Christmas Wonderland	£250.00
8	Cloughmills Community Action Team	Pass	Santa in the Village	£250.00
9	Drumsumn Community Association	Pass	Family Fun	£250.00
10	Burnfoot Community Development Association	Pass	Burnfoot Christmas Lights Turn On	£250.00
11	Ballybogey Over 50's Club	Pass	Christmas at Bogey	£250.00
	Total			£2,750

	Ineligible Applications	Project	Reason
12	Dervock & District Community Association	Santa's little helpers get rewarded	Outside the fund parameters - Christmas night for 30 volunteers - not an open for all community event.
13	Garvagh Development Trust	Commoning Possibilities Christmas Voting Fair	Ineligible as Garvagh town receives a Council organised Christmas event.
14	Ardinariff Historical & Cultural Society (Dungiven)	Drive-In Christmas Carol Service	Not a settlement or a village with a population in excess of 100