

Festive Fund Grant Awards 2018	9th October 2018
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	Develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Tourism & Recreation Events Manager
Cost: (If applicable)	£4,240

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members on the grant awards to applicants for the annual Christmas Festive Fund.

Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council launched the Festive Fund initiative in 2016 to offer assistance to Community & Voluntary Organisations from the smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Borough to help celebrate Christmas. The fund is specifically designed to mark the lighting of the Christmas tree and projects must have an outdoor element which help facilitate festive celebrations within the Borough.

With the assistance of the Funding Unit and by using Council's online funding Hub, invitations for the competitive process were issued. To be eligible to apply, organisations had to be from 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.

Level of Grant Aid

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

Criteria

Criterion	Score (0-5)	Weighting	Overall Score
1. Clear and concise evidence of a developed project with a date within the scope of the advertised fund (activity to take place between 21 st November and 17 th December).		X 3	<i>Max available 15 points</i>
2. Clear and realistic objectives set for the project.		X 2	<i>Max available 10 points</i>
3. Ability, skills and experience of the group which enables them to deliver the project		X 2	<i>Max available 10 points</i>

4. Detailed explanation of planned promotion of project		X 3	<i>Max available 15 points</i>
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Process

19 applications were received. The Funding Unit carried out the Stage 1 eligibility checks on the morning of 24th September 2018. 17 applications passed Stage 1 eligibility and were passed to assessment for scoring. The grant assessment panel met on afternoon of the 25th September 2018 to score these applications. The applications were assessed against the criteria stated above, as advertised in the guidance notes. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding.

No of applications received	19
No of applications ineligible for funding	2
No of unsuccessful applications (who did not achieve the 65% threshold)	0
No of successful applications	17

Ineligible Applicants	Reason
Glenariff Improvement	Indoor Christmas Dinner event for 60 senior citizens
Ballybogey Over 50's	Indoor Christmas Party for 35 Senior Citizens

Recommendation:

It is recommended that awards are made to the 17 successful applicants detailed in the table below:

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Applicant	Event Date	Score %	Applied For	Awarded
1. Castlerock Community Association	14/12/2018	74%	£250.00	£250.00
2. Burnfoot Community Development Assoc	7/12/2018	72%	£350.00	£250.00
3. Dunloy Development Association	09/12/2018	66%	£250.00	£250.00
4. Largy Community Association	08/12/2018	70%	£250.00	£250.00
5. Heart of the Glens Festival	07/12/2018	70%	£250.00	£250.00
6. Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Development Group	07/12/2018	86%	£250.00	£250.00
7. Gortnaghey Community Association	02/12/2018	70%	£580.00	£250.00
8. Greysteel Community Association	23/11/2018	66%	£250.00	£250.00
9. Derrykeighan & District Community Association	01/12/2018	66%	£250.00	£250.00
10. Errigal Hall Development Association	13/12/2018	76%	£240.00	£240.00
11. Cloughmills Action Team	08/12/2018	94%	£250.00	£250.00
12. Drumsurn Community Association	06/12/2017	76%	£250.00	£250.00
13. Dervock & District Community Association	12/12/2017	80%	£250.00	£250.00
14. Foreglen Community Association	05/12/2018	70%	£250.00	£250.00
15. Mosside Presbyterian Church	29/11/2017	66%	£250.00	£250.00
16. Magilligan Community Association	07/12/2018	66%	£250.00	£250.00
17. Feeny Community Association	01/12/2018	66%	£250.00	£250.00
Totals			£4,670.00	£4,240.00