

Community Foundation for Northern Ireland



Community Foundation
NORTHERN IRELAND

Quarterly Grant Making Report

October to December 2017

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

Connecting people who care to causes that matter

We do this by raising funds for a wide variety of issues related to isolation, poverty, marginalisation, health and wellbeing, the environment, sectarianism, human rights, social justice, education and peacebuilding. We then allocate the money to a wide range of registered charities and community groups throughout Northern Ireland.

We strive to make our grant making process as fair, supportive and accessible as possible with a community development ethos underpinning our practice.

It is important to us that our grants and programmes support and empower people and communities to identify and address their own needs. As a funder, we really encourage community led action and collaboration, in order to get the best for those we support. The environment in which we operate means at times we will work with the most marginalised communities and we are willing to take risks to support them.

Between **October & December** 2017

we received **301**
grant applications

Total amount requested
£1.2 million

180 grants **awarded**

Total amount awarded
£449,206

We assessed **363**
grant applications*

**includes applications received but not assessed
in April-June*



134 more **applications** received
than the same quarter in 2016

80%
increase



£578,951 requested in 2016



52 more **grants awarded**
than the same quarter of 2016

41%
increase



£320,506 awarded in 2016

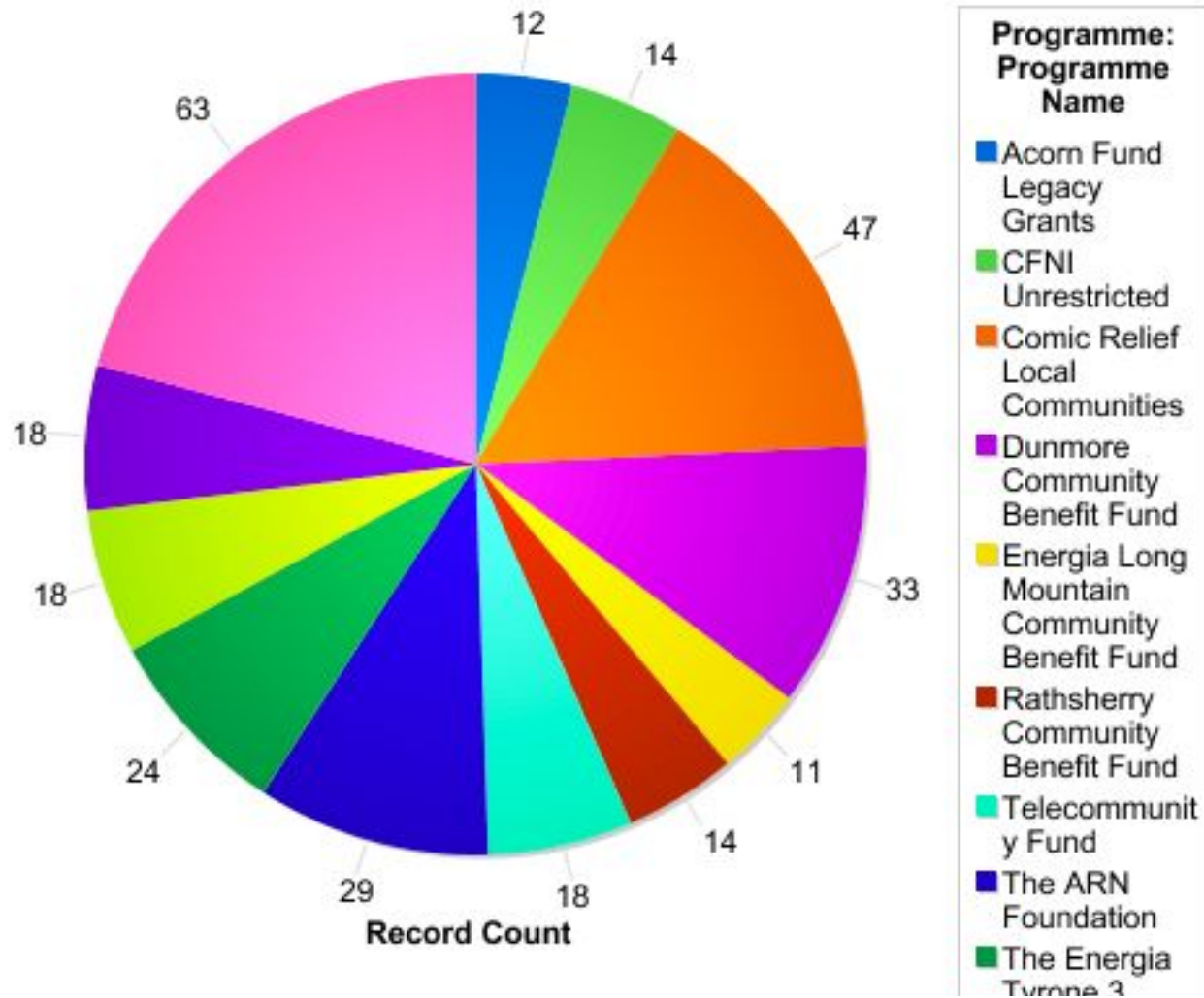
50% of assessed applications
were **successful**

Communities Supported
192

Applications Received by Fund

Total number of applications

301

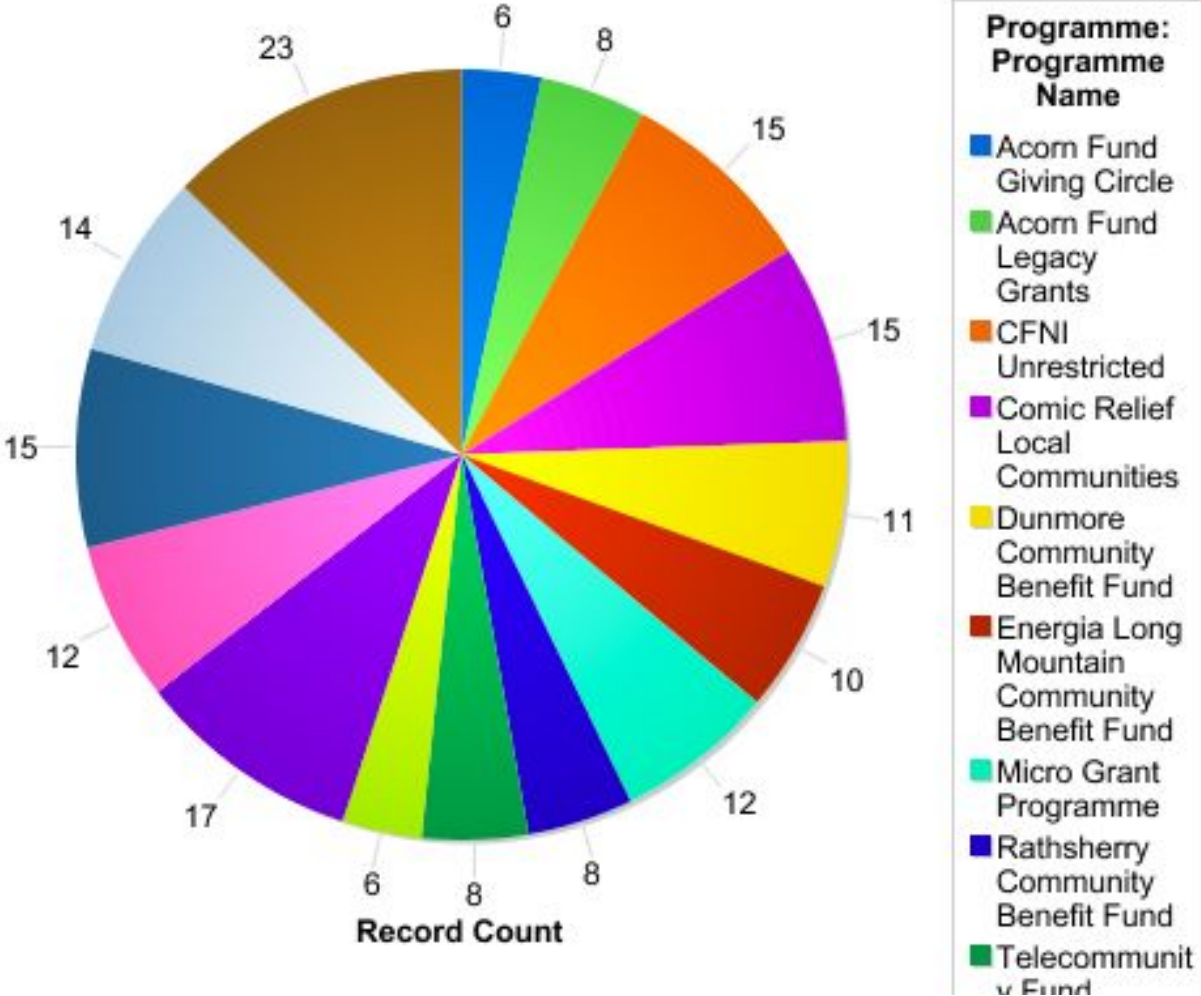


Grants awarded by Fund

Total number of grants awarded

180

50%
Overall success rate



Our grantmaking has supported:

2799 older people

2230 people with various disabilities

1022 people with learning difficulties

467 women

456 Black and Minority Ethnic

373 men

255 refugee and asylum seekers

346,185

beneficiaries

5680

families

28,829

children &
young people

267,251

people
with mental
health
issues

4560

people
living in
poverty

20,522

local
residents

Our grantmaking will benefit:

6034 will benefit from projects supporting the advancement of people's physical and mental health, well-being and safety

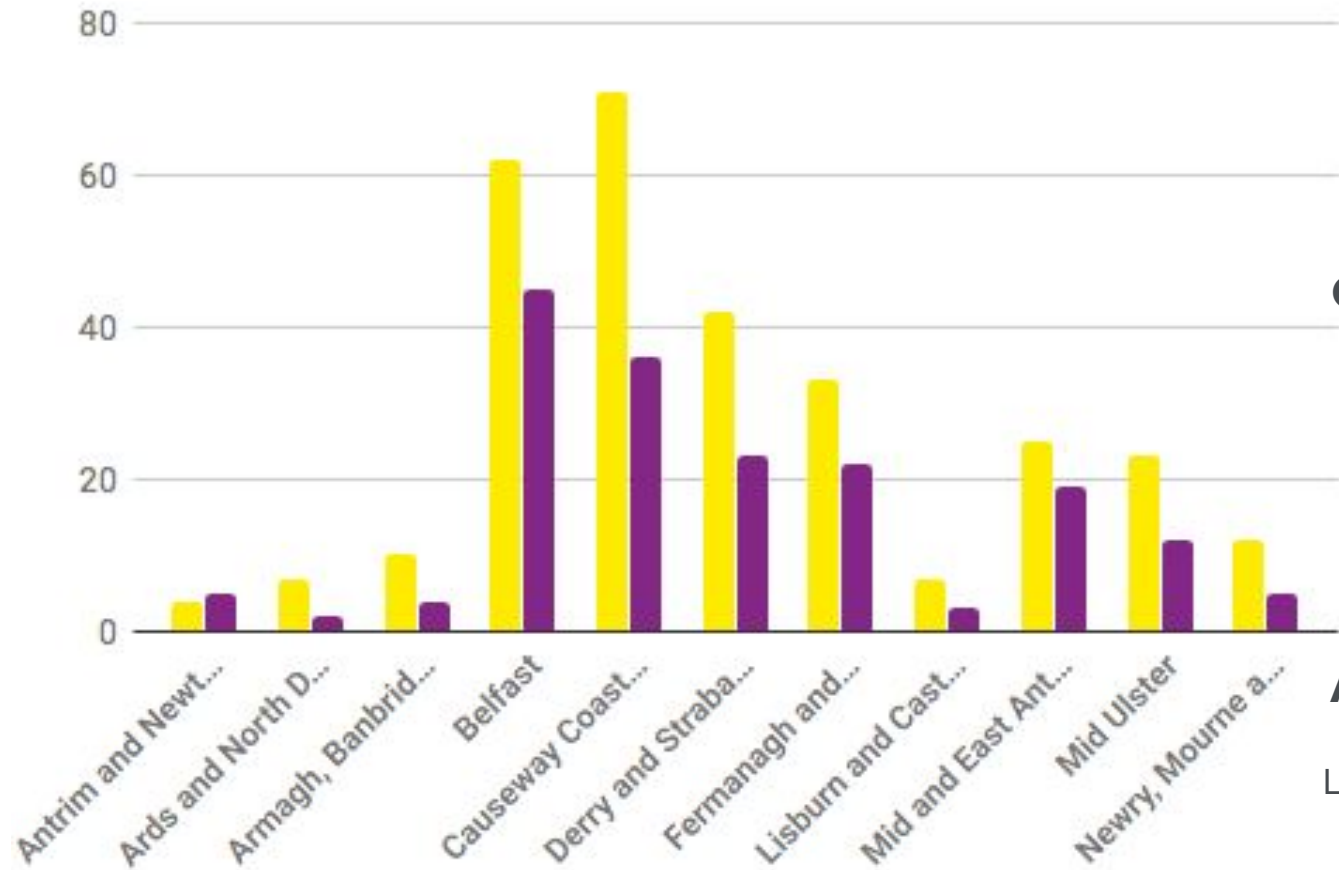
Improved life skills, education, employability and enterprise opportunities for **5762** people

3123 people connected with the arts, culture and heritage

Maximised and strengthened community cohesion and the building of social capital for **14,582** people

25,047 people will see a reduction in isolation, and disadvantage and improved access to local services

Breakdown by Council Area



Highest success rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey

Lowest success rate
Ards and North Down

Highest number of applications
Causeway Coast & Glens

Highest number of grants awarded
Belfast

Lowest number of applications
Antrim & Newtownabbey

Lowest number of grants awarded
Ards and North Down

Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim and Newtownabbey	4	5	£18,128.00	£4,958.00	100%
Ards and North Down	7	2	£11,790.00	£2,000.00	29%
Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	10	4	£31,980.00	£3,910.00	40%
Belfast	62	45	£261,252.35	£89,631.72	73%
Causeway Coast and Glens	71	36	£242,785.76	£92,007.32	51%
Derry and Strabane	42	23	£167,664.73	£51,223.00	55%
Fermanagh and Omagh	33	22	£189,828.92	£78,647.00	67%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	7	3	£33,877.20	£2,500.00	43%
Mid and East Antrim	25	19	£93,028.00	£45,497.00	76%
Mid Ulster	23	12	£103,327.13	£35,363.00	52%
Newry, Mourne and Down	12	5	£62,962.75	£23,300.00	42%

Vital Signs Analysis



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and
homelessness



Poverty

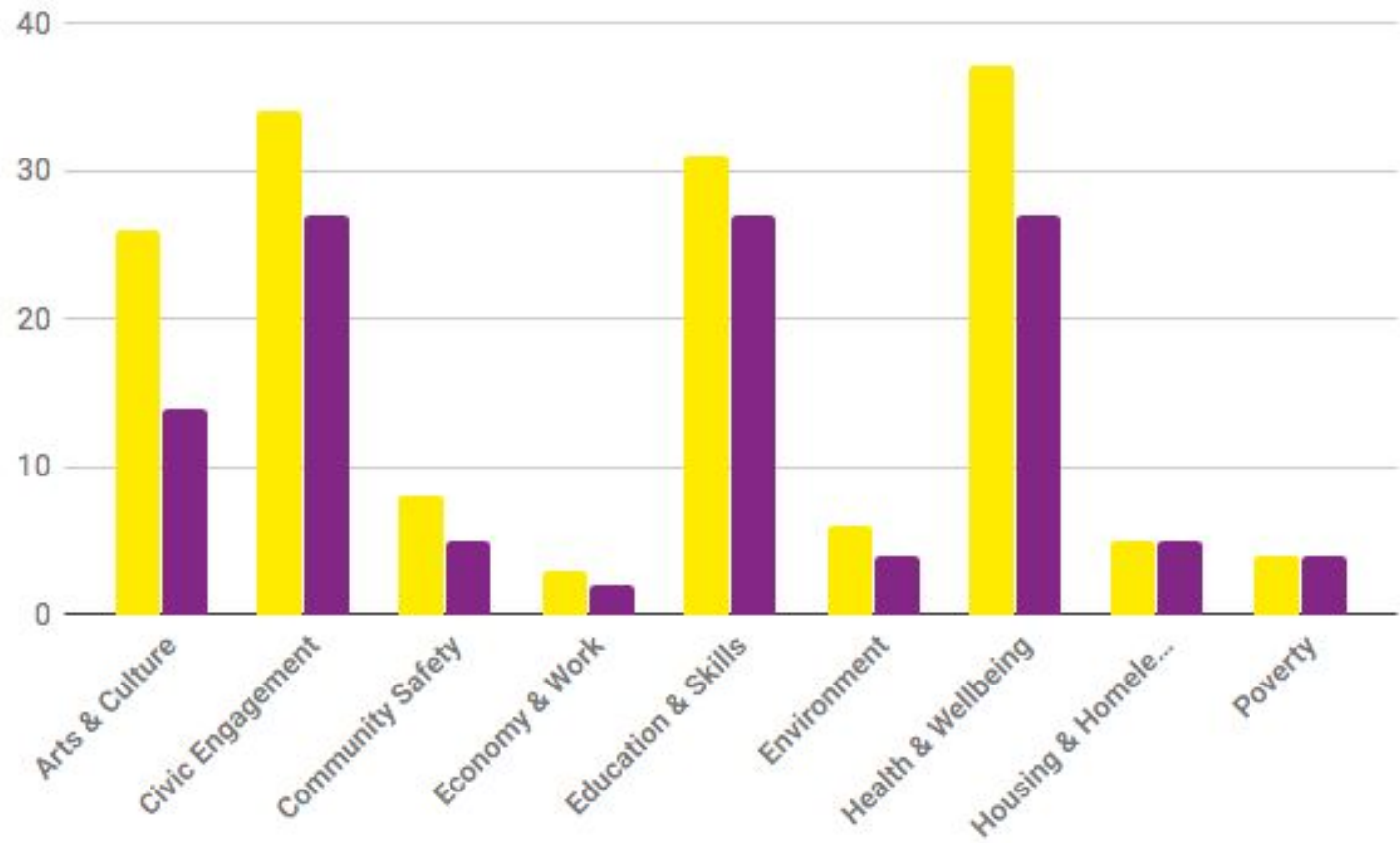


Education and Skills



Environment

Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes



Highest success rate
Poverty
Housing & Homelessness

Lowest success rate
Arts & Culture

Highest number of applications and grants awarded

Health & Wellbeing

Lowest number of applications & grants awarded

Economy & Work

100%
Success
rate

Poverty



Applications received

4

Awarded

4

Amount requested

£8002

Amount awarded

£6002

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Embolden CIC	To raise awareness about the seriousness and lack of understanding and lack of funding around borderline personality disorder in Northern Ireland	£500	Pressure Group Fund

100%
Success
rate

Housing and Homelessness



Applications received

5

Awarded

5

Amount requested

£3000

Amount awarded

£3000

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Individual Bursary	Individual bursary for solicitor costs, food, clothing, etc for destitute asylum seekers	£500	CFNI Unrestricted Funds - Destitute Asylum Seekers

54%
Success
rate

Arts & Culture



Applications received

26

Awarded

14

Amount requested

£79,263

Amount awarded

£35,038

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Craft Collective	towards weekly dressmaking and upcycling classes	£1748	Dunmore Community Benefit Fund

73%
Success
rate

Health & Wellbeing



Applications received

37

Awarded

27

Amount requested

£143,196

Amount awarded

£77,410

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Suffolk Community Forum	Towards yoga classes for those with mental health issues	£2000	Wesleyan Assurance Fund

67%
Success
rate

Economy & Work



Applications received

3

Awarded

2

Amount requested

£1400

Amount awarded

£

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Individual Bursary	Towards costs to participate in a hair and beauty course	£500	Women's Fund individual bursaries

Vital Thinking

- Low numbers of grants were awarded in Ards and North Down. This area has been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded. Conversations are still taking place to look at developing a local philanthropic fund; perhaps this might help in areas where applications are low.

We will continue to keep an eye on whether there other ways for us to have more targeted interventions in this area. Are there particular organisations that we should be engaging with? Can we work better in partnership with them?

- This is our second quarterly report recording impact. **What are these numbers telling us? How do we want to use these figures going forward? How do we ensure that grantees fill in this information accurately on application?**

Vital Action

- Health and Wellbeing and Education and Skills were researched for this year's Vital Signs report. Deeper research was completed in these areas, with a focus on mental health and education respectively. This report details priorities for the Community Foundation and showed how philanthropy would make a difference in these areas. We will continue to factor this into our analysis of our grantmaking going forward.
- Ards and North Down and Mid and East Antrim have been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded. We are currently scoping potential for local funds in these areas.
- We continue to be aware that whilst there might appear to be low numbers of grants under one theme, it is likely that there is indirect impact or effect through another theme, e.g. Grants relating to sport might be categorised under Arts & Culture but could also be classed as Health & Wellbeing.