The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

Quarterly Grantmaking Review April 2016 to June 2016
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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 **April & June** 2016 we received **347** grant applications

**Total amount requested**

**£6,877,866.06**

**234** grants **awarded**

**Total amount awarded**

**£661,710.74**

We assessed **521** grant applications

159 more **applications** received than the same quarter in 2015

**£6,505,716.69** requested in 2015

119 more **grants awarded** than the same quarter of 2015

**£2,906,774.27** awarded in 2015

45% of assessed applications were **successful**

**Communities Supported** 286
Application Breakdown by Fund

- Total number of applications: 347
- Success Rate Target: 55%

Key:
- Above target
- Below target
Grants Awarded Broken down by Fund

Total number of grants awarded 234

45% Overall success rate

Key:
- Above target
- Below target
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Acorn Fund Giving Circle

Applications: 7
Awarded: 6
Amount requested: £3787.50
Amount awarded: £3000

Success rate: 86%

Acorn Fund Legacy Grants

Applications: 11
Awarded: 11
Amount requested: £34,269
Amount awarded: £18,500

Success rate: 100%

Carn Hill CBF

Applications: 1
Awarded: 1
Amount requested: £1850
Amount awarded: £1850

*one application was received despite the fund not being open, however due to an underspend this was awarded

Success rate: 100%

Carrickatane CBF

Applications: 13
Awarded: 9
Amount requested: £50,388.94
Amount awarded: £26,804.68

*note that 8 applications were received in the previous quarter, with 5 received in this quarter

Success rate: 69%
Comic Relief Local Communities

Applications: 52
Awarded: 10

Success rate: 19%

Amount requested: £231,260.75
Amount awarded: £39,860

*note that this fund was heavily oversubscribed and there was only £40,000 available to spend

Curryfree CBF

Applications: 14
Awarded: 6

Success rate: 43%

Amount requested: £56,025.56
Amount awarded: £16,771.56

*note that 9 applications were received in the previous quarter, with 5 received in this quarter

Dunbeg CBF

Applications: 5
Awarded: 4

Success rate: 80%

Amount requested: £23,024.20
Amount awarded: £11,924.20

Micro Grants

Applications: 54
Awarded: 26

Success rate: 48%

Amount requested: £149,524.78
Amount awarded: £22,280
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<td>£247,836.89</td>
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*note that 48 applications were received in the previous quarter, with 30 received in this quarter
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<td><strong>Thomas Devlin</strong></td>
<td>30 11</td>
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<td><strong>Ulster People's College</strong></td>
<td>53 4</td>
<td>£461,917.18</td>
<td>£22,626</td>
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Breakdown by Council Area

**Highest success rate**
- Mid and East Antrim

**Lowest success rate**
- Fermanagh and Omagh

**Highest number of applications received and grants awarded**
- Belfast

**Lowest number of applications received and grants awarded**
- Ards and North Down
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<td>Ards &amp; North Down</td>
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<td>Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon</td>
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<td>Belfast</td>
<td>68</td>
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<td>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>£847,209.99</td>
<td>£60,241.20</td>
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<td>Derry &amp; Strabane</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>£617,876.84</td>
<td>£100,240.24</td>
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<td>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>£1,416,066.17</td>
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<td>Lisburn &amp; Castlereagh</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Mid &amp; East Antrim</td>
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<td>Mid Ulster</td>
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<td>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down</td>
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<td>£1,082,176.56</td>
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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:
- Community Safety

Lowest success rate:
- Housing & Homelessness

Highest number of applications received, assessed and awarded:
- Civic Engagement

Highest number of grants awarded:
- Arts and Culture

Lowest number of applications received, assessed and awarded:
- Housing & Homelessness
Arts and Culture

Applications received 72

Applications assessed 118

Awarded 68

Amount requested £149,931.90

Amount awarded £123,909.36

58% Success rate

Range of grants requested £300 to £9200

Applications were received under this theme to: Acorn Legacy, Carrickatane, Comic Relief, Curryfree, Micro Grants, New Beginnings, Older People’s Fund, Sport Relief, Telecommunity, Thomas Devlin

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<td>Individual Bursary</td>
<td>To attend acting school in Dublin</td>
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<td>Team Aspie</td>
<td>Delivery of Gala performance by young people with autism</td>
<td>£1500</td>
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Applications received
107

Applications assessed
138

Awarded
62

Amount requested
£3,508,677.94

Amount awarded
£141,116.80

45% Success rate

Range of grants requested
£171 to £350,000

Applications were received under this theme to:
Acorn Legacy, Carrickatane, Comic Relief, Crighshane,
Curryfree, Dunbeg, Micro Grants, New Beginnings, Older
People’s Fund, Space and Place, Sport Relief, Telecommunity,
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<td>Polish NI Community</td>
<td>Newsletter and website costs</td>
<td>£1000</td>
<td>Micro Grant</td>
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*note that Space and Place applications were received in this period
Community Safety

Range of grants requested
£500 to £62,682

Applications were received under this theme to:
Carrickatane, Comic Relief, Crighshane, Dunbeg, Micro
Grants, Space and Place, Sport Relief, Telecommunity, Ulster
People’s College, Women’s Fund

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<td>La Dolce Vita</td>
<td>Domestic Violence</td>
<td>£500</td>
<td>Micro Grant</td>
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Applications received
12

Applications assessed
24

Awarded
16

Amount requested
£89,434.70

Amount awarded
£52,871.20

67% Success rate
Applications received 24

Applications assessed 42

Awarded 14

Amount requested £87,730.70

Amount awarded £66,369.06

Range of grants requested £171 to £20,000

33% Success rate

Applications were received under this theme to: Carrickatane, Comic Relief, Curryfree, Dunbeg, New Beginnings, Sport Relief, Thomas Devlin, Ulster People’s College, Women’s Fund

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<td>Individual Bursary</td>
<td>Support costs for travel, childcare and books for training in Health and Social Care</td>
<td>£500</td>
<td>Women’s Fund</td>
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Applications received

42

Applications assessed

59

Awarded

18

Amount requested

£242,894.93

Amount awarded

£40,939.42

31% Success rate

Range of grants requested

£140 to £10,000

Applications were received under this theme to:

Acorn Legacy, Comic Relief, Curryfree, Micro Grants, New Beginnings, Older People’s Fund, Sport Relief, Telecommunity, Thomas Devlin, Ulster People’s College, Women’s Fund

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<td>NICRAS</td>
<td>Orientation support for refugees and asylum seekers</td>
<td>£9994</td>
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Applications received: 9

Applications assessed: 13

Awarded: 4

Amount requested: £25,274

Amount awarded: £8828

Environment

31% Success rate

Range of grants requested: £908 to £350,000

Applications were received under this theme to: Carrickatane, Dunbeg, Micro Grant, Older People’s Fund, Space and Place, Sport Relief, Ulster People’s College

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<td>Supply and installation of energy saving light</td>
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<td>Carrickatane</td>
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<td>Three Mile Water</td>
<td>Bat boxes</td>
<td>£961</td>
<td>Micro Grant</td>
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Applications received 70

Applications assessed 96

Awarded 41

Amount requested £2,749,000.34

Amount awarded £76,545.24

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**Health and Wellbeing**

Range of grants requested £500 to £267,000

Applications were received under this theme to: Acorn Legacy, Carn Hill, Carrickatane, Comic Relief, Crighshane, Curryfree, Micro Grants, New Beginnings, Older People’s Fund, Space and Place, Sport Relief, Telecommunity, Ulster People’s College, Women’s Fund

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<td>Na Piarsaigh Doire Trasna GAA Club</td>
<td>GAA Development programme</td>
<td>£1155</td>
<td>Curryfree</td>
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Applications received
6

Applications assessed
28

Awarded
16

Amount requested
£11,644

Amount awarded
£45,435

*note that Human Rights Fund was drawn down in this period

Range of grants requested
£500 to £5000

57% Success rate

Applications were received under this theme to:
Acorn Fund, Carrickatane, Comic Relief, Crighshane, Curryfree, Human Rights Fund, Micro Grant, Older People’s Fund, Sport Relief, Telecommunity

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<td>Summer programme for disadvantaged children</td>
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<td>Sole Purpose</td>
<td>Programme for transgender and non binary people</td>
<td>£2000</td>
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Applications received: 5
Applications assessed: 6
Awarded: 1

Amount requested: £13,277.50
Amount awarded: £430

Range of grants requested: £430 to £9347

Applications were received under this theme to:
Comic Relief, Micro Grant, New Beginnings, Telecommunity, Ulster People’s College, Women’s Fund

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<td>Employability course/skills</td>
<td>£430</td>
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Vital Thinking:

- Less than 40% success rates in Fermanagh & Omagh. However Newry, Mourne & Down and Ards & North Down improved on last quarter with Newry, Mourne & Down having the second highest success rate. **Do we need to have more targeted interventions in Fermanagh & Omagh? What is the impact of Fermanagh Trust? Can we work better in partnership with them?**

- Last quarter there were less than 10% success rates in 4 themes. This quarter all themes were above 10%, with the lowest success rate under Housing & Homelessness at 16%. **Should we be actively targeting support for projects addressing this theme and/or others? Are any of these themes that our Vital Signs research is showing as priority for us to address?**

- Significant increase in applications received and grants awarded compared to same quarter of 2015.
Vital Action:

- We will continue to review fund guidance and criteria, where possible, to enable larger organisations who have potential to achieve impact to access our funds.
  - The criteria of looking at free reserves and high income levels was used for various funds as part of shortlisting process when the fund has been heavily oversubscribed. Generally priority for support will be for applicants who do not have access to free reserves and can be seen to be most in need. In addition, programmes such as Comic Relief, Micro Grant Programme, and New Beginnings may stipulate income level limits where the programme is intended for small locally based organisations.
  - Opportunity to develop enhanced selection or assessment criteria when funds are oversubscribed to prevent automatically excluding larger organisations with higher income levels, however, this will depend on whether the Community Foundation has flexibility in determining fund criteria.
Vital Action:

- We will continue to target areas where there are lower numbers of applications received, as well as lower success rates.
  - Since the previous quarter we have actively promoted our funds through local support organisations in areas identified as having a low number of applications, and success rates. We should continue to improve communications, and if possible attend funding fairs as well as organise training events. This may be possible as part of the Local Giving Programme.

Note: 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.