

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

**Quarterly Grantmaking Review
April 2016 to June 2016**

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 **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

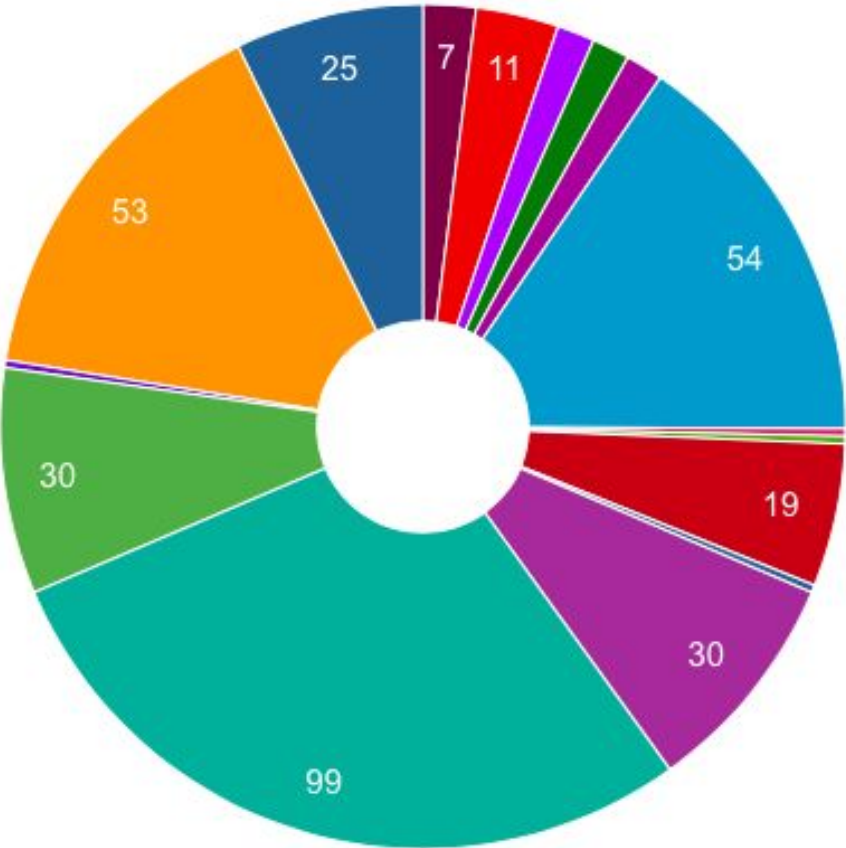
85%
increase

103%
increase

45% of assessed applications
were **successful**

Communities Supported
286

Application Breakdown by Fund



- Acorn Fund Giving Circle
- Acorn Fund Legacy
- Carrickatane CBF
- Curryfree CBF
- Dunbeg CBF
- Micro Grants
- Mike Moloney
- Monnaboy CBF
- Space and Place
- Staff Trustee Fund
- Telecommunity
- Older People's Fund
- Thomas Devlin
- Thornog CBF
- Ulster People's College
- Women's Fund

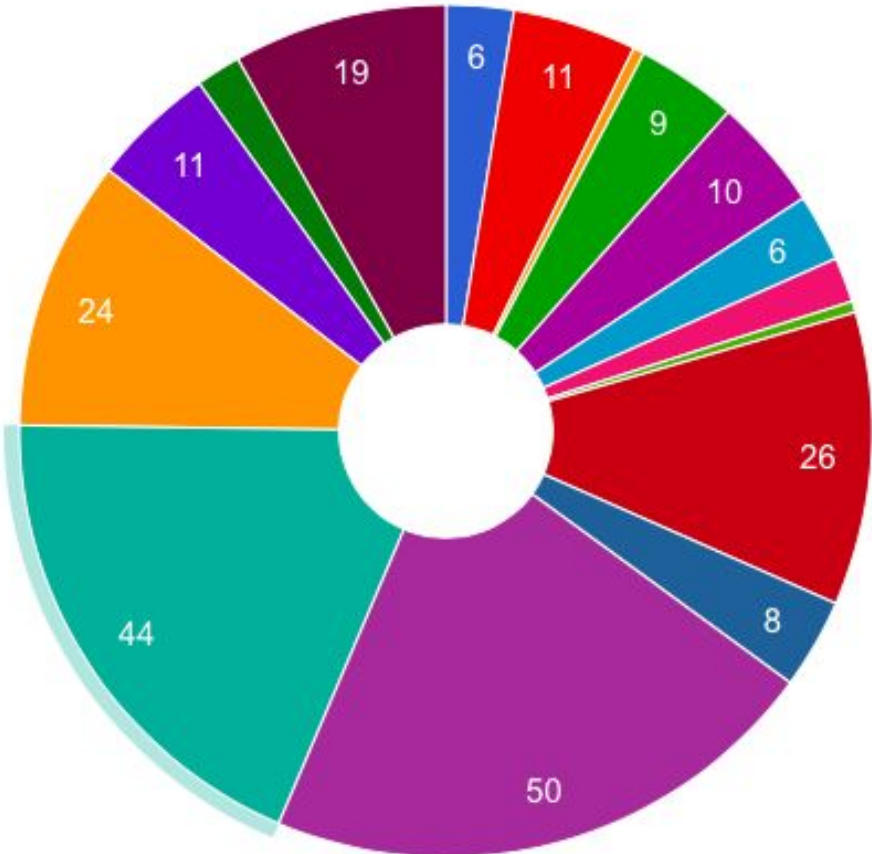
Total number of applications
347

Success Rate Target
55%

Key:

- Above target
- Below target

Grants Awarded Broken down by Fund



- Acorn Fund Giving Circle
- Acorn Fund Legacy
- Carn Hill CBF
- Carrickatane CBF
- Comic Relief Local Comm...
- Curryfree CBF
- Dunbeg CBF
- Human Rights Fund
- Micro Grants
- New Beginnings
- Sport Relief
- Telecommunity
- Older People's Fund
- Thomas Devlin
- Ulster People's College
- Women's Fund

Total number of grants awarded
234

45%
Overall success rate

Key:
● Above target
● Below target

Fund	Amount Available	Fund	Amount Available
Acorn Fund Giving Circle	No set budget	Sport Relief	£50,000
Acorn Fund Legacy Grant		Telecommunity	£49,484.74
Carn Hill Community Benefit Fund (CBF)	£12,035	The Older People's Fund	£72,557
Carrickatane CBF	£26,246	Thomas Devlin Fund	No set budget
Comic Relief Local Communities	£40,000	Ulster People's College	£23,319
Curryfree CBF	£16,772		
Dunbeg CBF	£64,000		
Micro Grant	£30,000		
New Beginnings	£88,295		
Women's Fund	£10,000 (approx)		

Acorn Fund Giving Circle

Applications
7

Awarded
6

86%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£3787.50

Amount awarded
£3000

Acorn Fund Legacy Grants

Applications
11

Awarded
11

100%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£34,269

Amount awarded
£18,500

Carn Hill CBF

Applications
1

Awarded
1

100%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£1850

Amount awarded
£1850

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

Carrickatane CBF

Applications
13

Awarded
9

69%
Success
rate

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

Comic Relief Local Communities

Applications
52

Awarded
10

19%
Success
rate

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

43%
Success
rate

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

80%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£23,024.20

Amount awarded
£11,924.20

Micro Grants

Applications
54

Awarded
26

48%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£149,524.78

Amount awarded
£22,280

New Beginnings

Applications
16

Awarded
8

50%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£159,799.84

Amount awarded
£88,295

*note that all applications were received in the previous quarter

Sport Relief

Applications
65

Awarded
50

77%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£102,795.37

Amount awarded
£48,473.40

*note that all applications were received in the previous quarter

Telecommunity

Applications
78

Awarded
44

56%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£111,195.02

Amount awarded
£51,709.40

*note that 48 applications were received in the previous quarter, with 30 received in this quarter

The Older People's Fund

Applications
99

Awarded
24

24%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£247,836.89

Amount awarded
£56,750

Thomas Devlin

Applications
30

Awarded
11

37%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£42,802.40

Amount awarded
£12,895

Ulster People's College

Applications
53

Awarded
4

8%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£461,917.18

Amount awarded
£22,626

Women's Fund

Applications
25

Awarded
19

76%
Success
rate

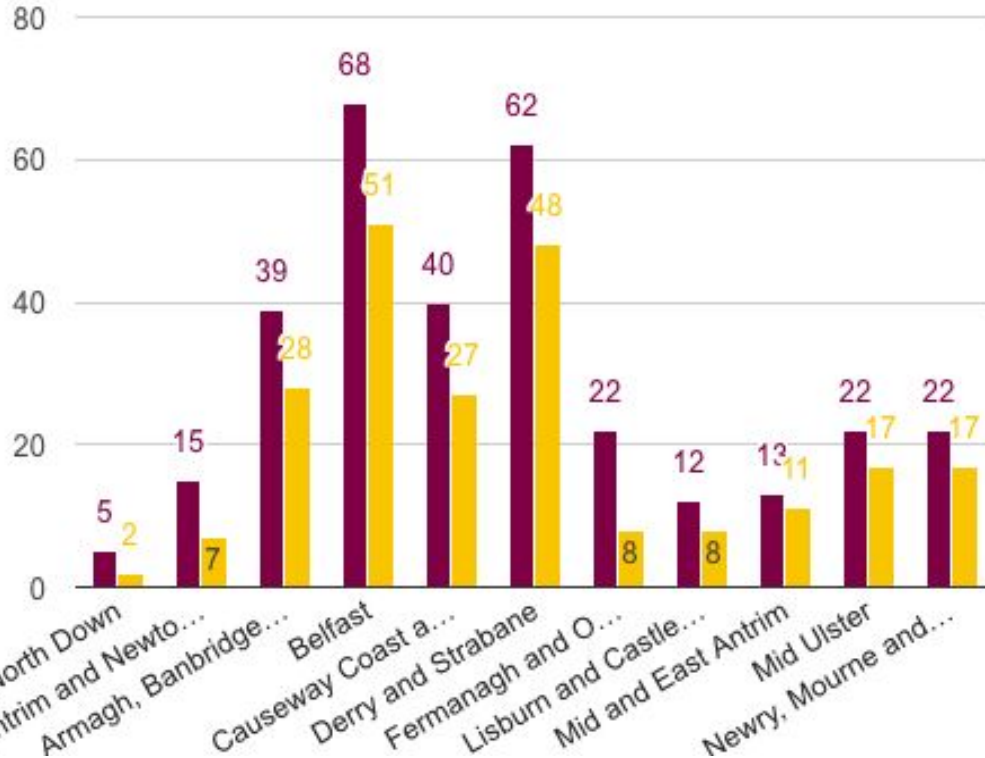
Amount requested
£11,358.90

Amount awarded
£8582.50

Breakdown by Council Area

Key: ● Above target ● Below target

Applications and Awarded



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

Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	5	2	£15,827.00	£1,500.00	40%
Ards & North Down	15	7	£328,602.08	£9,691.00	47%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	39	28	£767,382.40	£40,102.50	72%
Belfast	68	51	£576,046.84	£342,927.00	75%
Causeway Coast & Glens	40	27	£847,209.99	£60,241.20	68%
Derry & Strabane	62	48	£617,876.84	£100,240.24	77%
Fermanagh & Omagh	22	8	£1,416,066.17	£12,584.00	36%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	12	8	£382,353.78	£11,920.00	67%
Mid & East Antrim	13	11	£117,751.00	£17,057.40	85%
Mid Ulster	22	17	£689,042.00	£22,930.00	77%
Newry, Mourne & Down	22	17	£1,082,176.56	£31,372.40	77%

Vital Signs Analysis



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and homelessness



Poverty



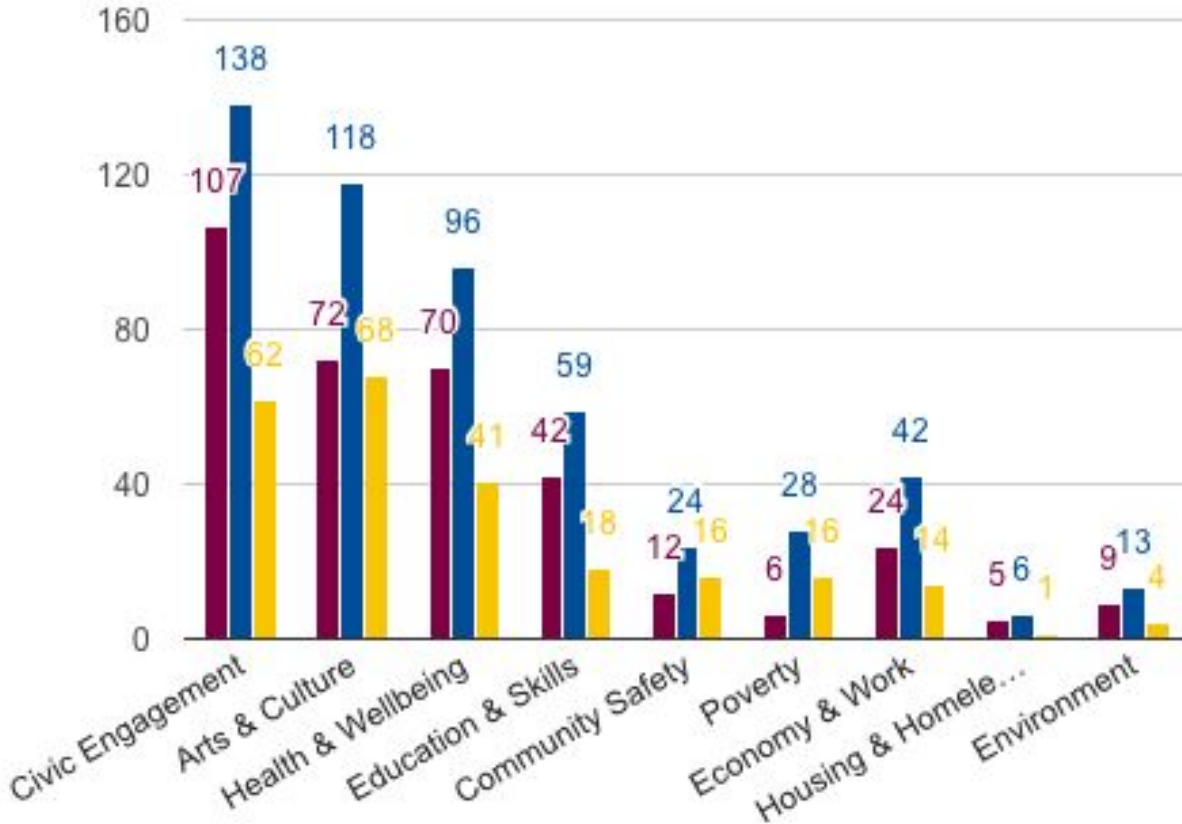
Education and Skills



Environment

Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes

Received, Assessed, Awarded



Highest success rate
Community Safety

Lowest success rate
Housing & Homelessness

Highest number of applications received
and assessed
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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Individual Bursary	To attend acting school in Dublin	£1500	Thomas Devlin Fund
Team Aspie	Delivery of Gala performance by young people with autism	£1500	Telecommunity

Civic Engagement



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, Thomas Devlin, Ulster People's College, Women's Fund

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Foyle Pride Festival	Buddy system for Foyle Pride event	£500	Acorn Fund
Polish NI Community	Newsletter and website costs	£1000	Micro Grant

*note that Space and Place applications were received in this period



Community Safety

Applications received

12

Applications assessed

24

Awarded

16

Amount requested

£89,434.70

Amount awarded

£52,871.20

67%
Success
rate

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**

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Deramore Presbyterian	Purchase of a defibrillator	£1157	Dunbeg
La Dolce Vita	Domestic Violence	£500	Micro Grant

Economy and Work



Applications received
24

Applications assessed
42

Awarded
14

Amount requested
£87,730.70

Amount awarded
£66,369.06

33%
Success
rate

Range of grants requested
£171 to £20,000

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Individual Bursary	Support costs for travel, childcare and books for training in Health and Social Care	£500	Women's Fund



Education and Skills

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
The 1825 Project	Communication training for children with ASD & learning disabilities	£1000	Sport Relief
NICRAS	Orientation support for refugees and asylum seekers	£9994	New Beginnings

Applications received
9

Applications assessed
13

Awarded
4

Amount requested
£25,274

Amount awarded
£8828

31%
Success
rate

Environment



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**

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Newbuildings Community & Environmental Association	Supply and installation of energy saving light	£3000	Carrickatane
Three Mile Water	Bat boxes	£961	Micro Grant

Applications received
70

Applications assessed
96

Awarded
41

Amount requested
£2,749,000.34

Amount awarded
£76,545.24

Health and Wellbeing



43%
Success
rate

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
The Fitzone Foundation	Wellbeing programme	£2910	Older People's Fund
Na Piarsaigh Doire Trasna GAA Club	GAA Development programme	£1155	Curryfree

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

Poverty



57%
Success
rate

Range of grants requested
£500 to £5000

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**

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Craobh Rua Camlocha	Summer programme for disadvantaged children	£2480	Comic Relief
Sole Purpose	Programme for transgender and non binary people	£2000	Acorn Fund

Housing and Homelessness



Applications received
5

Applications assessed
6

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£13,277.50

Amount awarded
£430

16%
Success
rate

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**

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Individual Bursary	Employability course/skills	£430	Women's Fund

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.