

# Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

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**Quarterly Grant Making Report**

**April to June 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 **April and June** 2017

we received **277**  
grant applications

Total amount requested  
**£745,631.89**

**156** grants **awarded**

Total amount awarded  
**£253,308.90**

We assessed **309**  
grant applications\*

*\*includes applications received but not assessed  
in Jan-March*



**73** less **applications** received  
than the same quarter in 2016

**20%**  
decrease



**£7.3 million requested** in 2016

*\*Note Space & Place were open for applications at this time*



**126** less **grants awarded**  
than the same quarter of 2016

**45%**  
decrease

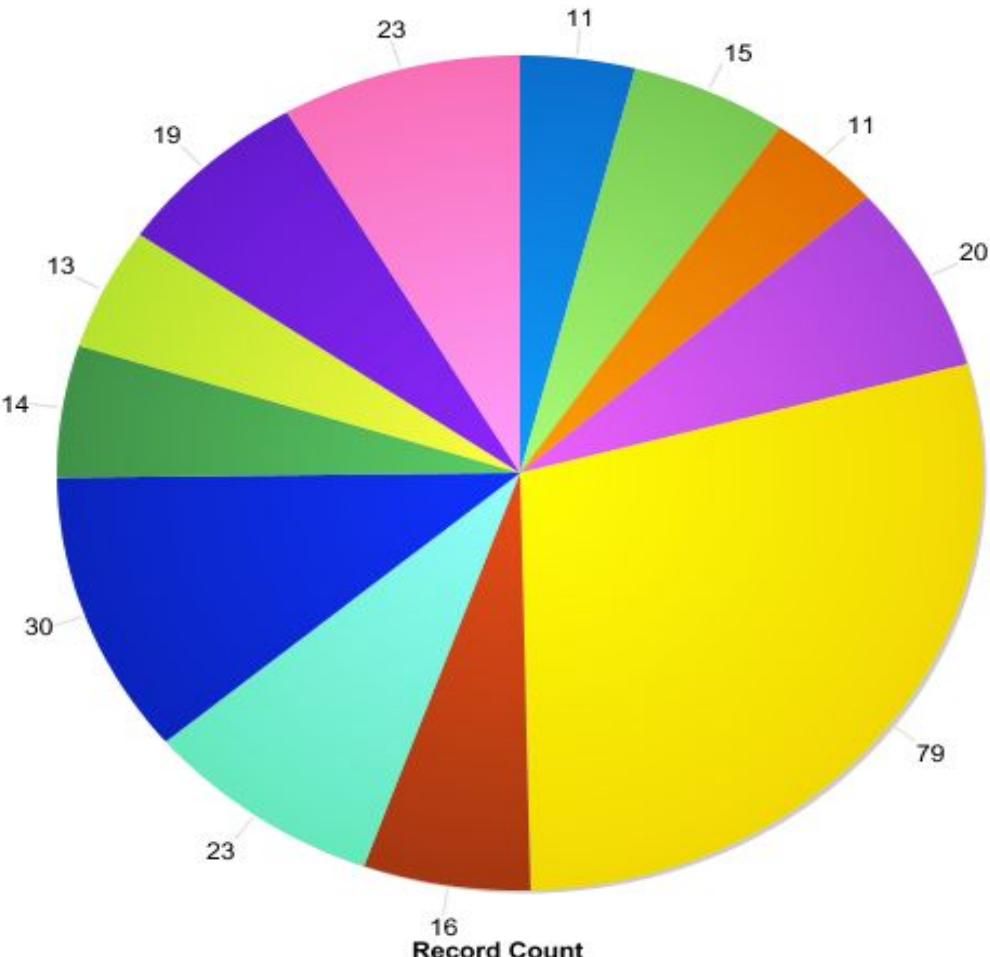


**£658,322 awarded** in 2016

**50%** of assessed applications  
were **successful**

Communities Supported  
**200**

# Applications Received by Fund

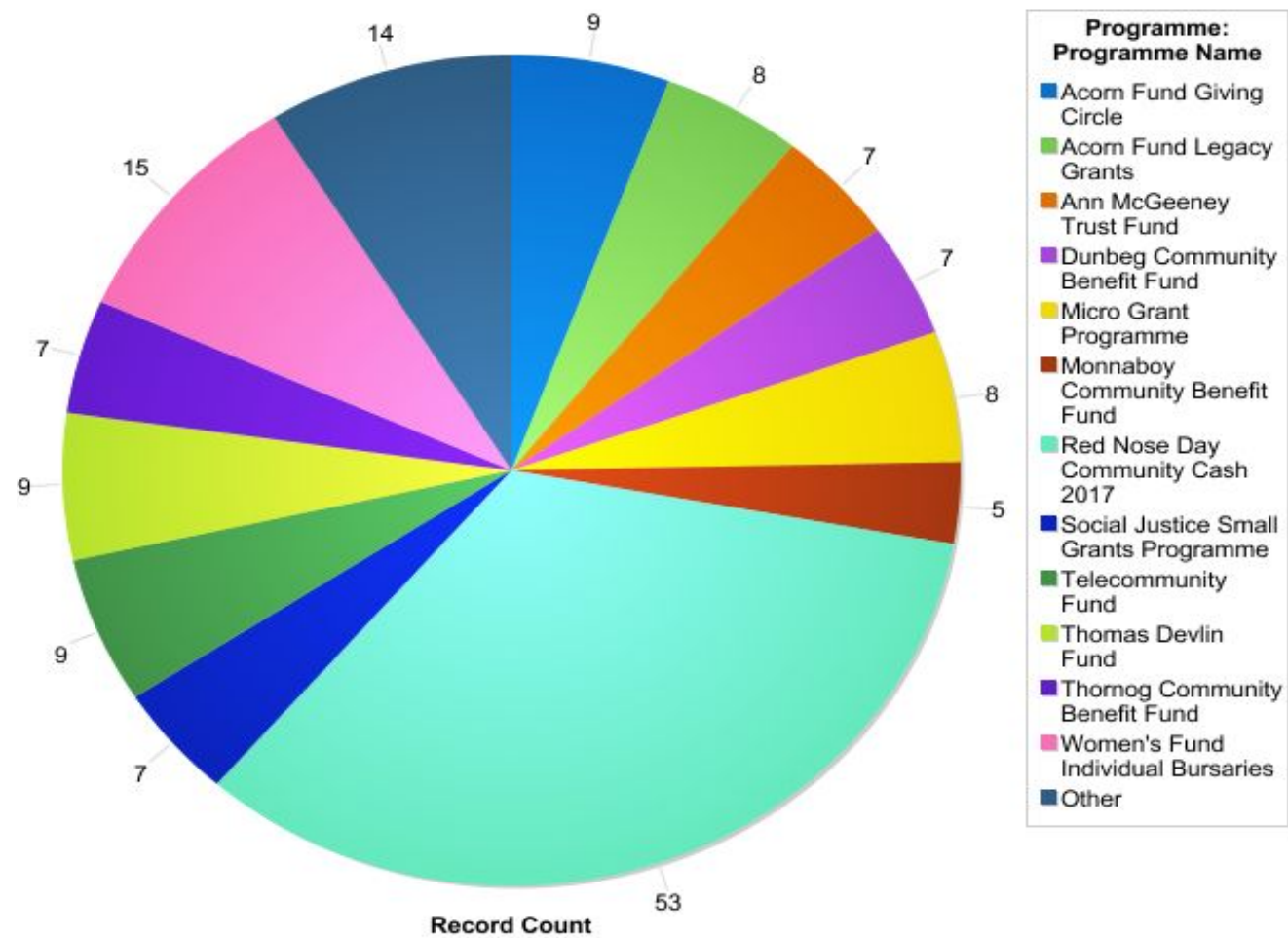


- Programme:**  
**Programme Name**
- Acorn Fund Giving Circle
  - Acorn Fund Legacy Grants
  - Dunbeg Community Benefit Fund
  - Micro Grant Programme
  - Red Nose Day Community Cash 2017
  - Social Justice Small Grants Programme
  - Telecommunity Fund
  - The Older People's Fund (Previously Turkington Fund)
  - Thornog Community Benefit Fund
  - Ulster People's College Fund
  - Women's Fund Individual Bursaries
  - Other

Total number of applications

**274**

# Grants Awarded By Fund



Total number of grants awarded

**158**

**50%**  
Overall success rate

# Our grantmaking has supported:

**958** people living with physical and/or mental illnesses

**630** families

**568** Black and Minority Ethnic

**500** ex offenders or those at risk of offending

**260** NEETs aged 16-24

**200** LGBTQ

**251** long term unemployed

**160** men

**100** adults

**100** victims of crime

**53** refugees, asylum seekers

**378,729**  
beneficiaries

**2912**  
people  
with  
disabilities

**305,127**  
children  
& young  
people

**915**  
women

**2546**  
older  
people

**995**  
people  
living in  
poverty

# Our grantmaking will benefit:

**8927** will benefit from projects supporting the advancement of people's physical and mental health, well-being and safety

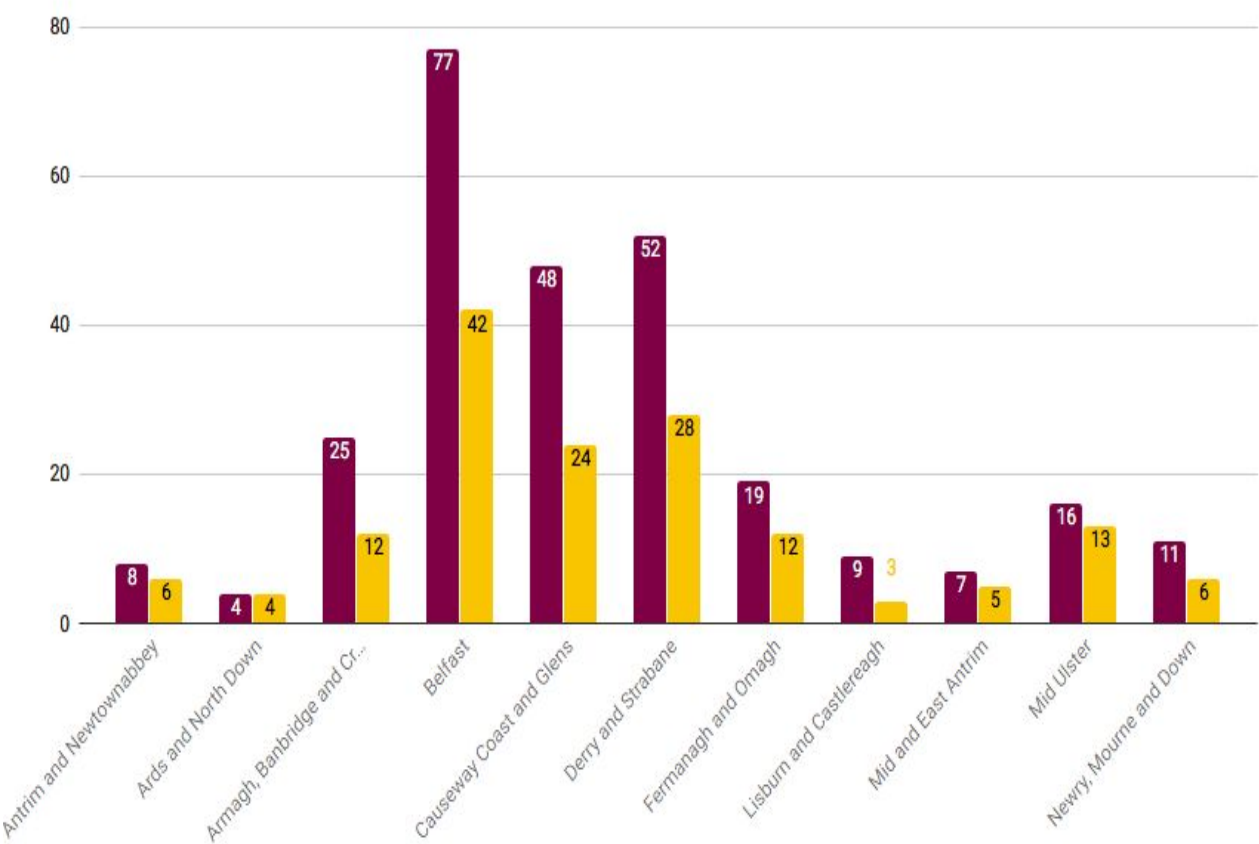
Improved life skills, education, employability and enterprise opportunities for **7121** people

**46,989** people connected with the arts, culture and heritage

Maximised and strengthened community cohesion and the building of social capital for **9043** people

**305,570** people will see a reduction in isolation, and disadvantage and improved access to local services

# Breakdown by Council Area



Highest success rate  
**Ards and North Down**

Lowest success rate  
**Lisburn and Castlereagh**

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

Lowest number of applications and grants awarded  
**Ards and North Down**  
**Lisburn and Castlereagh**



Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	8	6	£26,257.00	£10,978.00	75%
Ards & North Down	4	4	£3,500.00	£2,940.00	100%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	25	12	£63,994.00	£15,836.00	48%
Belfast	77	42	£221,469.00	£69,696.00	55%
Causeway Coast & Glens	48	24	£145,643.00	£57,464.00	50%
Derry & Strabane	52	28	£131,116.00	£31,723.00	54%
Fermanagh & Omagh	19	12	£78,803.00	£37,742.00	63%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	9	3	£22,272.00	£1,900.00	33%
Mid & East Antrim	7	5	£15,500.00	£4,700.00	71%
Mid Ulster	16	13	£29,700.00	£11,739.00	81%
Newry, Mourne & Down	11	6	£27,057.00	£5,570.00	55%

# Vital Signs Analysis



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and  
homelessness



Poverty

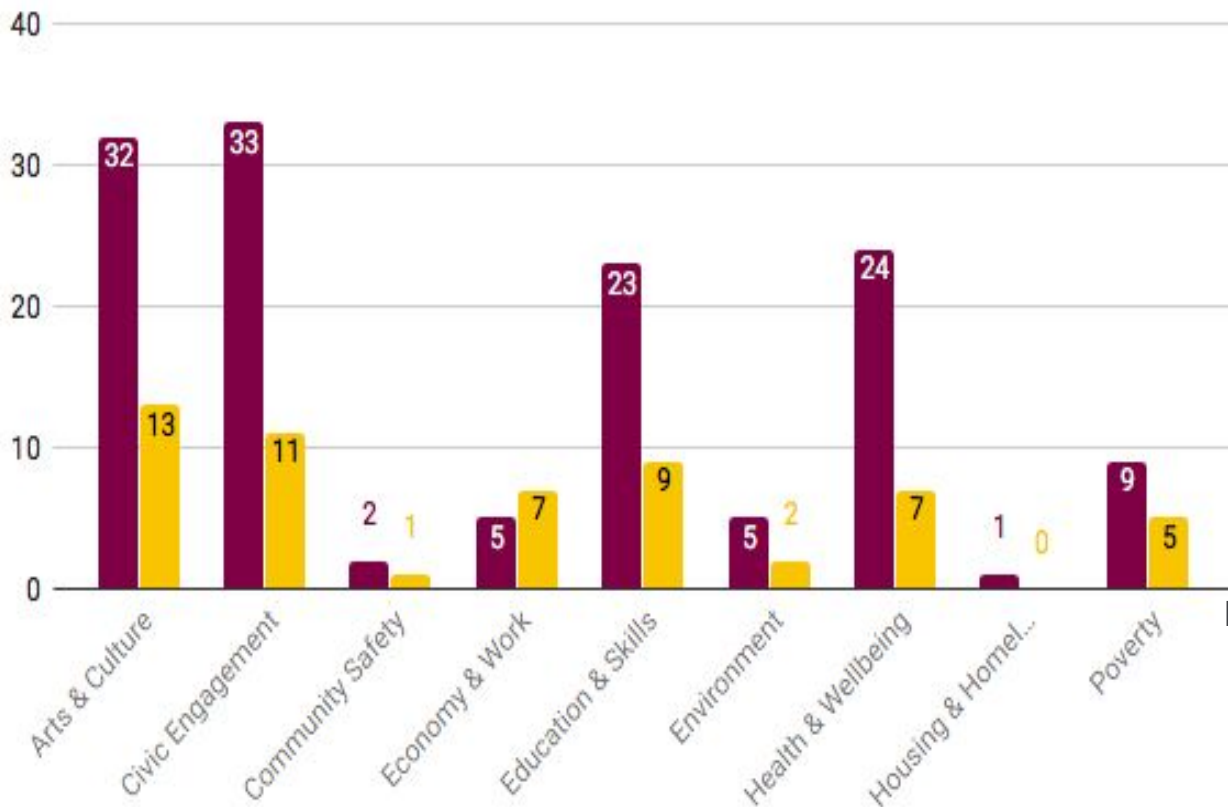


Education and Skills



Environment

# Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes



\*note that 99 grants were not categorised by Vital Signs theme due to specific application forms, e.g. Red Nose Day

Highest success rate

**Poverty**

Lowest success rate

**Housing and Homelessness**

Highest number of applications

**Civic Engagement**

Highest number of grants awarded

**Arts and Culture**

Lowest number of applications & grants awarded

**Housing and Homelessness**

*The next few slides will look at these themes in more detail*

Applications received  
**9**

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Awarded  
**5**

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Amount requested  
**£26,990**

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Amount awarded  
**£13,663**

**56%**  
**Success**  
**rate**

# Poverty



\*note that some applications may have been received in the previous quarter. Also some applications were not categorised by Vital Signs theme. This information was unavailable due to likes of Comic Relief and Wesleyan Fund application forms.

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Counselling All Nations Services (CANS)	Providing culturally specific counselling service to support people from BME communities;	£1500	Social Justice Fund

# Housing and Homelessness



Applications received

**1**

Awarded

**0**

**0%**  
**Success**  
**rate**

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Amount requested

**£1500**

Amount awarded

**£0**

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Place of Victory for All Nations	training young volunteers to work with those with substance abuse and mental health complexities	£1500	Wesleyan Assurance Fund

# Civic Engagement



Applications received  
**33**

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Awarded  
**11**

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Amount requested  
**£140,005**

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Amount awarded  
**£42,810**

**33%**  
Success  
rate\*

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## Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Afro-Arab Cultural and Development Associaton	to help address the needs of the communities from ethnic minorities, reducing isolation and encouraging integration.	£1000	Micro Grant Programme

# Arts and Culture



Applications received

**32**

Awarded

**13**

Amount requested

**£99,746**

Amount awarded

**£39,642**

**41%**  
Success  
rate

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Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Allegri	towards the cost of the setting up two community choirs in for girls aged 10-14.	£500	Acorn Fund Giving Circle

## Vital Thinking:

- Mid and East Antrim has been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded. There was an improvement this quarter with 7 grant applications and 5 grants awarded in this area. Early discussions are taking place to look at developing a local philanthropic fund.

**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 first quarterly report recording impact. **What are these numbers telling us? How will/should we 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 are being researched for this year's interim Vital Signs report. Deeper research will be completed in these areas, with a focus on mental health and education respectively. This report will prioritise how philanthropy can 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.
- 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.