

Community Foundation
NORTHERN IRELAND

Annual Grant Report

April 2017 to March 2018



connecting people who care
with causes that matter

Our grant making

Between **April 2017 and March 2018**

we received

960 grant applications

Total amount requested

£3,892,918

473 grants awarded

Total amount awarded

£1,412,586

We assessed
grant applications

889*

**Note: some applications deferred or to be presented at panel in FY 18-19, 10 have been withdrawn or cancelled since end of FY*

40%
increase



268 more applications received
Compared to previous FY 2016/17



£8.683 million requested in 2016/17



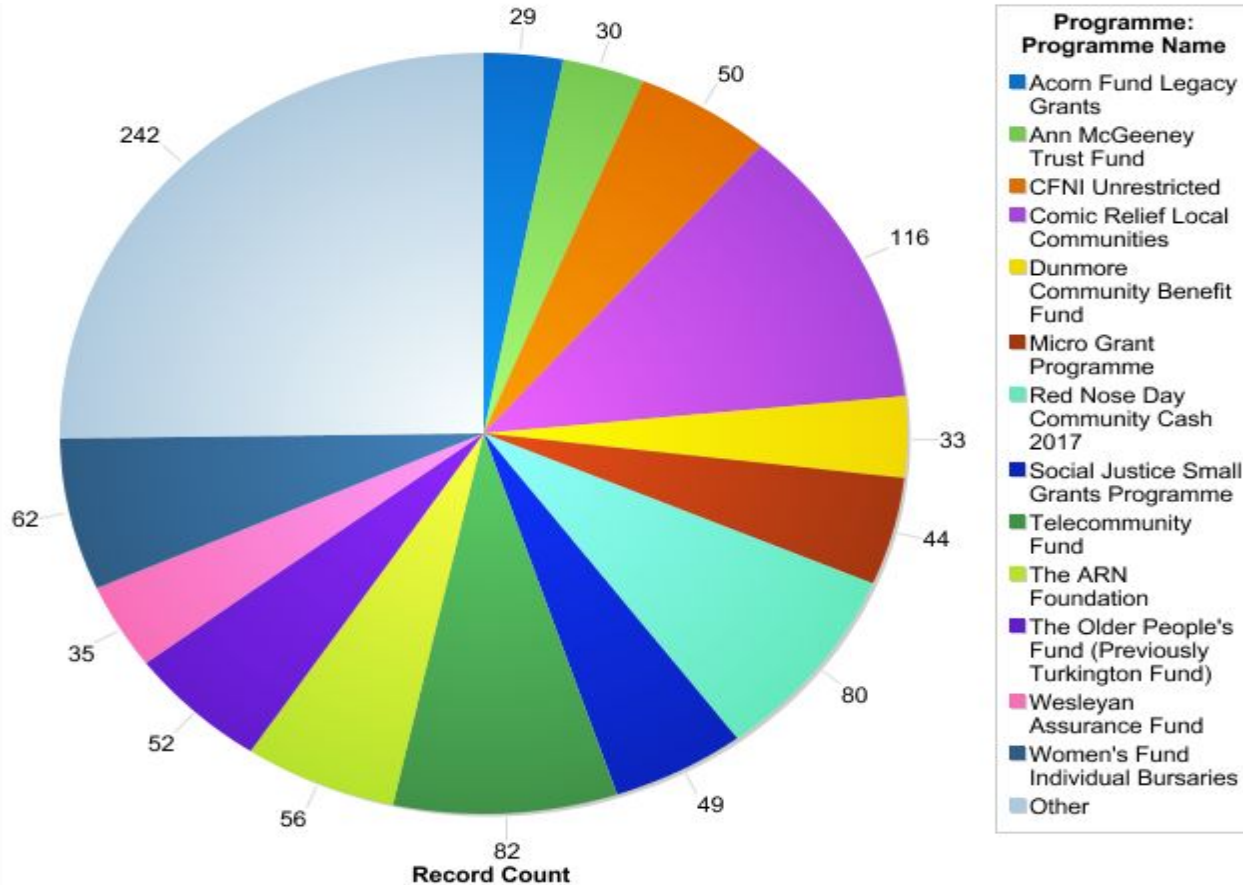
18 more grants awarded
Compared to FY 2016/17



54% of assessed applications
were **successful**

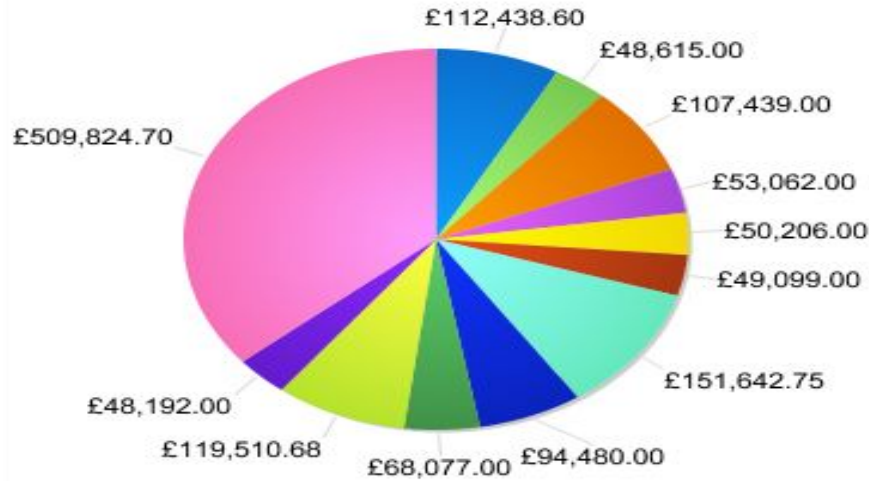
Communities Supported
720

Application Breakdown by Fund



Total number of applications
960

Grants Awarded Broken down by Fund



Sum of Amount Awarded

- Programme:
Programme Name**
- CFNI Unrestricted
 - Dunbeg Community Benefit Fund
 - Human Rights Fund
 - McCall Foundation
 - Northern Ireland Brexit Dialogue Fund
 - Red Nose Day Community Cash 2017
 - Social Justice Small Grants Programme
 - The ARN Foundation
 - The Energia Tyrone 3 Windfarms Community Benefit Fund
 - The Karen Mortlock Fund
 - Thornog Community Benefit Fund
 - Other

Total number of grants awarded

473

54%
Overall success rate

Key:

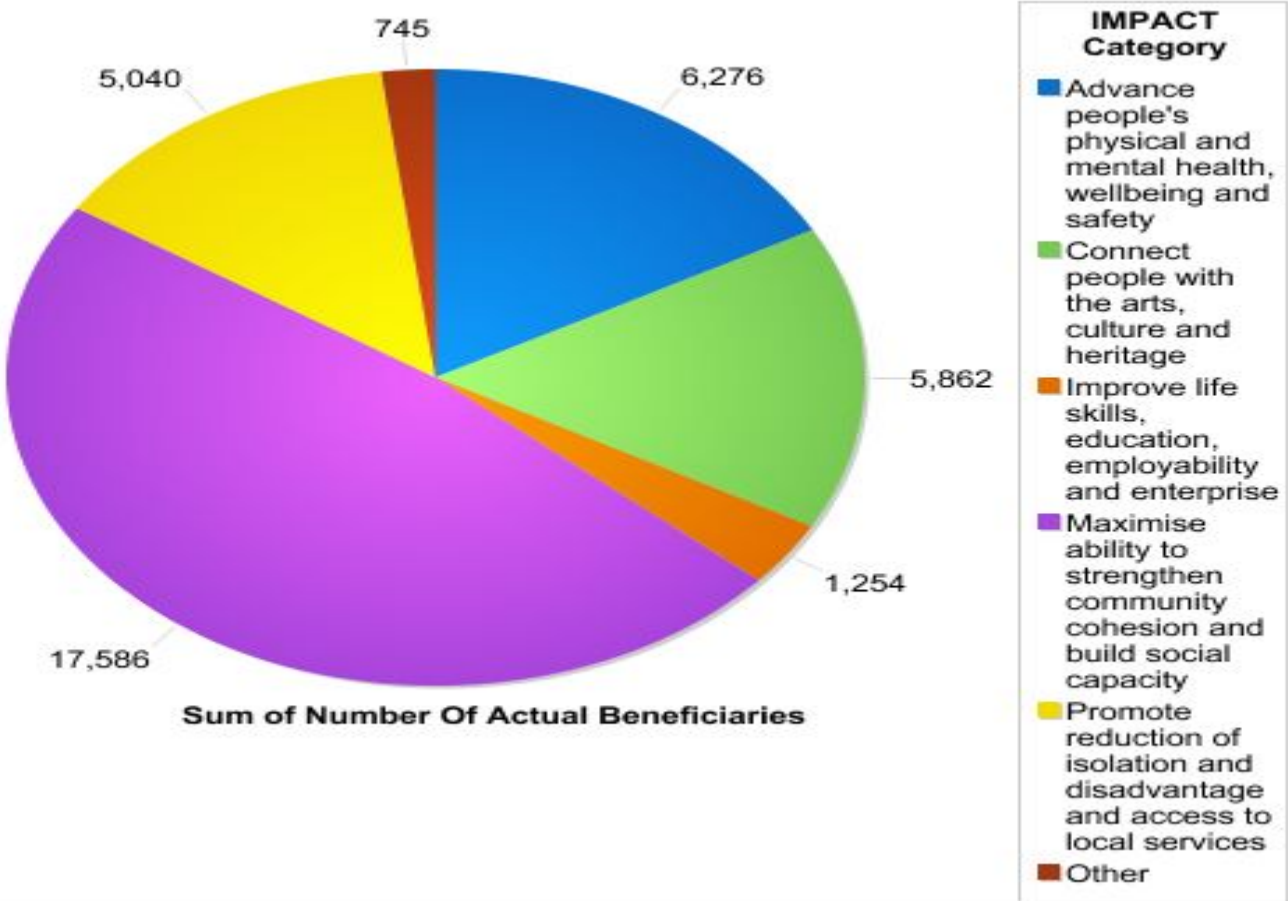
- Above target
- Below target

Our awards this year

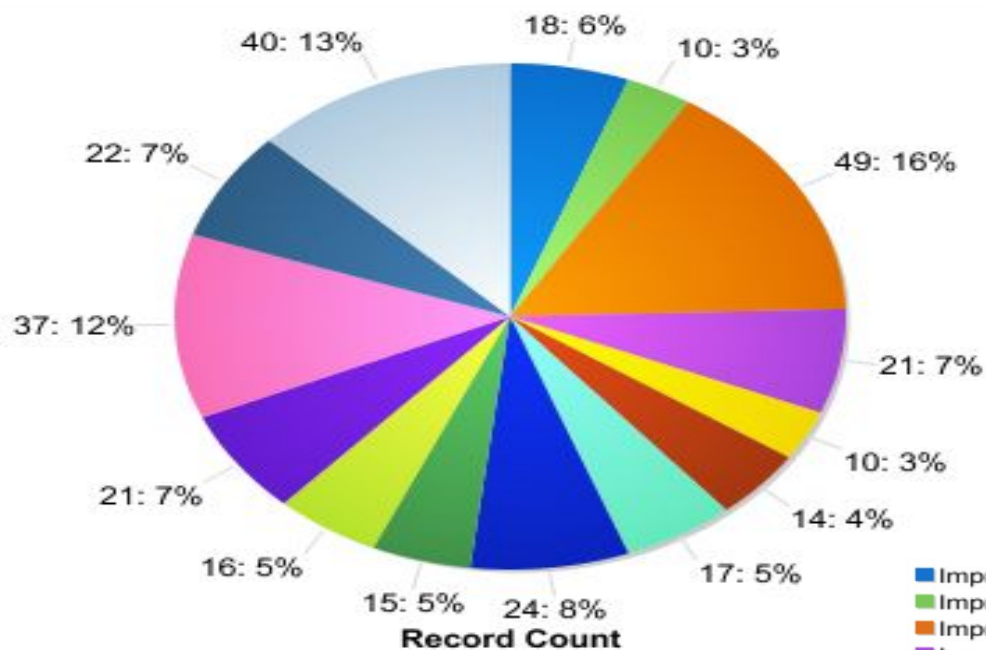
- 112 projects will support advanced physical and mental health
- 49 projects will support connecting people with the arts
- 92 projects will improve life skills
- 74 projects will maximise ability to strengthen community cohesion
- 109 projects will support reduction in isolation
- 5 projects will transform access to environmental public spaces



Anticipated beneficiaries per impact category



Primary outcome anticipated



Primary Outcome: Outcome

- Improve community cohesion
- Improved community facilities
- Improve health (physical / mental / emotional)
- Improve the community working together
- Increase access to services
- Increase access to sport, exercise and leisure activities
- Increase employment
- Increase in beneficiary training, education, accreditation and employment
- Increase opportunities for public to engage with culture and heritage
- Increase qualifications & skills
- Promote opportunities for creativity
- Reduce isolation
- Support vulnerable people
- Other

Acorn Fund Giving Circle

Applications
19

Awarded
15

Amount requested
£15,477

Amount awarded
£7,440

Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries

Applications
1

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£3,000

Amount awarded
£3,000

Acorn Fund Legacy Grants

Applications
28

Awarded
16

Amount requested
£65,623

Amount awarded
£22,000

Ann McGeeney Trust

Applications
27

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£25,940

Amount awarded
£6,592

Ballygrainey

Applications
8

Awarded
5

Amount requested
£16,305

Amount awarded
£10,350

Brockaghboy CBF

Applications
9

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£54,310

Amount awarded
£38,310

Carnhill CBF

Applications
3

Awarded
3

Amount requested
£5,922

Amount awarded
£5,922

CFNI Unrestricted

Applications
49

Awarded
49

Amount requested
£112,438

Amount awarded
£112,438

Cloonty CBF

Applications
1

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£1,970

Amount awarded
£1,970

Comic Relief Local Comms

Applications
42

Awarded
6

Amount requested
£181,102

Amount awarded
£24,400

Community Arts

Applications
1

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£10,000

Amount awarded
£10,000

Corby Knowe CBF

Applications
3

Awarded
3

Amount requested
£3,000

Amount awarded
£3,000

Dunbeg CBF

Applications
12

Awarded
10

Amount requested
£59,114

Amount awarded
£48,615

Dungannon Community Trust

Applications
10

Awarded
6

Amount requested
£43,680

Amount awarded
£20,067

Dunmore CBF

Applications
33

Awarded
11

Amount requested
£131,372

Amount awarded
£35,705

Longmountain CBF

Applications
11

Awarded
10

Amount requested
£20,499

Amount awarded
£19,249

Human Rights Fund

Applications

1

Awarded

1

Amount requested

£107,439

Amount awarded

£107,439

Crighshane CBF

Applications

9

Awarded

7

Amount requested

£43,343

Amount awarded

£30,154

The Magilligan Fund

Applications

2

Awarded

2

Amount requested

£19,159

Amount awarded

£19,159

Mars Goodness Knows

Applications

5

Awarded

2

Amount requested

£24,750

Amount awarded

£9,900

McCall Foundation

Applications
8

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£53,060

Amount awarded
£53,060

Micro Grant

Applications
43

Awarded
24

Amount requested
£52,928

Amount awarded
£22,857

Mike Moloney

Applications
2

Awarded
2

Amount requested
£5,300

Amount awarded
£5,300

Monnaboy CBF

Applications
5

Awarded
5

Amount requested
£12,499

Amount awarded
£11,999

New Beginnings

Applications
1

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£10,000

Amount awarded
£10,000

NI Brexit Fund

Applications
15

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£119,989

Amount awarded
£50,206

One Small Step

Applications
2

Awarded
2

Amount requested
£20,000

Amount awarded
£20,000

Pressure Group

Applications
8

Awarded
7

Amount requested
£4,455

Amount awarded
£3,455

Rathsherry

Applications
16

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£52,768

Amount awarded
£21,575

Red Nose Day Community Cash

Applications
79

Awarded
52

Amount requested
£78,648

Amount awarded
£49,099

Social Justice Fund

Applications
49

Awarded
28

Amount requested
£242,162

Amount awarded
£151,642

Space and Place

Applications
2

Awarded
0

Amount requested
£362,862

Amount awarded
£0

Sport Relief Community Cash

Applications
1

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£300

Amount awarded
£300

Staff and Trustee Fund

Applications
9

Awarded
9

Amount requested
£5,000

Amount awarded
£5,000

Telecommunity

Applications
92

Awarded
26

Amount requested
£137,717

Amount awarded
£31,947

The ARN Foundation

Applications
55

Awarded
12

Amount requested
£506,405

Amount awarded
£94,480

Tyrone 3 CBF

Applications
24

Awarded
18

Amount requested
£97,877

Amount awarded
£68,077

The Karen Mortlock Fund

Applications
18

Awarded
12

Amount requested
£162,660

Amount awarded
£119,510

The Older People's Fund

Applications
53

Awarded
17

Amount requested
£249,169

Amount awarded
£41,263

The Thomas Devlin Fund

Applications
21

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£32,849

Amount awarded
£7,714

Thornog CBF

Applications
16

Awarded
11

Amount requested
£68,855

Amount awarded
£48,192

The Ulster People's College

Applications
13

Awarded
2

Amount requested
£119,468

Amount awarded
£19,690

The Wesleyan Fund

Applications
21

Awarded
7

Amount requested
£134,689

Amount awarded
£23,000

The Women's Fund

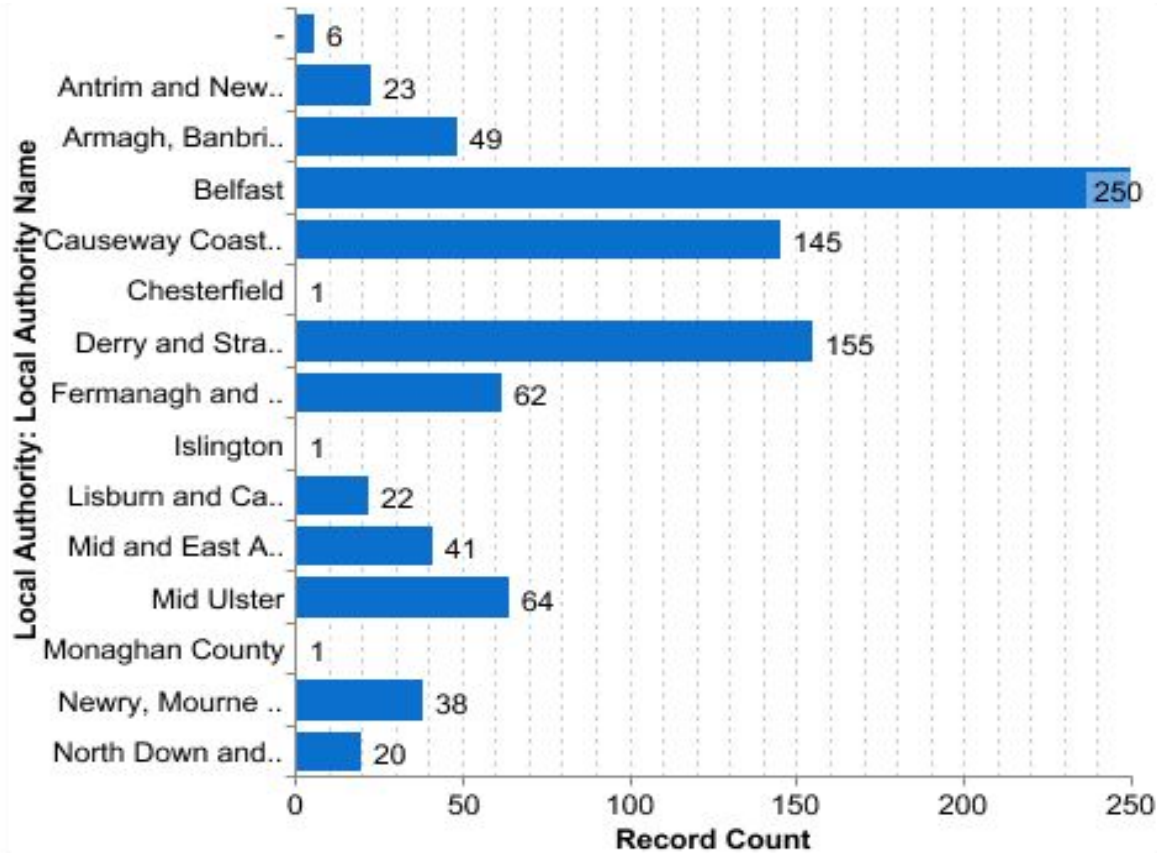
Applications
59

Awarded
40

Amount requested
£30,441

Amount awarded
£18,505

Breakdown by Council Area



Highest number of applications and grants awarded

Belfast

Lowest number of applications and grants awarded

**Ards and North Down
Lisburn and Castlereagh
Antrim and Newtownabbey**

Council Area	No Awarded	Rank from highest to lowest	Amount Awarded (£)
Antrim & Newtownabbey	15	7	35,678
Ards & North Down	7	8	11,440
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	21	6	27,646
Belfast	138	1	523,421
Causeway Coast & Glens	75	3	220,032
Derry & Strabane	89	2	199,805
Fermanagh & Omagh	39	4	144,824
Lisburn & Castlereagh	7	8	14,830
Mid & East Antrim	25	5	56,797
Mid Ulster	39	4	100,979
Newry, Mourne & Down	15	7	45,370

Vital Signs Themes



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and
homelessness



Poverty

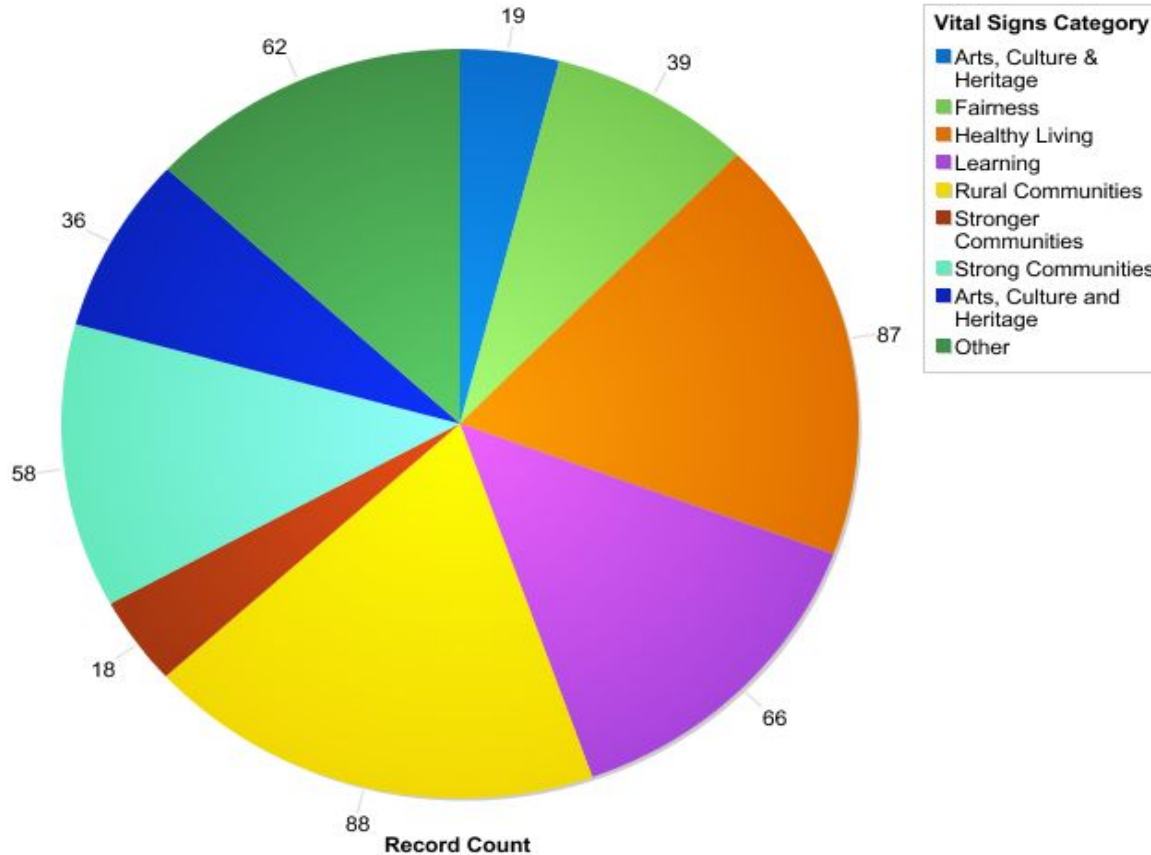


Education and Skills



Environment

Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes



Top theme

**Rural
Communities**

Lowest theme

**Fairness/
Poverty**

Poverty



No of grants awarded
39

Amount awarded
£233,672.75

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Refugees Welcome	towards costs associated with supporting refugees and asylum seekers in need of accommodation	£5,000	CFNI Unrestricted Funds

Education & Skills



No of grants awarded
66

Amount awarded
£186,242.32

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Queen's University Belfast	Towards a Scholarship in Stage 1 Civil Engineering within the School of Natural & Built Environment.	£37,500	McCall Foundation

Civic Engagement



No of grants awarded

76

Amount awarded

£245,378.75

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Institute for Conflict Research	Towards a BREXIT information-sharing web-based toolkit and mechanism for interactive debate	£10,000	Social Justice Fund

Housing and Homelessness



No of grants awarded

6

Amount awarded

£4,130

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Housing 4 All	towards costs associated with facilitation of workshops aimed at strengthening connections between the homeless community and the wider community	£1,130	Social Justice Fund

Community Safety



No of grants awarded

13

Amount awarded

£63,302.97

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
NSPCC	Towards running costs of Childline bases in Belfast and Foyle, and provide confidential and free service to children	£34,553.97	The Karen Mortlock Fund

Economy and work



No of grants awarded

16

Amount awarded

£35,062

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Newry Chamber of Commerce	towards a Brexit Readiness Programme	£5,000	The Brexit Dialogue Fund

Arts and Culture



No of grants awarded

55

Amount awarded

£139,730.94

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Dylan Quinn Dance Theatre	towards costs associated with a 10 week dance workshop for adults with learning difficulties	£1,440	The Telecommunity Fund

Health and wellbeing



No of grants awarded

87

Amount awarded

£209,862.00

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
COS For Autism Families	towards a summer scheme for children with Autism living in Derry~Londonderry	£500	The Acorn Giving Circle

Environment



Environment

No of grants awarded

13

Amount awarded

£36,404.00

Example of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
St Caireall's Community Playschool	towards St. Caireall's Community Playschool Get Energy Ready Project	£5,000	The Irish Infrastructure and Energia Crighshane Fund

Our Impact

*note the impact relates to previous financial year grant making

Our grantmaking has had the following impact:

36,763 people supported

- 739 children and young people
- 250 long term unemployed
- 335 men
- 140 older people
- 84 with learning disabilities
- 40 homeless

675 volunteers participated in projects

5,862 connected with the **arts, culture and heritage**

595 accessed and **engaged with the environment** and public spaces

6,276 advanced their **health and wellbeing**

46 activities took place to **enhance people's physical, mental and emotional health**

100 people **engaged in sport and exercise** who had not before, and 397 had increased access to sport, exercise and leisure activities

672 reported **significantly improved health and well being** as a result of our funded projects

5,040 **reduced isolation and disadvantage** and had improved access to services and facilities

3,144 **people attended regular social activities**, 387 for the first time

4,677 felt **less isolated**

We supported 1,633 vulnerable people, with 129 **achieving independent living** and no longer requiring support

2,674 accessed and reported **improved community facilities** as a result of our funding

838 **accessed support services**, 308 for the first time

1,254 **improved their life skills, education, employability and enterprise**

578 **refugees and asylum seekers took part in community activity**, 226 for the first time

17,586 maximised their ability to **strengthen community cohesion**

Case Studies

Institute for Conflict Research

Fund: Social Justice Fund

Amount awarded: £10,000

The impact of Brexit on the economic and social rights of EU citizens in NI is still unclear. The government has given assurances that broadly speaking the rights of those who lawfully reside in NI will be maintained, however, the lack of detail, the failure to address myriad specific situations people find themselves in, and the changing nature of the negotiations means that many EU citizens do not trust this assurance and are extremely uncertain and worried about their futures in NI.

Impact:

- Primary beneficiary: Local residents, adults aged 26 to 65
- No of beneficiaries: 39,000
- Primary issue: Employment and labour, Economic and social rights of EU nationals in NI after Brexit
- Impact category: Maximising ability to strengthen community cohesion, strengthening organisations through capacity building, and promoting human rights and equality
- 11 partnerships have been strengthened through joint work
- 13 new partnerships have been developed

The Educational Shakespeare Company (ESC)

Fund: ARN Fund

Amount awarded: £7850.00

Participants benefited from being able to participate in a group which allowed them to process difficult life experiences, which resulted in a range of therapeutic changes including: increased emotional and behavioural regulation, improved interpersonal effectiveness, the development of prosocial communication and personal skills such as empathy. It helped with movement away from criminal behaviours, as more positive skills and lifestyles are encouraged.

James (Participant): "It helps me think about drinking so much alcohol. Why I wanted to come to this film group was to make a film about my life. It helps me on a Sunday not to drink."

Jay (Peer Mentor): "The film group opened my eyes to the world and to what I can do. Never in my lifetime did I think that I would make a film and someone would watch it and be inspired to make their own film."

Impact:

- Primary beneficiary: People with learning disabilities
- 7 direct beneficiaries through a 25 week programme of support
- 4 men with learning disabilities created a short film
- 2 participants completed the ASDAN Expressive Arts Awards, and 2 peer mentors gained peer mentor awards

St John Paul II Youth Club

Fund: Telecommunity

Amount awarded: £1500

The project provided a fun, safe and challenging space where young people from two communities were able to come together, share experiences and make friendships. It made the young people feel less isolated in these communities and established a connection that can be used as a platform for ongoing community relations work. It developed a strong connection between two marginalised communities and two groups of youth from different areas, so much so that they have all since met up on their own free time to socialise together.

The project helped to develop the participants' self confidence by encouraging them to be creative and express themselves. There is now a strong link between the two youth clubs, which will hopefully be further developed by working on more projects together.

Impact:

- Primary beneficiary: Children and young people
- Impact category: Connecting people with the arts, culture and heritage, improving community cohesion
- 20 new people participated in projects promoting creativity
- 30 people participated in projects that promoted creativity and self expression through the arts

Rostrevor Men's Shed

Fund: Micro Grant

Amount awarded: £1000.00

Project participant 'John O' has a history of depression and social exclusion. He had been a regular attendee at the Shed, but he fell away from attendance at the shed and was receiving medical treatment for depression, which wasn't improving. One of the other members of the Shed 'John B', has recently been calling on 'John O' and taking him in to the Shed during the day when there are no other members present, and teaching him how to make things and to use the equipment. As a result of participating in the Men's Shed 'John O' says the treatment is improving, and that he feels much better. The shed has given him a real sense of purpose.

Impact:

- Primary beneficiary: Adults aged 26-65
- Impact category: Advancing people's physical and mental well being and safety, reducing isolation
- No of beneficiaries 35
- 35 people reduced their feelings of isolation

Vital Thinking & Vital Actions

- There continues to be a low number of applications for Ards and North Down, as well as Antrim and Newtownabbey. There is also a low number of applications from Lisburn and Castlereagh. A plan of action could include some outreach in these areas, perhaps linking with local Council and other area support organisations. This could include top tips to apply and one to one funding clinics.
- The theme of Housing and Homelessness continues to be a theme where we receive and award low numbers of applications. This will however change in the FY 18-19 with the introduction of both the Nationwide Fund and the Oak, Transformation and Growth Programme.
- Poverty/Fairness and Economy and Work are themes where there is potential to use CFNI unrestricted funds. It is suggested that a discussion takes place as to a type of programme/fund that might be useful to support these themes, similar to the NI Brexit Fund, which proved very successful, and may require further support.

- The Ulster People's College Fund continues to receive interest, however, funds are limited. It is recommended that this fund is added to CFNI Unrestricted funds or Social Justice Fund (or another unrestricted programme), towards projects in line with the fund criteria. The fund provides grants of up to £10,000 towards, provision of community education and development that is aimed at tackling the challenges of social and economic disadvantage, improving civic participation for people who are disadvantaged and excluded and overcoming cultural and political division
- The ARN Fund is heavily oversubscribed and it is therefore evidence of the interest in the theme of Mental Health. A more targeted approach to applications, and perhaps a more innovative application process would be useful for the next round of funding to ensure that the projects are supported those most in line with the fund priorities, and with potential for impact.
- The Social Justice Fund is a popular fund, however, many applications are being rejected as they are a limited match to the fund criteria. A focused outreach session might be useful, as well as a more targeted approach of eligible applications. This could also include a session on Facebook live, which we intend to do for a number of our funds in the future.

- All Comic Relief programmes have been heavily oversubscribed, however, the Foundation will not be administering the fund in the future, instead, it will be administered by Comic Relief directly.
- As the impact information collected through end of grant reports is limited, further information, and narrative, to support our stories, and the communication of our impact, would provide more of an evidence base. This could be gathered from on site monitoring visits. Potential action could include identification of two or three programmes that the Foundation could choose and pilot this initiative with in the FY 2018-19.