

# Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

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**Quarterly Grant Making Report**

**January 2017 to March 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 **January and March** 2017 we received

**99** grant applications

Total amount requested

**£188,395.46**

**62** grants **awarded**

Total amount awarded

**£186,974.58**

We assessed **99**  
grant applications



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

**59%**  
decrease



**£3.1** million requested in 2016



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

**42%**  
decrease



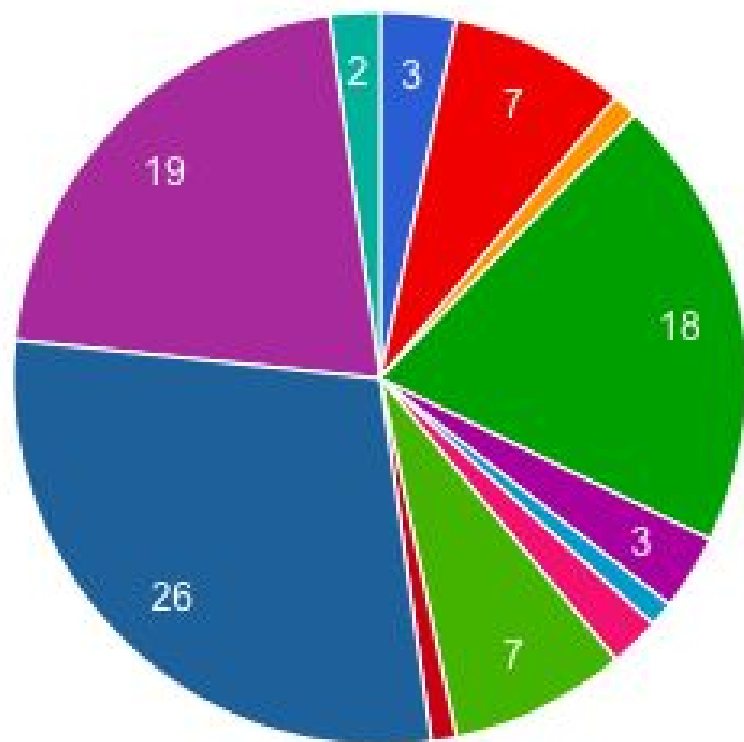
**£1.8** million **awarded** in 2016

\*note that PIP was awarded in the same quarter of 2016. Without PIP our spend was £141,800.

**63%** of assessed applications  
were **successful**

Communities Supported  
**82**

# Application Breakdown by Fund

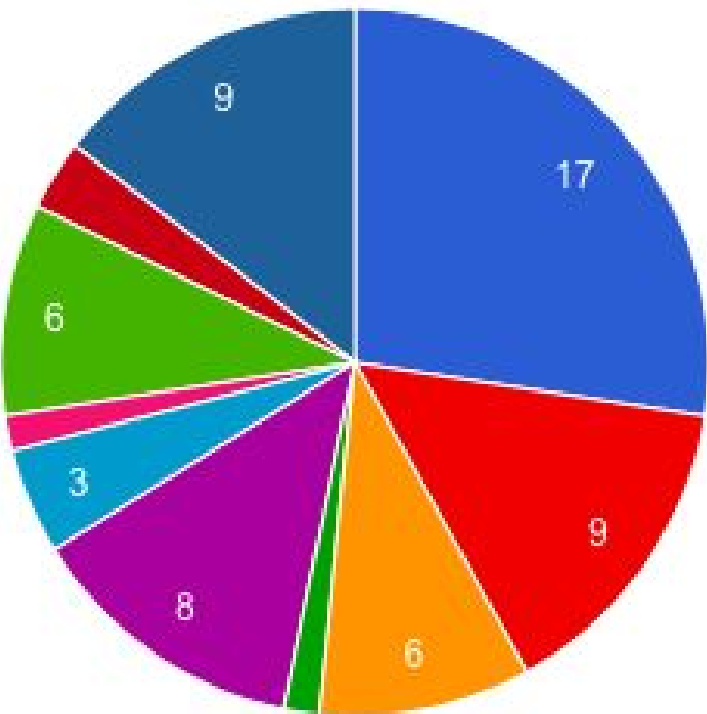


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- Cregganconroe...
- David Ervine Fund
- Inishative CBF
- Crighshane CBF
- Red Nose Day
- Royal London
- Social Justice
- Staff Trustee Fund
- Telecommunity
- Thomas Devlin F...
- Women's Fund

Total number of applications

**99**

# Grants Awarded Broken down by Fund



- Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries
- Brockaghboy CBF
- Cregganconroe CBF
- David Ervine Fund
- Inishative CBF
- Crighshane CBF
- Royal London
- Social Justice
- Staff Trustee Fund
- Telecommunity

Total number of grants awarded

62



Key:

- Above target
- Below target

## Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries

Applications  
**17**

Awarded  
**17**

**100%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£38,575**

Amount awarded  
**£33,620**

## Brockaghboy CBF

Applications  
**17**

Awarded  
**11**

**65%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£175,514.49**

Amount awarded  
**£38,565.00**

## Cregganconroe CBF

Applications  
**7**

Awarded  
**6**

**87%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£12,950.50**

Amount awarded  
**£11,433.50**

## David Ervine Fund

Applications  
**1**

Awarded  
**1**

**100%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£8,931.25**

Amount awarded  
**£8,931.25**

## Inishative CBF

**45%**  
Success  
rate

Applications  
**18**

Awarded  
**8**

Amount requested  
**£32,886.00**

Amount awarded  
**£13,546.00**

## Crighshane CBF

**100%**  
Success  
rate

Applications  
**3**

Awarded  
**3**

Amount requested  
**£12,000.00**

Amount awarded  
**£12,000.00**

## Royal London

**100%**  
Success  
rate

Applications  
**1**

Awarded  
**1**

Amount requested  
**£4,000.00**

Amount awarded  
**£4,000.00**

## Social Justice Fund

**85%**  
Success  
rate

Applications  
**7**

Awarded  
**6**

Amount requested  
**£57,750.00**

Amount awarded  
**£52,710.00**

## Space and Place

Applications  
**1**

Awarded  
**0**

**0%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£350,000.00**

Amount awarded  
**£0**

## Staff and Trustees Fund

Applications  
**2**

Awarded  
**2**

**100%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£1000.00**

Amount awarded  
**£1000.00**

## Telecommunity

Applications  
**25**

Awarded  
**9**

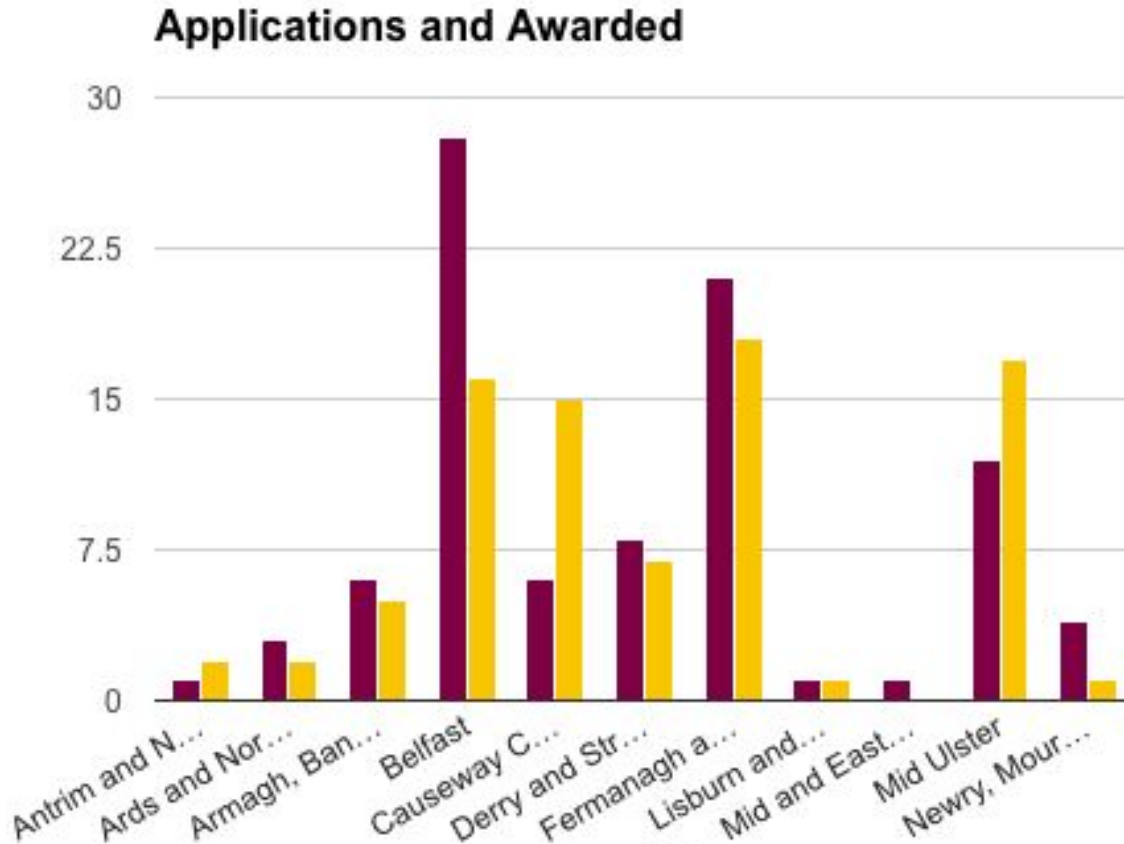
**36%**  
Success  
rate

Amount requested  
**£57,398.71**

Amount awarded  
**£11,168.83**



# Breakdown by Council Area



Highest success rate  
**Causeway Coast & Glens**

Lowest success rate  
**Mid & East Antrim**

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

**Fermanagh & Omagh**

Lowest number of applications and grants awarded  
**Mid & East Antrim**

\*note that 28 grant applications and 17 grants awarded were individual bursaries and as such geographical data is not available

Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	1	2	£1,500.00	£1275.00	100%
Ards & North Down	3	2	£3,748.00	£900.00	67%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	6	5	£15,110.00	£9,250.00	83%
Belfast	28	16	£75,813.60	£58,131.25	57%
Causeway Coast & Glens	6	15	£8,380.00	£21,195.00	100%
Derry & Strabane	8	7	£20,575.43	£17,465.43	88%
Fermanagh & Omagh	21	18	£34,938.00	£15,546.00	86%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	1	1	£1,384.00	£1,384.00	100%
Mid & East Antrim	1	0	£1,200.00	£0	0%
Mid Ulster	12	17	£19,396.50	£28,207.00	100%
Newry, Mourne & Down	4	1	£5,994.88	£1,500.00	25%

# Vital Signs Analysis



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and  
homelessness



Poverty

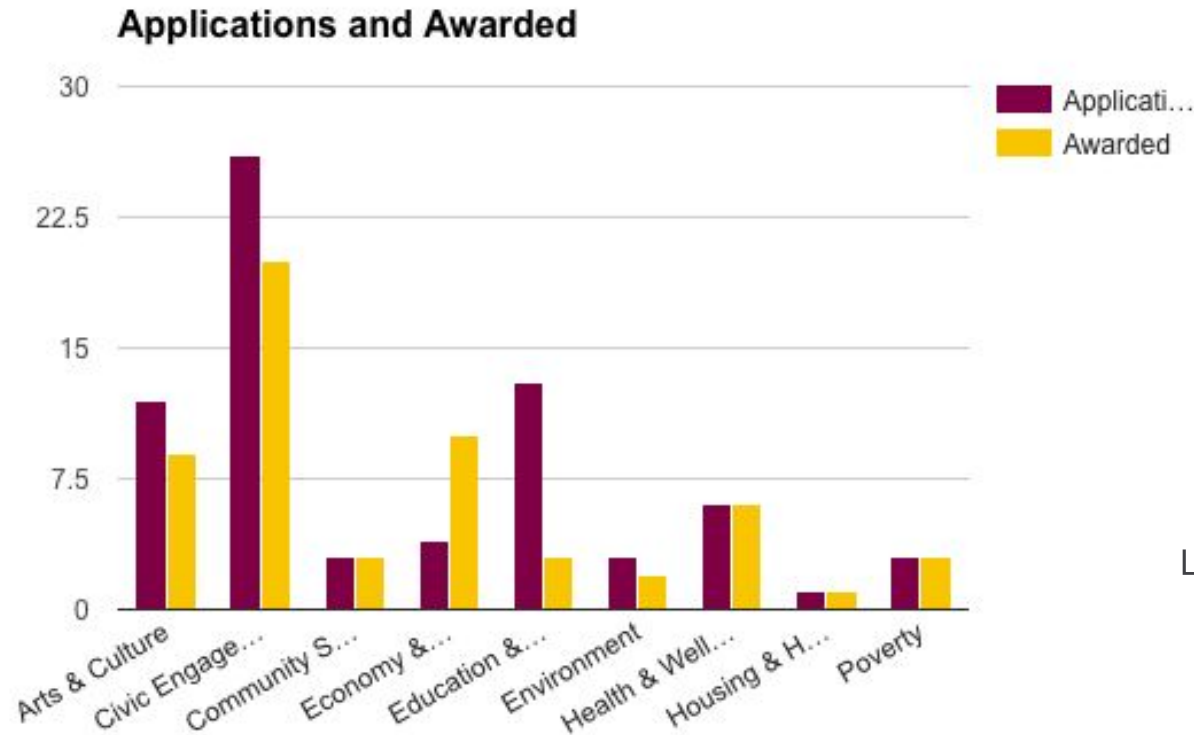


Education and Skills



Environment

# Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes



\*note that 47 grant applications were under the Thomas Devlin and Ann McGeeney funds and as such Vital Signs data is not available due to their application forms

Highest success rate  
**Economy and Work**

Lowest success rate  
**Education and Skills**

Highest number of applications  
**Civic Engagement**

Highest number of grants awarded  
**Civic Engagement**

Lowest number of applications & grants awarded  
**Housing and Homelessness**

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



# Civic Engagement

Applications received  
**26**

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Awarded  
**20**

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Amount requested  
**£62,430**

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Amount awarded  
**£57,810**

**77%**  
**Success**  
**rate\***

\*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 Thomas Devlin and Ann McGeeney application forms.

## Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Northern Ireland Council for Racial Equality	Towards a capacity building project for ethnic minorities	£5000	Social Justice Fund



# Education & Skills

Applications received

**13**

Awarded

**3**

**23%**  
**Success**  
**rate**

\*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 Thomas Devlin and Ann McGeeney application forms.

Amount requested

**£15,177**

Amount awarded

**£6397**

## Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Camowen Partnership	Towards an out of school club	£1977	Inishative CBF

Applications received  
**4**

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Awarded  
**10**

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Amount requested  
**£2026**

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Amount awarded  
**£19,189\*\***

\*\*note the amount awarded is higher. This is due to some applications being received in the previous quarter.

# Economy & Work



**100%**  
**Success**  
**rate**

\*note that the lower number of applications compared to grants awarded is because 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 Thomas Devlin and Ann McGeeney application forms.

## Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Individual Bursary	To purchase digital design and Animation equipment and software to develop skills around fine line digital & animation.	£1500	Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries

# Housing and Homelessness



Applications received

1

Awarded

1

**100%**  
**Success**  
**rate**

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Amount requested

**£5000**

Amount awarded

**£5000**

## Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Horn of Africa People's Aid Northern Ireland (HAPANI)	Towards development of the Destitute Asylum Seekers project	£5000	Social Justice Fund



## Vital Thinking:

- Mid and East Antrim has been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded. This quarter was no difference with 0 grants awarded in this area. There had been conversations about and a proposal developed for a local fund in this area. However, following the announcement and development of Gallaher's Trust, a meeting was held with the Trust and early discussions are taking place to look at developing a local philanthropic fund.

**Are 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? Can we offer any support to Gallaghers Trust?**

## Vital Action:

- Health and Wellbeing and Education and Skills have been taken forward for this year's interim Vital Signs report. Deeper research will be completed in these areas, with a focus on mental health and community education respectively. This report will prioritise how philanthropy can make a difference in these areas.
- Ards and North Down has also been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded. We are now developing a proposal for a local fund in this area and are doing some research to determine the need around why we might pilot this initiative in this area.
- 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.