The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

Quarterly Grantmaking Review
July 2016 to September 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 July to September 2016 we received 111 grant applications. Total amount requested £676,957.20. 28 grants awarded. Total amount awarded £4,340,777.68*. We assessed 42 grant applications. 67% of assessed applications were successful.

20 less applications received than the same quarter in 2015 (15% decrease). £16 million requested in 2015. *note 52 Space and Place applications were received in this quarter.

43 less grants awarded than the same quarter of 2015 (61% decrease). £6 million awarded in 2015. *note that 13 Space and Place grants were awarded in this quarter in 2015, including 3 flagship projects.

Communities Supported 80.
Total number of applications: 111

Note that while 111 applications were received, only 42 were assessed in this period.

Funds assessed or awarded in this quarter:
David Ervine Fund, Space and Place and Thornog

Grants were also awarded under:
Micro Grants, Mike Moloney and the Staff and Trustees Fund
Grants Awarded Broken down by Fund

Total number of grants awarded 28

Note that 3 applications were deemed ineligible under Thornog and therefore were not assessed. The reasons for ineligibility were that supporting documentation was not received and that constitutions had not been adopted locally.

67% Overall success rate
### Mike Moloney Arts Bursary Fund

- **Applications Awarded**
  - Awarded: 1

- **Amount Requested**
  - £2500

- **Amount Awarded**
  - £2417

### David Ervine Fund

- **Applications Awarded**
  - Awarded: 3

- **Amount Requested**
  - £3000

- **Amount Awarded**
  - £3000

### Space and Place

- **Applications Awarded**
  - Awarded: 13

- **Amount Requested**
  - £5,480,463.37

- **Amount Awarded**
  - £4,311,000.68

*note applications were not received in this quarter

### Fund Amount Available

- **David Ervine Fund**
  - £9004

- **Mike Moloney Fund**
  - £10,000

- **Space and Place**
  - £4.3 million

- **Thornog CBF**
  - £33,333
Thornog CBF

Applications: 12
Awarded: 8

Amount requested: £36,092
Amount awarded: £21,860

*note that 1 application was received in the previous quarter, with 11 received in this quarter

Sport Relief

Applications: 1
Awarded: 1

Amount requested: £500
Amount awarded: £500

*Was unsuccessful in CBF and was reallocated through Sport Relief underspend

Staff and Trustee Fund

Applications: 1
Awarded: 1

Amount requested: £500
Amount awarded: £500

100% Success rate

Micro Grant

Applications: 1
Awarded: 1

Amount requested: £1000
Amount awarded: £1000

*note that this applicant was asked to resubmit and it was therefore approved after panel date
Breakdown by Council Area

Highest success rate
- Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon
- Lisburn & Castlereagh

Lowest success rate
- Antrim & Newtownabbey
- Ards & North Down
- Mid & East Antrim

Highest number of applications and grants awarded
- Fermanagh & Omagh

Lowest number of applications and grants awarded
- Antrim & Newtownabbey
- Mid & East Antrim
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<th>Council Area</th>
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<td>Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey</td>
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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>
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<td>Causeway Coast &amp; Glens</td>
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<td>Derry &amp; Strabane</td>
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<td>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>£1,383,749.72</td>
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<td>Mid Ulster</td>
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<td>Newry, Mourne &amp; Down</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>£1,041,551.56</td>
<td>£695,799.56</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**
  - Environment
  - Housing & Homelessness

- **Lowest success rate**
  - Community Safety
  - Economy & Work
  - Education & Skills

- **Highest number of applications**
  - Health & Wellbeing

- **Highest number of grants awarded**
  - Civic Engagement

- **Lowest number of applications & grants awarded**
  - Economy & Work
Arts and Culture

Applications received: 16

Applications assessed: 7

Awarded: 4

Amount requested: £34,774

Amount awarded: £5642

Range of grants requested: £1125 to £3000

57% success rate

Applications were received under this theme to: Mike Moloney, Telecommunity, Thomas Devlin, Thornog

Examples of awarded grants:

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<td>Lack Pipe Band</td>
<td>Purchase of equipment</td>
<td>£1125</td>
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<td>Individual bursary</td>
<td>Support costs while writing a novel</td>
<td>£2417</td>
<td>Mike Moloney</td>
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### Civic Engagement

- **Applications received**: 26
- **Applications assessed**: 17
- **Awarded**: 11
- **Amount requested**: £86,631
- **Amount awarded**: £2,420,551.54*

*Note that Space and Place tranche 4 was awarded in this period

**Range of grants requested**

£700 to £350,000

Applications were received under this theme to:
  - David Ervine, Space and Place, Staff Trustee Fund, Thornog

**65% Success rate**

**Examples of awarded grants:**

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<td>Friends of Glenariffe</td>
<td>Multi-purpose community hub</td>
<td>£350,000</td>
<td>Space and Place</td>
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<td>Youth Initiatives</td>
<td>Project Costs</td>
<td>£1000</td>
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Applications received 10
Applications assessed 2
Awarded 2

Amount requested £390,470.65*
Amount awarded £7294

*Note that Space and Place tranche 4 applications were received in this period

Environment

100% Success rate

Range of grants requested £3349 to £3945

Applications were received under this theme to: Thornog

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<td>Glassmullagh Accordian Band</td>
<td>Towards capital hall repairs</td>
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<td>Sugar and Spice Early Years Centre</td>
<td>Towards a garden project</td>
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Applications received 27

Applications assessed 9

Awarded 8

Amount requested £68,334.97

Amount awarded £1,900,310.14*

Range of grants requested £4000 to £350,000

89% Success rate

Applications were received under this theme to: Space and Place, Sport Relief, Thornog

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<td>Ederney St Josephs GAA Club</td>
<td>Men’s shed project</td>
<td>£4000</td>
<td>Thornog</td>
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<td>Springfield Charitable Association</td>
<td>Capital development of day resource centre</td>
<td>£350,000</td>
<td>Space and Place</td>
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*Note that Space and Place tranche 4 was awarded in this period
Housing and Homelessness

Range of grants requested

Applications were received under this theme to: Micro Grant

Examples of awarded grants:

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<td>Housing4All</td>
<td>Public transport costs for refugees and asylum seekers</td>
<td>£1000</td>
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Applications received: 9

Applications assessed: 3

Awarded: 3

Amount requested: £31,619.30

Amount awarded: £5980

Range of grants requested: £799 to £3980

100% Success rate

Applications were received under this theme to:
David Ervine Fund, Thornog

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<td>Street Soccer NI</td>
<td>Programme costs for homeless people</td>
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<td>Open Door Centre</td>
<td>Development programme for disadvantaged/marginalised people</td>
<td>£3980</td>
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<td>Community Safety</td>
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<td>12</td>
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There were very few funds awarded in this quarter. This tends to be the norm over the summer period as there are generally no panel meetings held during this time. Two out of the six applications awarded were donor directed (Mike Moloney and David Ervine Funds). The Staff and Trustees Fund also made one award. **Can/should we discuss with existing donors whether there are options to make grants under priority themes from Vital Signs research? Could the Staff and Trustees fund be a way of doing this?**

No grants were awarded under education and skills however this was the second highest priority under our Vital Signs research. **Was this due to the funds/programmes that were open in this period? Should we be awarding more grants and/or offering more support under this theme? Do we need to encourage and/or enable more applications under this theme? Is this a gap? Should this theme be a focus for upcoming policy initiatives?**
Vital Action:

- Discuss whether there are any existing funds that could prioritise grants under the education and skills theme.

- Analyse and discuss what we will do about the education and skills theme (along with other priority areas) as part of the Vital Signs learning and evaluation process.

- Begin to think/start discussions about how we can work with donors (existing and new) and potential applicants, Trustees, Ambassadors and other organisations on priorities themes raised in Vital Signs research. Part of this has already begun in terms of meetings and visits with groups, grantees, potential donors, and with strategic organisations.
  - Engage with Sam Beckett and those working in education sector - initial meeting to discuss to be arranged.

- 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.