

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

**Quarterly Grantmaking Review
July 2016 to September 2016**

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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

*Note that Space and Place tranche 4 was awarded in this period but applications were received in the previous quarter

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

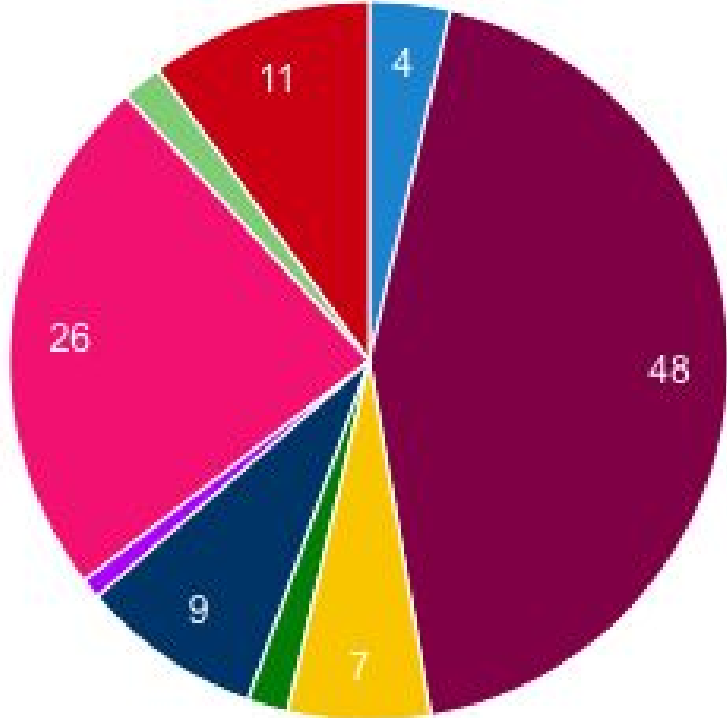
*note that 13 Space and Place grants were awarded in this quarter in 2015, including 3 flagship projects

67% of assessed applications were **successful**

Communities Supported

80

Application Breakdown by Fund



- Cloonty CBF
- Comic Relief Local Communities
- Crockagarran CBF
- David Ervine Fund
- Monnaboy CBF
- Space and Place
- Telecommunity
- Thomas Devlin
- Thornog CBF

Total number of applications

111

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

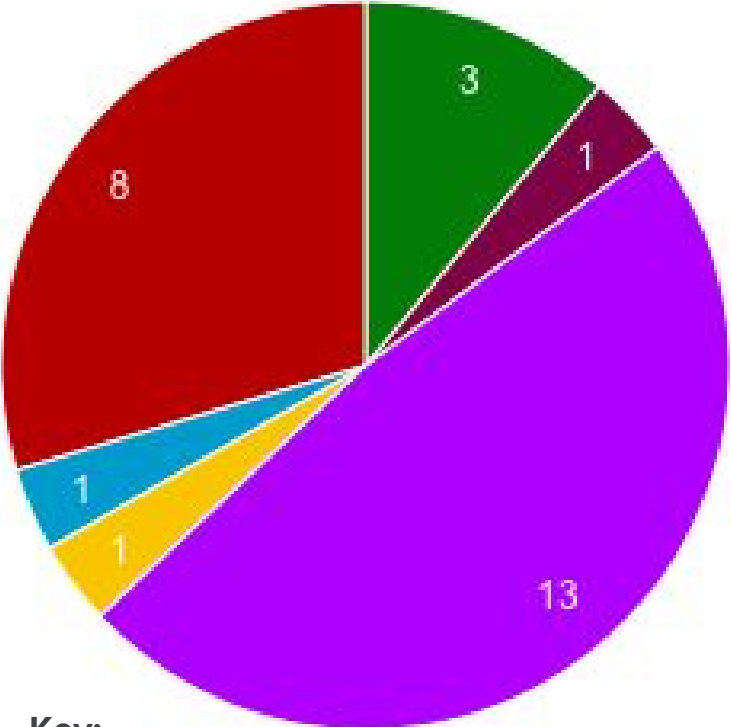
Funds assessed or awarded in this quarter:

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



- David Ervine Fund
- Mike Moloney
- Space and Place
- Sport Relief
- Staff Trustee
- Thornog

Total number of grants awarded
28

67%
Overall success rate

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.

Key:
● Above target ● Below target

Fund	Amount Available
David Ervine Fund	£9004
Mike Moloney Fund	£10,000
Space and Place	£4.3 million
Thornog CBF	£33,333

David Ervine Fund

Applications
3

Awarded
3

100%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£3000

Amount awarded
£3000

Mike Moloney Arts Bursary Fund

Applications
1

Awarded
1

100%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£2500

Amount awarded
£2417

Space and Place

Applications
17

Awarded
13

76%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£5,480,463.37

Amount awarded
£4,311,000.68

*note applications were not received in this quarter

Thornog CBF

Applications
12

Awarded
8

67%
Success
rate

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

100%
Success
rate

Amount requested
£500

Amount awarded
£500

Micro Grant

Applications
1

Awarded
1

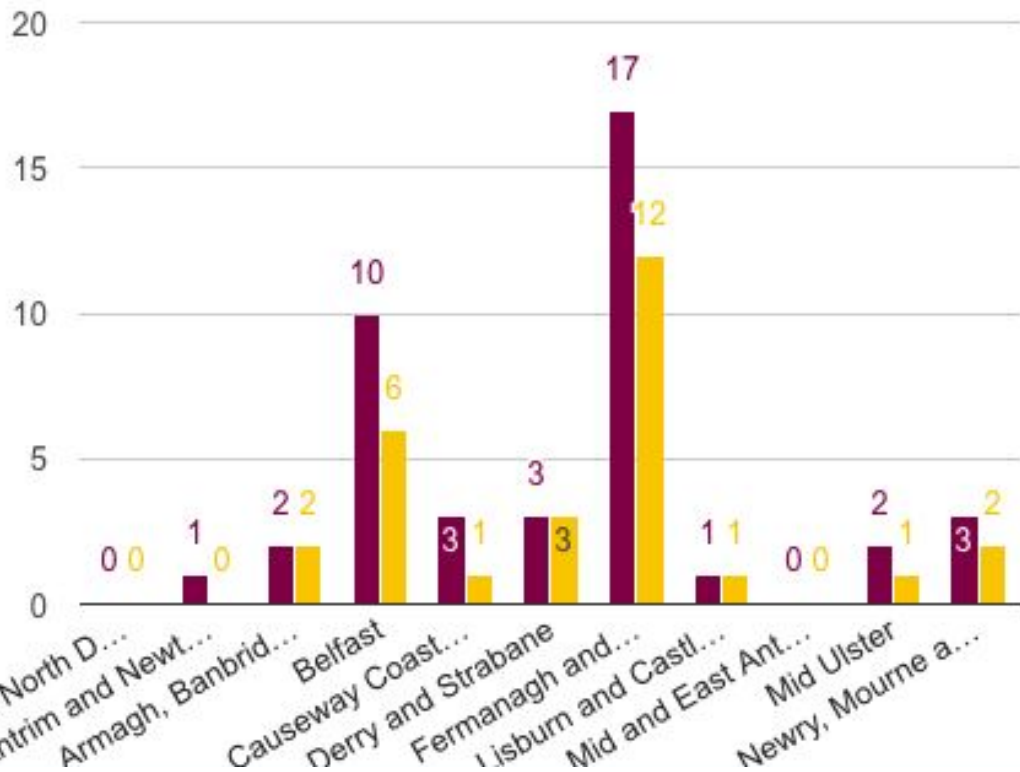
Amount requested
£1000

Amount awarded
£1000

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

Breakdown by Council Area

Applications and Awarded



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

Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0%
Ards & North Down	1	0	£192,636.08	£0.00	0%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	2	2	£689,094.40	£689,094.00	100%
Belfast	10	6	£362,750.00	£356,417.00	60%
Causeway Coast & Glens	3	1	£700,601.61	£350,000.00	33%
Derry & Strabane	3	3	£189,049.00	£189,049.00	100%
Fermanagh & Omagh	17	12	£1,383,749.72	£1,367,617.72	71%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	1	1	£349,070.00	£349,070.00	100%
Mid & East Antrim	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0%
Mid Ulster	2	1	£630,002.00	£343,730.00	50%
Newry, Mourne & Down	3	2	£1,041,551.56	£695,799.56	67%

Vital Signs Analysis



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and homelessness



Poverty



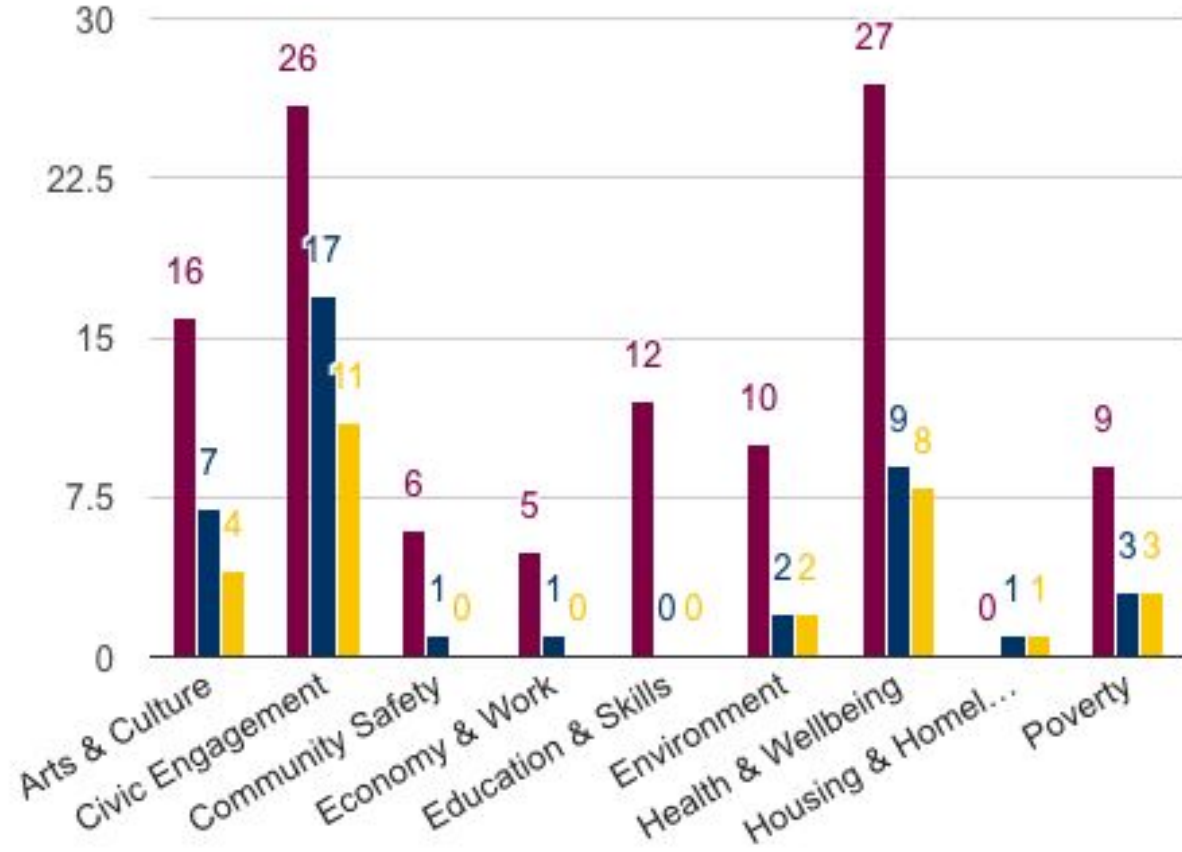
Education and Skills



Environment

Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes

Received, Assessed and Awarded



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

57%
Success
rate

Range of grants requested

£1125 to £3000

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Lack Pipe Band	Purchase of equipment	£1125	Thornog
Individual bursary	Support costs while writing a novel	£2417	Mike Moloney

Civic Engagement



Applications received
26

Applications assessed
17

Awarded
11

Amount requested
£86,631

Amount awarded
£2,420,551.54*

65%
Success
rate

Range of grants requested
£700 to £350,000

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Friends of Glenariffe	Multi-purpose community hub	£350,000	Space and Place
Youth Initiatives	Project Costs	£1000	David Ervine Fund

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

Applications received
10

Applications assessed
2

Awarded
2

Amount requested
£390,470.65*

Amount awarded
£7294

100%
Success
rate

Environment



Range of grants requested
£3349 to £3945

Applications were received under this theme to:
Thornog

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Glassmullagh Accordion Band	Towards capital hall repairs	£3945	Thornog
Sugar and Spice Early Years Centre	Towards a garden project	£3349	Thornog

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



Health and Wellbeing

Applications received
27

Applications assessed
9

Awarded
8

Amount requested
£68,334.97

Amount awarded
£1,900,310.14*

89%
Success
rate

Range of grants requested
£4000 to £350,000

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Ederney St Josephs GAA Club	Men's shed project	£4000	Thornog
Springfield Charitable Association	Capital development of day resource centre	£350,000	Space and Place

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

Housing and Homelessness



Applications received
0

Applications assessed
1

Awarded
1

Amount requested
£1000

Amount awarded
£1000

100%
Success
rate

Range of grants requested

Applications were received under this theme to:
Micro Grant

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Housing4All	Public transport costs for refugees and asylum seekers	£1000	Micro Grant

Applications received
9

Applications assessed
3

Awarded
3

Amount requested
£31,619.30

Amount awarded
£5980

100%
Success
rate

Poverty



Range of grants requested
£799 to £3980

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

Examples of awarded grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Street Soccer NI	Programme costs for homeless people	£1000	David Ervine Fund
Open Door Centre	Development programme for disadvantaged/marginalised people	£3980	Thornog

Community Safety



Applications
6

Grants
Awarded
0

Amount requested
£14,571

Amount awarded
£0

Economy and Work



Applications
5

Grants
Awarded
0

Amount requested
£13,704

Amount awarded
£0

Education and Skills



Applications
12

Grants
Awarded
0

Amount requested
£36,842

Amount awarded
£0

Vital Thinking:

- 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