

Community Foundation for Northern Ireland



Community Foundation
NORTHERN IRELAND

Quarterly Grant Making Report

July to September 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 **July and September** 2017

we received **175**
grant applications

Total amount requested
£974,115.82

87 grants **awarded**

Total amount awarded
£446,613.75

We assessed **143**
grant applications*

**includes applications received but not assessed
in April-June*



64 more **applications** received
than the same quarter in 2016

58%
increase



£676,957 requested in 2016



60 more **grants awarded**
than the same quarter of 2016

222%
increase



£4.6million awarded in 2016*

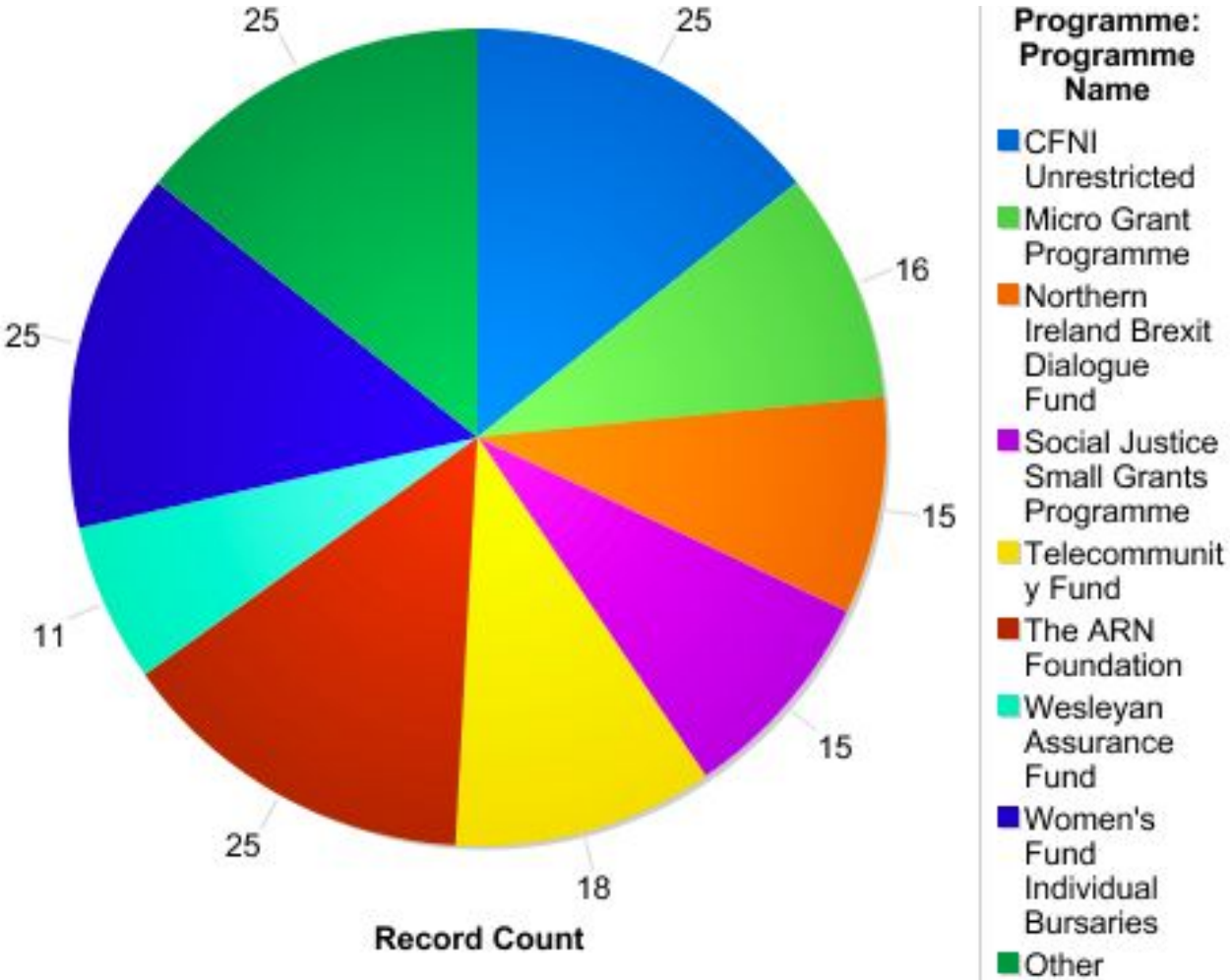
*Note that Space and Place tranche 4 was awarded in this period

61% of assessed applications
were **successful**

Communities Supported
270

Applications Received by Fund

Total number of applications
175

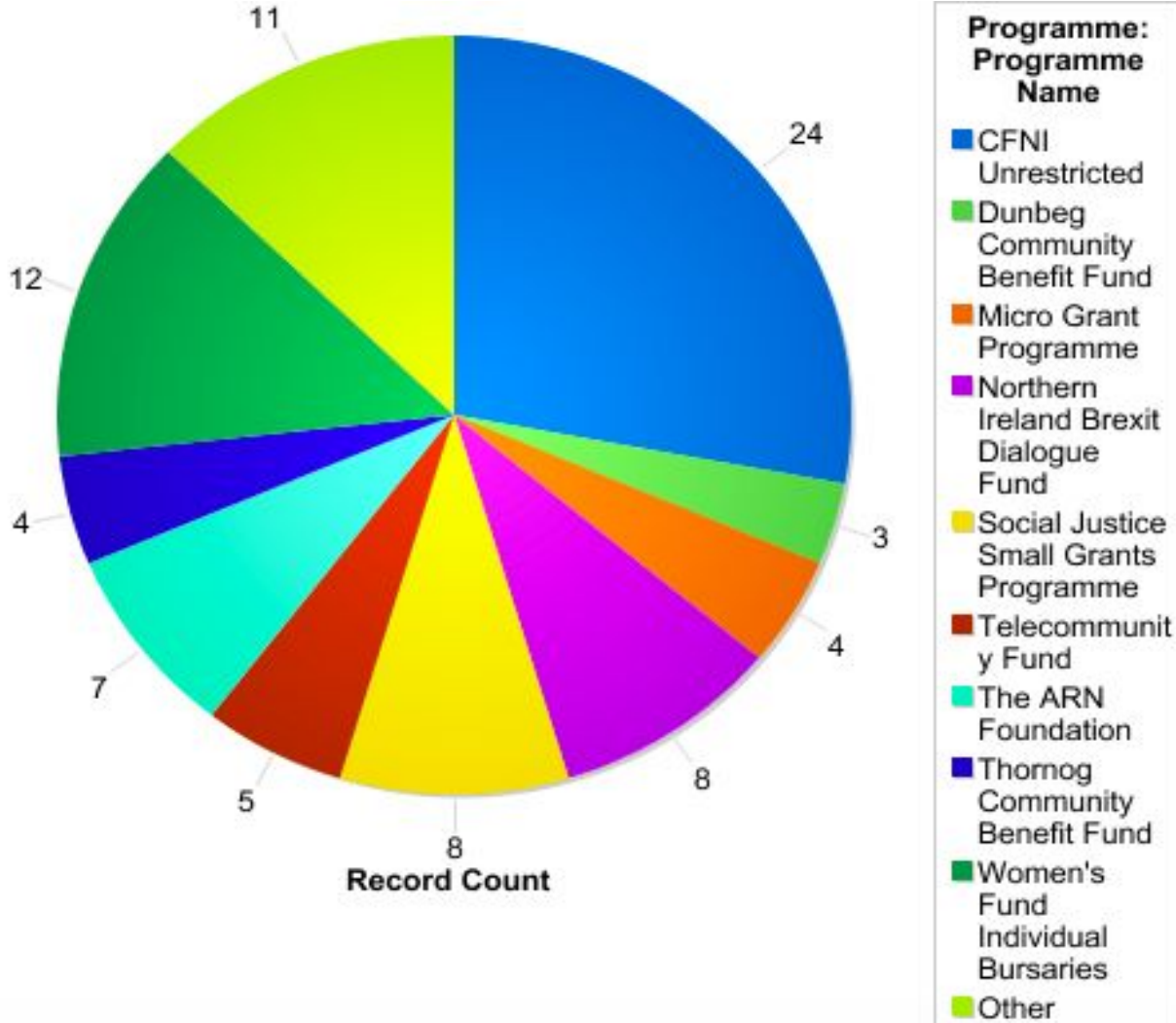


Grants awarded by Fund

Total number of grants awarded

87

61%
Overall success rate



Our grantmaking has supported:

235 people with various disabilities

229 refugee and asylum seekers

215 people with mental health difficulties

215 men

161 women

154 Black and Minority Ethnic

80 families

40 homeless people

106,433
beneficiaries

14,625
people with
learning
difficulties

1375
children &
young
people

4150
people in
rural areas

530
older
people

84,320
local
residents

Our grantmaking will benefit:

14,216 will benefit from projects supporting the advancement of people's physical and mental health, well-being and safety

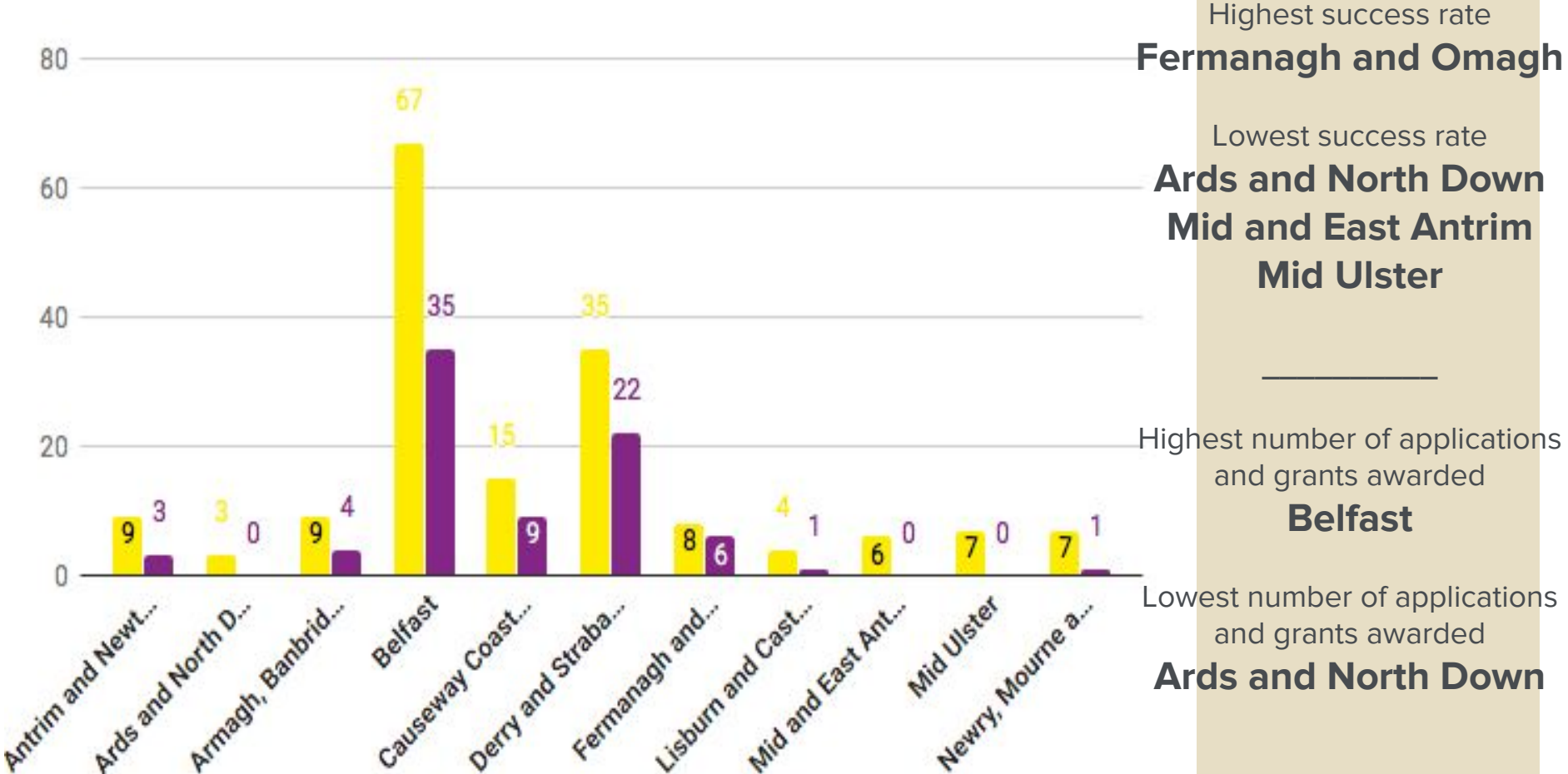
Improved life skills, education, employability and enterprise opportunities for **879** people

766 people connected with the arts, culture and heritage

Maximised and strengthened community cohesion and the building of social capital for **72,635** people

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

Breakdown by Council Area



Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	9	3	£18,205.00	£17,742.00	33%
Ards & North Down	3	0	£2,950.00	£0.00	0%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	9	4	£34,064.00	£5,700.00	44%
Belfast	67	36	£316,688.00	£175,879.00	52%
Causeway Coast & Glens	15	9	£53,522.00	£33,561.00	60%
Derry & Strabane	35	22	£73,188.00	£588,910.00	63%
Fermanagh & Omagh	8	6	£380,444.00	£20,934.00	75%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	4	1	£13,885.00	£5,000.00	25%
Mid & East Antrim	6	0	£13,790.00	£0.00	0%
Mid Ulster	7	0	£40,745.00	£0.00	0%
Newry, Mourne & Down	7	1	£18,811.00	£5,000.00	14%

Vital Signs Analysis



Arts and Culture



Community Safety



Economy



Work



Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and
homelessness



Poverty

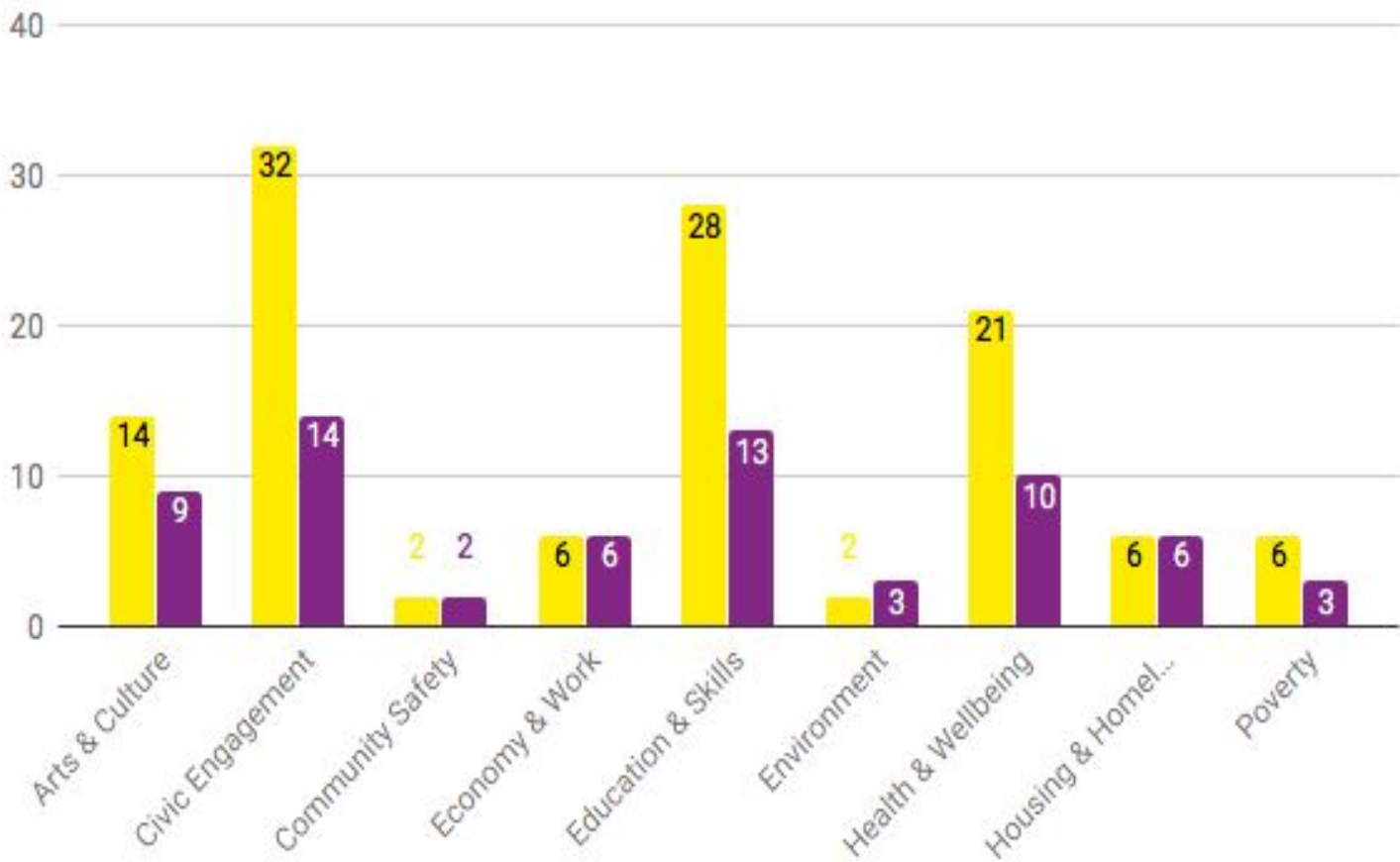


Education and Skills



Environment

Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes



Highest success rate
Economy & Work
Housing & Homelessness

Lowest success rate
Civic Engagement

Highest number of applications and grants awarded
Civic Engagement

Lowest number of applications & grants awarded
Community Safety

These themes will be explored further

100%
Success
rate

Economy & Work



Applications received

6

Awarded

6

Amount requested

£14,800

Amount awarded

£16,285*

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade	Towards a Brexit readiness programme to upskill staff, retain employment and increase investor confidence through a 4 day accredited programme in International Trade Operations and Procedures	£5000	Northern Ireland Brexit Dialogue Fund

**note the higher amount awarded is due to grant applications received in the previous quarter*

100%
Success
rate

Housing and Homelessness



Applications received

6

Awarded

6

Amount requested

£10,380

Amount awarded

£10,380

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
St Canice's Church Parish of Faughanvale	Towards providing support to families affected by the flood and to provide equipment for the mothers and toddlers group	£2500	CFNI Unrestricted Funds - flood fund

44%
Success
rate

Civic Engagement



Applications received

32

Awarded

14

Amount requested

£128,830

Amount awarded

67,806

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Afro-Arab Cultural and Development Association	Towards developing a number of activities to address the needs of the communities from ethnic minorities, reduce isolation, encourage integration by running activities involving people from other cultures and backgrounds.	£1000	Micro Grant Programme

100%
Success
rate

Community Safety



Applications received

2

Awarded

2

Amount requested

£7500

Amount awarded

£7500

Examples of Awarded Grants:

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
St Peters Immaculata Youth Centre	To facilitate conversations about anti-social behaviour in the Divis area	£6500	Social Justice Programme

Vital Thinking

- No grants were awarded in Ards and North Down, Mid and East Antrim and Mid Ulster. These areas have been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded. Conversations are still taking place to look at developing a local philanthropic fund; perhaps this might help in areas where applications are low.

We will continue to keep an eye on whether there other ways for us to have more targeted interventions in these area. Are there particular organisations that we should be engaging with? Can we work better in partnership with them?

- This is our second quarterly report recording impact. **What are these numbers telling us? How do we want to 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 were researched for this year's Vital Signs report. Deeper research was completed in these areas, with a focus on mental health and education respectively. This report detailed priorities for the Community Foundation and showed how philanthropy would 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.
- We continue to 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.