# The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

**Quarterly Grantmaking Review October 2016 to December 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 **October to December** 2016 we received

**167** grant applications

Total amount requested

£578,951.53

128 grants awarded

Total amount awarded

£320,506.00

We **assessed 233** grant applications

**10** more **applications** received than the same quarter in 2015

£464,074 requested in 2015

**49** more **grants awarded** than the same quarter of 2015

62% increase

6%

increase

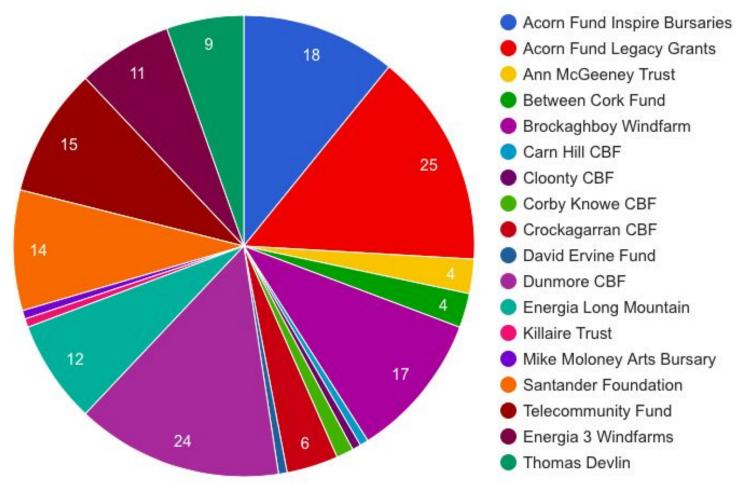
£3,144,581 awarded in 2015

\*note that 3 Space and Place flagship grants were awarded in this quarter in 2015

**55%** of assessed applications were **successful** 

Communities Supported
128

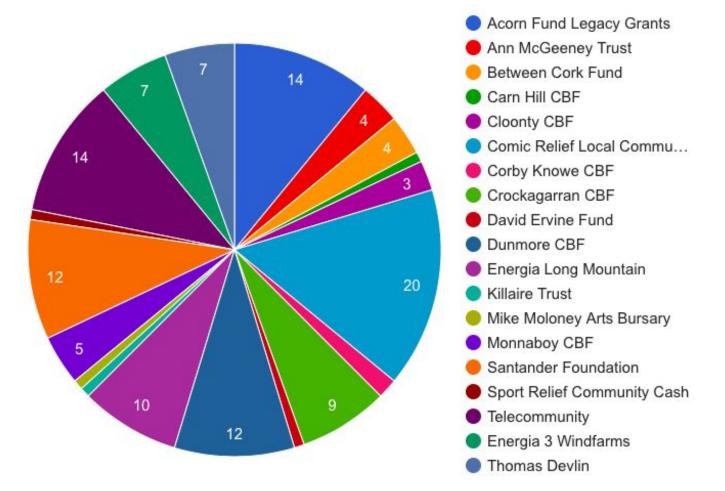
## Application Breakdown by Fund



Total number of applications

167

## Grants Awarded Broken down by Fund



Total number of grants awarded

128



Key:











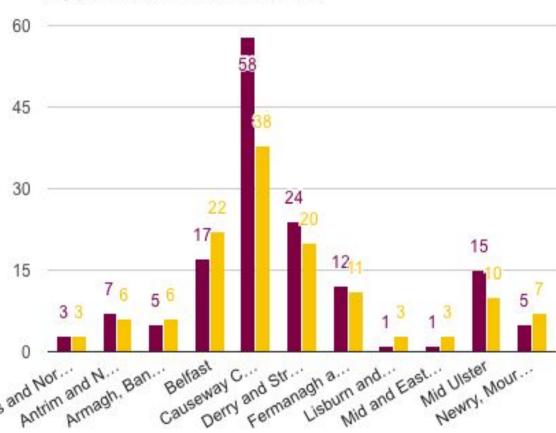






## Breakdown by Council Area

## **Applications and Awarded**



Newry, Mourne and Down

Lowest success rate

Ards & North Down

Highest number of applications and grants awarded

**Causeway Coast and Glens** 

Lowest number of applications and grants awarded

Mid & East Antrim
Ards and North Down

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

Council Area	Applications	Awarded	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Success Rate
Antrim & Newtownabbey	7	6	£13,369.00	£12,269.00	86%
Ards & North Down	3	3	£3,310.00	£26,880.00	100%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	5	6	£7,954.00	£10,093.00	100%
Belfast	17	22	£53,767.49	£65,581.00	100%
Causeway Coast & Glens	58	38	£292,612.04	£87,828.00	66%
Derry & Strabane	24	20	£64,085.00	£44,705.00	83%
Fermanagh & Omagh	12	11	£43,131.00	£29,635.00	92%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	1	3	£5,000.00	£10,426.00	100%
Mid & East Antrim	1	3	£2,274.00	£4,574.00	100%
Mid Ulster	15	10	£40,600.00	£17,560.00	67%
Newry, Mourne & Down	5	7	£9,274.00	£10,955.00	100%

# Vital Signs Analysis











**Community Safety** 

Economy

Work

Civic Engagement



Health and Wellbeing



Housing and homelessness



Poverty

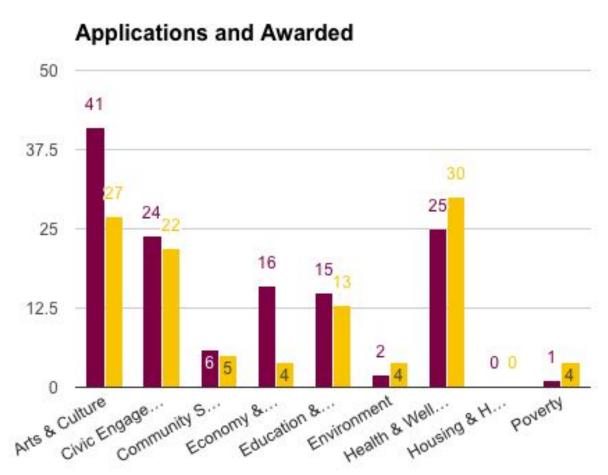


**Education and Skills** 



Environment

## Breakdown by Vital Signs Themes



Highest success rate

Health & Wellbeing

Environment

Poverty

Lowest success rate

Economy and Work

Highest number of applications

Arts and Culture

Highest number of grants awarded
Health & Wellbeing

Lowest number of applications & grants awarded

**Housing and Homelessness** 

## **Arts and Culture**

Applications received
41

Awarded **27** 

Amount requested £110,279

Amount awarded £54,399

66% Success Range of grants requested

£700 to £5000



Applications were received under this theme to:

Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries, Acorn Fund Legacy Grants,
Brockaghboy CBF, Cloonty CBF, Comic Relief Local
Communities, Crockagarran CBF, Dunmore, Energia Long
Mountain, Santander Community Solutions, Telecommunity,
Thomas Devlin Community Arts Fund

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
St Michael's Amateur Boxing Club	Toward small group training sessions	£2300	Comic Relief Local Communities
Carrickfergus Child Contact Centre	Toward a child and parent art project	£800	Telecommunity

Awarded **22** 

Amount requested **£62,447** 

Amount awarded £73.577

# Civic Engagement



Range of grants requested

£500 to £

92% Success rate

Applications were received under this theme to:
Acorn Fund Legacy Grants, Ann McGeeney Trust, Between
Cork Fund, Brockaghboy, Cloonty CBF, Crockagarran, Comic
Relief Local Communities, Dunmore CBF, Energia Long
Mountain, Killaire Trust, Santander Community Solutions,

#### Examples of awarded grants:

**Telecommunity, Thomas Devlin Community Arts Fund** 

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Doury Road Development Group	Towards a cross community family project	£2274	Between Cork Fund

15

Awarded

13

Amount requested **£60.353** 

Amount awarded **£43.233** 

## **Education & Skills**



Range of grants requested

£1440 to £5000

Success

**87**%

rate Applications were received under this theme to:

Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries, Brockaghboy CBF, Comic Relief Local Communities, Crockagarran CBF, Dunmore, Energia Long Mountain, Santander Community Solutions, Telecommunity, Energia 3 Windfarms, Thomas Devlin Community Arts Fund

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Dunloy Community Playgroup	Towards core playgroup costs	£1440	Energia Long Mountain
Parent's Education as Autism Therapists	Towards autism family days	£5000	Santander Community Solutions

# **Environment**



Applications received

2

Awarded

4

Amount requested £1375

Amount awarded **£6179** 

100% Success rate

Range of grants requested **£500 to £5000** 

Applications were received under this theme to:

Ann McGeeney Trust, Carn Hill CBF, Comic Relief Local

Communities, Crockagarran CBF

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Three Mile Water Conservation and Angling Society	Equipment for ongoing science projects	£1375	Carn Hill CBF
Camowen Community Anglers	Towards a stilling project	£2000	Crockagarran CBF

# **Health and Wellbeing**

Applications received

25

Awarded **30** 

Amount requested **£74.042** 

Amount awarded **£65.506** 

100% Success rate

Range of grants requested £500 to £

Applications were received under this theme to:

Acorn Fund Legacy Grants, Ann McGeeney Trust, Brockaghboy CBF, Comic Relief Local Communities, Corby Knowe CBF, Crockagarran, Dunmore, Energia Long Mountain, Santander Community Solutions, Telecommunity, Energia 3 Windfarms

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
St Mary's Faughanvale GAA	physical activity programme for young people	£2500	Monnaboy CBF
Springfield Charitable Association	Capital development of day resource centre	£1900	Dunmore CBF

Awarded

4

Amount requested £2500

Amount awarded £7683

# **Poverty**



Range of grants requested £2363 to £5000

Applications were received under this theme to: **Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries, Comic Relief Local Communities** 

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Kilcooley Community Forum	Understanding identity, racism and justice programme	£3700	Comic Relief Local Communities
Voices Women's Group	Towards Voices for Change project	£2363	Comic Relief Local Communities



**Economy & Work** 



Awarded -

4

Amount requested **£41,282** 

Amount awarded £10,279

25% Success rate Range of grants requested £1000 to £5000

Applications were received under this theme to:

Acorn Fund Inspire Bursaries, Comic Relief Local

Communities, Crockagarran CBF, David Ervine Fund, Dunmore

CBF, Santander Community Solutions, Telecommunity

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Willowfield Parish Community Association	Barriers to employment for young people programme	£3000	David Ervine Fund
YouthBank International	Towards Build Your Future Entrepreneurship programme	£1004	Telecommunity

Awarded

5

Amount requested £8549

Amount awarded **£8805** 

# **Community Safety**



83% Success rate

Range of grants requested £500 to £2500

Applications were received under this theme to:

Monnaboy, Mike Moloney, Comic Relief Local Communities

Organisation	Grant	Amount	Programme
Ards Cycling Club	Towards a road safety course for 12 women	£1120	Comic Relief Local Communities
Greysteel Community Association	Health and safety course for older people	£2300	Comic Relief Local Communities

### **Vital Thinking:**

- In the previous quarter there were no grants awarded under education and skills however this was the second highest priority under our Vital Signs research. This significantly increased this quarter with 13 grants awarded, totalling £43,233.
- Mid and East Antrim has been consistently low in terms of applications and grants awarded.
   Do we need 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?

#### **Vital Action:**

- 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. This is ongoing as part of the wider policy work for the organisation.
- We will use Vital Signs to work with potential applicants, trustees and donors. In December we
  facilitated a conversation with a range of individuals and organisations working on education and
  a potential donor about the issues in education and the potential to set up a fund to tackle some
  of these issues in targeted areas.
- 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.
- Develop pilot local fund in the Ballymena area, to encourage local philanthropy and address local need. This will include developing links with local Councils, Clusters, Community Support Agencies, and local Businesses.