



Grant Aid Guidance Notes

**Funding for the enclosed Grant Aid Streams covers the period
1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020**

Grant Aid Call Opening Date:
Monday 9 September 2019

Grant Aid Call Closing Date:
Friday 27 September 2019 @ 5.00pm

Drop In – Grant Aid Information Sessions for Funding Streams will be held in the following locations:-		
Venue	Date	Time
Strule Arts Centre, Omagh	Tuesday 10 September 2019	7.30 pm - 9 pm
Enniskillen Museum	Monday 16 September 2019	7.30 pm - 9 pm

These Grant Aid Guidance Notes should be read in conjunction with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council's Grant Aid Code of Practice, which is available to download on the Council's website. <https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/funding-and-grants/>

Applicants are asked to complete their application form online, through the Council's Grant Manager Program which can be accessed at:- **fermanaghomagh.eformz.info**
If you require any assistance with completing this form please contact the Funding & Investment Unit, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council:
T: 0300 303 1777 E: grants@fermanaghomagh.com

Before submitting an application, groups are recommended to contact the relevant department to discuss the application. Officers will be in attendance at the Information sessions located throughout the district, dates which will be advertised in advance of each grant call. If you are unable to attend an information session, Council Officers will be available by appointment to provide information. Please make sure you contact an officer well in advance of the closing date to avoid disappointment. Officer contact details are listed under each Grant Aid Stream.



Name of the Programme	Arts, Culture and Heritage
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020
Brief Description	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council wants to support projects, activities and groups that will actively contribute to enhancing the cultural life of the district.</p> <p>Through this grant scheme the council wants to open up opportunities for people to experience high quality arts, culture and heritage experiences – whether as participant or as audience.</p> <p>Applications must be about a project or an activity that takes places within the district. Equipment can only be considered where it is essential to the delivery of that project or activity.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to contact an officer to discuss their application prior to submission.</p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>Applications will be assessed against the potential of the project to contribute and enhance the cultural life of Fermanagh and Omagh District through the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Engaging Communities – (weighted at 25%)- Attracting Audiences – (weighted at 25%)- Strengthening the Sector – (weighted at 50%) <p>Your proposed project must address and score against at least two of the three priorities.</p> <p>Engaging Communities - we mean that the proposal must include some kind of active participation (audiences are not active) such as classes, workshops or a masterclass. It might be with a community of interest (e.g. young people) or the wider community.</p> <p>Attracting Audiences - we mean that the proposal must involve an output such as an exhibition, publication or other product. This doesn't have to be a public event but must engage others beyond participants.</p> <p>Strengthening the Sector - we mean the arts, cultural &/or heritage sector in the district. This is likely to mean addressing gaps in provision (e.g. geographical, art form), collaboration with others and supporting the delivery of the Community Plan priorities (quality of life, Early Years, families, environment, Older People, health & well-being).</p>
Average Grant Amount	£500

Responsible Service Area / Match Funder	Arts and Heritage / Council Funding
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	<p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Arts, Culture and Heritage Team:</p> <p>Arts: Bernie Kirrane Heritage: Bronagh Cleary / Sinead Reilly Access & Inclusion: Matthew Nevin General: Bryony May or Sarah McHugh</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: bernie.kirrane@fermanaghomagh.com bronagh.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com sinead.reilly@fermanaghomagh.com matthew.nevin@fermanaghomagh.com bryony.may@fermanaghomagh.com sarah.mchugh@fermanaghomagh.com</p>



Name of the Programme	Community Services - General
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020
Brief Description	<p>The Community Services General Grant Aid will provide support to a wide variety of organisations towards the delivery of projects/activities addressing community needs.</p> <p>Small items of equipment will only be considered if it forms part of a project and is necessary for its delivery.</p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>The applicant organisation must be able to demonstrate how projects/activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• responsive to local need and improve the overall quality of life of their beneficiaries; and• how it promotes social inclusion. <p>Please note, running costs example heat, light, telephone are ineligible expenditure under this scheme. These costs are only eligible through Community Services - Revenue Grant Aid which is available in Round 1 each year.</p> <p>Please note, applications relating to Christmas Events will be considered under this stream.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts/Sports activities will not be considered under this grant stream
Average Grant Amount	£500
Responsible Service Area / Match Funder	Community Services / Department for Communities
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	<p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:</p> <p>Gary Mortland, Bernie Doherty, Brenda Brewster, Catherine Garry, Kellie Beacom, Louise McLaughlin, Josephine Treanor, Steven Ormsby By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com bernie.doherty@fermanaghomagh.com brenda.brewster@fermanaghomagh.com catherine.garry@fermanaghomagh.com josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com louise.mclaughlin@fermanaghomagh.com steven.ormsby@fermanaghomagh.com</p>

Name of the Programme	Festivals & Events - Small
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020
Brief Description	<p>The Small Festivals and Events fund enables organisations to run an event or a series of events with a common theme, delivered within a defined time period.</p> <p>Festivals and events are about participation, involvement and the creation of a sense of identity. They are developed from within a community and should celebrate and positively promote, what the community represents.</p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>To be considered, applications must include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Encourage Community Participation ➤ Contributing to Regeneration. ➤ Attract attendees/visitors to the festival/event <p>Care should be taken to ensure that events/festivals do not clash so as to maximise audience participation, support and income.</p> <p>Christmas Event Applications cannot be considered under the Festivals & Events - Small stream. Applications for Christmas Events must apply under Community Services - General.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts/Sports activities will not be considered under this grant stream <p>Please note: Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.</p>
Average Grant Amount	£400
Responsible Service Area / Match Funder	Community Services / Department for Communities
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	<p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:</p> <p>Gary Mortland, Bernie Doherty, Brenda Brewster, Catherine Garry, Kellie Beacom, Louise McLaughlin, Josephine Treanor, Steven Ormsby</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com bernie.doherty@fermanaghomagh.com brenda.brewster@fermanaghomagh.com catherine.garry@fermanaghomagh.com josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com louise.mclaughlin@fermanaghomagh.com steven.ormsby@fermanaghomagh.com</p>

Name of the Programme	Festivals & Events - Large
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020
Brief Description	<p>The Large Festivals and Events fund enables organisations to celebrate cultural identity, to build capacity and to strengthen community relations.</p> <p>Festivals and events are about participation, involvement and the creation of a sense of identity and are important in contributing to the social well-being of a community. They are developed from within a community and should celebrate and positively promote, what the community represents. It is not enough to run a festival for a community, a community must play a strong part in development and delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All festivals must be culture based, where culture is defined as ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular people or social grouping. - All festivals must demonstrate their commitment to promoting social cohesion, social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good community relations. - Community includes communities of interest, as well as geography and identity.
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>To be considered, applications must demonstrate how their festival / event addresses the following issues:</p> <p>Essential / Core:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes equality. • Targets poverty and /or social exclusion. • Has strong community participation. • Provides opportunities for people to improve skills or receive training. • Improves community relations. • Contributes to building a strong sense of community. • Demonstrates value for money. <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attracts visitors to the area. • Provides opportunities for development – this includes capacity building with other organisations and diversity of activities. • Take steps to address rural isolation issues where applicable. • Encourages a sense of place through connecting the community with and effectively using public spaces and the local built environment, particularly infrequently used or abandoned spaces. <p>As per Department for Communities requirements, favourable weighting will be applied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festivals / events that take place in the top 10% of the most deprived super output areas (SOA) of Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area; Devenish, Lisanelly2, Lisanelly1, Newtownbutler, Roslea. • Festivals / events which target those who are socially excluded. (*as defined by the NI Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM))

	<p>Exclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Festivals Fund will not normally provide funding for the following activities: • festivals taking place outside Northern Ireland; • festivals of a commercial nature, organised to make a profit; • trade or professional conferences/conventions; • festivals that are primarily fundraising events, are heavily branded with charity branding or deploy potential sources of income from a festival to a charity; • awards ceremonies or industry events; • residential courses and associated events; • festivals that are social events for an organisation; and • primarily tourism focused events where the organisation cannot demonstrate significant community involvement. <p>Care should be taken to ensure that events/festivals do not clash so as to maximise audience participation, support and income.</p> <p>Please note: Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.</p>
<p>Grant Amount</p>	<p>Average grant available £1,500</p>
<p>Responsible Service Area / Match Funder</p>	<p>Community Services / Department for Communities</p>
<p>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</p>	<p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:</p> <p>Gary Mortland, Bernie Doherty, Brenda Brewster, Catherine Garry, Kellie Beacom, Louise McLaughlin, Josephine Treanor, Steven Ormsby</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com bernie.doherty@fermanaghomagh.com brenda.brewster@fermanaghomagh.com catherine.garry@fermanaghomagh.com josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com louise.mclaughlin@fermanaghomagh.com steven.ormsby@fermanaghomagh.com</p>

Name of the Programme	Seeding Grant Aid
Brief Description	A seeding grant is available to new groups/organisations within the first 12 months of existence to assist with initial administrative expenses whilst they are establishing themselves.
Programme Specific Criteria	Groups/Organisations should identify how their activities will meet identified need and further address the themes and strategic actions outlined in the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Corporate Plan. (See Grant Aid Code of Practice). To apply for a seeding grant groups/organisations must have an adopted constitution and a group bank account.
Average Grant Amount	£200
Responsible Service Area / Match Funder	Community Services / Department for Communities
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team: Gary Mortland, Bernie Doherty, Brenda Brewster, Catherine Garry, Kellie Beacom, Louise McLaughlin, Josephine Treanor, Steven Ormsby By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777 By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com bernie.doherty@fermanaghomagh.com brenda.brewster@fermanaghomagh.com catherine.garry@fermanaghomagh.com josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com louise.mclaughlin@fermanaghomagh.com steven.ormsby@fermanaghomagh.com