

# Grant Aid - Guidance Notes

## Funding for the enclosed Grant Aid Streams covers the financial year 2025 - 2026

Please note retrospective funding is not eligible.

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/sponsorship-grants-bursaries/grant-aid/>

Before submitting an application, groups are recommended to contact the relevant department to discuss the application. Officers are available to assist with any queries you may have regarding your application or the criteria. Please make sure you contact an officer well in advance of the closing date to avoid disappointment. Officer contact details are listed in the Contact Section of these Guidance Notes.

### **Grant Aid - for Older Persons Groups**

Older Persons Groups must apply directly to the South West Age Partnership (SWAP) for the Council's "Community & Wellbeing Grant Aid".

For further information or to apply for Grant Aid please contact:-

Allison Forbes Tel: 028 8225 1824 or mail: [afortbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk](mailto:afortbes@southwestagepartnership.co.uk)

### **How to Apply**

Application forms must be completed through the Council's Grant Aid Portal which can be accessed at:- <https://fodc.submit.com/>

Before completing an application form, applicants should ensure they meet the programme specific criteria as outlined in the Guidance Notes.

If you require any assistance with completing the application form please contact the Grants & Investment Unit, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council:

**Tel: 0300 303 1777**

**Email: [grants@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:grants@fermanaghomagh.com)**

# **Grant Aid - Guidance Notes 2025 / 2026 (1<sup>st</sup> Call)**

## **Grant Aid:**

- Community & Wellbeing
- Community Premises Support
- Community Project Development - Rolling Stream  
(Grant Stream is open on a rolling basis, applications are accepted throughout the year)
- Good Relations
- Irish in the Community
- PCSP - Policing & Community Safety
- Seeding - Rolling Stream
- (Grant Stream is open on a rolling basis, applications are accepted throughout the year)
- Sport Team Grant - Significant Sporting Achievement - Rolling Stream  
(Grant Stream is open on a rolling basis, applications are accepted throughout the year)
- Summer Schemes
- Ulster Scots in the Community
- Verti - Draining

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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>       | <b>Community &amp; Wellbeing</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>             | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026</b>  |
| <b>Brief Description</b>           | <p>The <b>Community and Wellbeing</b> Grant Aid will be flexible and responsive in meeting community needs and will allow groups to self-identify priority spend up to a maximum allocation of £500.</p> <p>This is a flexible programme aimed at supporting organisations within the fields of community development, sport, arts and culture and social economy.</p> <p>The types of project/activities that can be supported include activity programme costs and costs associated with local community led events <b>2025/2026</b>.</p> <p>Groups/Organisations should identify how their activities will meet identified need and further address the themes and strategic actions outlined in the Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council Corporate Plan</p> <p><b>*Funding is subject to availability and only <u>one funding award</u> can be made to an organisation through this funding steam within this financial year.</b></p>   |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b> | <p>The applicant organisation must be able to demonstrate how <b>projects/activities</b> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• responsive to local need and improve the overall quality of life of their beneficiaries; and</li> <li>• promote social inclusion (how all sections of the community are encouraged to participate)</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligibility Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Scale Community Events are eligible under this programme</li> <li>• Small items of equipment will only be considered if it forms part of a project and is necessary for its delivery.</li> <li>• Tutors/Facilitators must be external to the organisation and capped at £25 maximum p/hr;</li> <li>• Coaches for sporting activities must be external to the organisation and capped at £20 maximum p/hr;</li> </ul> <p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs associated with the running of a venue that are eligible through the Community Premises Support Grant Aid <b>will not</b> be considered under this grant aid scheme. However, if you are not eligible to apply for a Community Premises Support grant you can apply for a Community &amp; Wellbeing grant for support with running costs.</li> </ul> |

| <b>Eligible Expenditure</b>  |   |
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| <b>Programme / Project Costs</b>   | <b>Overhead Costs*</b>  |
| Affiliation/Subscription/Membership/Licence Fee<br>Advertising / Printing<br>Arts & Crafts Materials<br>Catering Supplies<br>Children's Entertainment<br>Course Costs / Training Fees<br>Entertainment (Music/Song/Dance)<br>Horticultural/Garden Supplies<br>Pool Hire<br>PPE Supplies<br>Speaker / Demonstrator<br>Maintenance<br>Refreshments<br>Transport / Bus Hire<br>Venue Hire / Facility Hire<br>Volunteer Expenses | Accountant Fees<br>Cleaning Products/Supplies<br>Defibrillator Maintenance<br>Electricity - costs are only paid for the months that fall within the financial year.<br>Entertainment Licence<br>Equipment Servicing<br>Fire Audit<br>Gas<br>Heating Oil<br>Insurance - costs are only paid for the months that fall within the financial year.<br>Postage<br>Rent<br>Stationery<br>Telephone / Internet<br>TV Licence<br>Water & Sewage |
| <b>Equipment</b>   | *Please note, if your group is eligible for a Community Premises grant, you will not be eligible for overhead costs under this grant aid programme.   |
| Small items of equipment to include:<br>Children's Play Equipment<br>Musical Equipment<br>Horticultural / Garden Equipment<br>Kitchen Equipment<br>IT Software / Hardware Equipment<br>Sports Equipment<br>Health and Safety Equipment e.g. Defibrillator / Pad Packs<br>Office Equipment<br>Outdoor Equipment e.g. Play<br>Sound/PA Equipment<br>Sports Equipment e.g. Balls, Nets  |   |
| <b>Tutor / Coach Fees</b>  |   |
| Tutor/Facilitator Fees - capped at £25 p/hr<br>Coach Fees - capped at £20 p/hr   |   |
| <b>Non - Eligible Expenditure</b>  |   |
| Alcohol/Cigarettes<br>Bank Fees<br>Cash Payments<br>Church / Church Service Costs<br>Fireworks<br>Prizes / Gifts / Souvenirs<br>Miscellaneous / Sundry Costs<br>Monetary Prizes<br>Personal Items, such as clothing/water bottles<br>Second Hand Equipment<br>Staff Costs  |   |

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| <b>Average Grant Amount</b>                               | Up to <b>£300</b><br>Grant Aid is subject to funding availability  |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                           | Community & Wellbeing Directorate  |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b> | <p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:<br/> Gary Mortland, Billie-Jo Irwin, Eilish Morgan, Joanne Cunningham, Josephine Treanor, Kellie Beacom, Leza Cleary, Ruthanne Fawcett</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> eilish.morgan@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com</p> |

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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>       | <b>Community Premises Support Grant Aid</b>   |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>             | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026</b>  |
| <b>Brief Description</b>           | <p>The Community Premises Support grant aid scheme provides a contribution to the venue running costs for voluntary and community organisations within the Fermanagh and Omagh District.</p> <p>The Community Premises Support grant aid scheme has been established to support the voluntary and community organisations that provide and maintain the physical infrastructure in which community development activity takes place.</p>  |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b> | <p>To be considered, the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must own <b>and</b> maintain a community venue <b>or</b> have a long-term lease (minimum 5 years) of the venue within the district</li> <li>• must provide a set of annual accounts or a Statement of Financial position no more than 2 years old, to be submitted with application</li> <li>• must be able to demonstrate how they are responsive to local need and improve the overall quality of life of their beneficiaries.</li> <li>• must describe all community activity that takes place in the community venue throughout the year to include the number of users</li> <li>• must ensure that the venue is welcoming to a diverse range of users and be inclusive to all potential users.</li> <li>• must outline the need for the venue that is provided.</li> <li>• may be required to provide proof of venue ownership / lease.</li> <li>• capital items of equipment are not eligible expenditure.</li> <li>• your premises must be available for 3rd party bookings</li> </ul> <p>If your group is primarily arts/sports, it is not eligible to apply under this grant stream. Activities must be primarily (80%) for community development activities. The venue must be a mixed-use facility. A 'mixed use' facility is a venue that facilitates activities for a minimum of 3 separate sections of the local community. If the venue is only used for one type of activity or target group, such as Youth Club, Playgroup etc it is not eligible. We encourage groups to make their building more environmentally sustainable.</p> <p>NOTE: Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate an extensive programme of varied community activities.</p> |

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| <b>Average Grant Amount</b>  | <b>£500 - £2,000</b><br>Grant Aid is subject to funding availability  |                      |                            |  |  |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>  | Community & Wellbeing Directorate   |                      |                            |  |  |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b>  | Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:<br>Gary Mortland, Billie-Jo Irwin, Eilish Morgan, Joanne Cunningham, Josephine Treanor, Kellie Beacom, Leza Cleary, Ruthanne Fawcett<br><br>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777<br><br>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com<br>billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com<br>eilish.morgan@fermanaghomagh.com<br>joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com<br>josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com<br>kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com<br>leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com<br>ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com   |                      |                            |  |  |

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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>                              | <b>Community Services - Project Development</b>   |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>                                    | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026</b>  |
| <b>Brief Description</b>                                  | <p>This programme offers support to not for profit organisations operating within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Area who wish to identify local need and/or further develop project ideas.</p> <p>Examples of work that will be funded through this programme include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Plans</li> <li>• Feasibility Studies</li> <li>• Economic Appraisals</li> <li>• Technical Drawings</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Builds Community Capacity and creates positive change in the community</li> <li>• Promotes Social Inclusion</li> <li>• Promotes a collaborative approach to working with other groups or agencies at local, county or regional level</li> <li>• Compliance with Fermanagh Omagh 2030 Community Plan and other relevant policies or strategies</li> </ul> <p>If your application relates to a Capital Project, the group must own or have a long-term lease on the property</p>   |
| <b>Average Grant Amount</b>                               | <p>£2,000</p> <p>Please note: Support will be 75% of total costs up to a maximum of <b>£2,000</b></p> <p>Grant Aid is subject to funding availability</p>   |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                           | Community & Wellbeing Directorate   |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b> | <p><b>Prior to the submission of an application, applicants must have directly worked with a Community Services Officer and obtained approval in order to progress to application stage.</b></p> <p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:</p> <p>Gary Mortland, Billie-Jo Irwin, Eilish Morgan, Joanne Cunningham, Josephine Treanor, Kellie Beacom, Leza Cleary, Ruthanne Fawcett</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> eilish.morgan@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com</p> |



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| <b>Name of the Programme</b> | <b>Good Relations</b>   |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>       | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 28 February 2026</b>   |
| <b>Brief Description</b>     | <p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council’s Good Relations Grant Programme supports, encourages and facilitates activities which enhance and develop community relations within the district, and which promote good relations between persons of different political opinion, racial group or religious belief.</p> <p>Organisations can apply for Good Relations funding at 100% for projects that contribute to “Together: Building a United Community” (T:BUC) priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Our Children and Young people</b> – To continue to improve attitudes amongst our young people and to build a community where they can play a full and active role in building good relations.</li> <li>• <b>Our Shared Community</b> – To create a community where division does not restrict the life opportunities of individuals and where all areas are open and accessible to everyone</li> <li>• <b>Our Safe Community</b> – To create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety</li> <li>• <b>Our Cultural Expression</b> – To create a community which promotes mutual respect and understanding, is strengthened by its diversity, and where cultural expression is celebrated and embraced.</li> </ul> <p>Projects can use a range of activities such as sport, music, art, personal development, leadership to engage with and make a difference in the local community.</p> <p>This programme receives financial support from the Executive Office under the Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) Strategy which can be viewed on: <a href="http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk">www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Good Relations Strategy 2021-2026 identifies 10 recommendations that focuses on all citizens believing they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All belong and all are valued as much as any other;</li> <li>• Can and should make a pro-active and equal contribution to improving relations; and</li> <li>• Are treated fairly and equitably by all public agencies.</li> </ul> <p>Vision: Everyone who lives or works in Fermanagh and Omagh District belongs equally, is valued equally, and values everyone else in the district equally.</p> <p>Mission: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will deliver a good relations programme that further builds intercultural and cross community relations placing the principle of everyone belonging equally at its heart.</p> |

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|   | <p>The strategy can be viewed on:<br/> <a href="https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/app/uploads/2024/11/GR-Strategy-2021-2026.pdf">https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/app/uploads/2024/11/GR-Strategy-2021-2026.pdf</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Programme Specific Criteria</b></p> | <p><b>Essential Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The programme content and delivery <b>MUST</b> cover one of the T:BUC priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Our Children and Young People</li> <li>▪ Our Shared Community</li> <li>▪ Our Safe Community</li> <li>▪ Our Cultural Expression</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The project includes significant good relations elements throughout.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.</li> <li>• Tutors/Facilitators must be external to the organisation and capped at £25 maximum p/hr.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities and items that can NOT be funded:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrospective applications.</li> <li>• Fundraising events or activities.</li> <li>• Organisations own facility hire – groups cannot claim for and pay for the use of their own facilities.</li> <li>• Recognition events.</li> <li>• Salary costs.</li> <li>• Capital costs.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Scoring Criteria</b></p>            | <p>Applicants should provide as much relevant detail as possible about the project and answer the questions as fully as possible. The responsibility to provide sufficient detail in any application for Council's consideration rests with the applicant.</p> <p><b>1. Description of your project</b> - Tell us what you want the funding for and how this is a Good Relations project.</p> <p>Use these prompt questions to provide a complete answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is the project – describe the activity to be delivered.</li> <li>▪ What is the duration of the project – one off event or longer?</li> <li>▪ Where will the project take place?</li> <li>▪ Who are the target participants and why?</li> <li>▪ Is it single identity/cross community in nature? If single identify provide rationale, why this is the case?</li> <li>▪ Are there any partners involved in the delivery?</li> <li>▪ What is the aim?</li> <li>▪ What makes this a Good Relations project?</li> <li>▪ How will advertise the project?</li> <li>▪ How will you acknowledge funding from the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP)?</li> </ul> |

|   | Score Available | Score Awarded |
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| <b><i>Project Description</i></b>   |                 |               |
| Detailed information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience and why, single/cross community, partner involvement, aim for the project, reference to why this is a Good Relations project, how the project will be advertised and how DCGRP funding will be acknowledged. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10            |               |
| Some information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience and why, single/cross community, partner involvement, aim for the project, reference to why this is a Good Relations project, how the project will be advertised and how DCGRP funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7             |               |
| Limited information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience and why, single/cross community, partner involvement, aim for the project, reference to why this is a Good Relations project, how the project will be advertised and how DCGRP funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response. | 0-3             |               |

**2. Demonstration of need** –You must demonstrate that there is a need for your proposed project.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What are the Good Relations issues in your area and how will the project address them?
- How have you identified these issues?
- Tell us what has prompted you to deliver the project at this time?
- Which T:BUC priority fits best with your project and why?
  - Our Children and Young People
  - Our Shared Community
  - Our Safe Community
  - Our Cultural Expression

You should reference community surveys, public meetings, focus groups, external statistics such as PSNI or NISRA statistics, community plans, local knowledge, or history of community relations in your area. Refer to [www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk](http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk) for further information on the T:BUC priorities.

|   | Score Available | Score Awarded |
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| <b><i>Project Need</i></b>  |                 |               |
| Detailed information on what are the Good Relations issues, how they have been identified, why the project is being delivered now and alignment with the T:BUC priority. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10            |               |
| Some information on what are the Good Relations issues, how they have been identified, why the project is being delivered now and alignment with the T:BUC priority. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7             |               |
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**3. Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion** - Tell us how your project will provide benefits and opportunities for people to improve their knowledge and understanding of Good Relations issues and how it will promote inclusion encouraging people to play an active role in Good Relations.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What difference do you hope to achieve by delivering the project?
- How will this difference be measured?
- How will you ensure the project is open and accessible to the whole community?
- What is the legacy of this project?

|   | Score Available | Score Awarded |
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| <b><i>Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion</i></b>   |                 |               |
| Detailed information on what difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Each prompt question addressed in the response.   | 8-10            |               |
| Some information on the difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7             |               |
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Applications will be scored and placed in ranking order. Where applications exceed the 65% threshold, they will be ranked in score order. The projects that exceed the threshold will be allocated funding with remaining funds allocated to the next highest ranked projects, until funding has been expended.

| Criteria                               | Score Available | Weighted Value | Weighted Score | Score Awarded |
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| 1. Project Description                 | 10              | X2             | 20             |               |
| 2. Demonstration of Need               | 10              | X4             | 40             |               |
| 3. Benefits, Opportunity and Inclusion | 10              | X4             | 40             |               |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE:</b><br>(Threshold 65%) |                 |                | 100            |               |

All grants are discretionary, awarded on a one-off basis and must be spent on the delivery of the approved project as detailed in the Letter of Offer by **28 February 2026**.

**Grant Amount**

Maximum grant available **£750 - £1,500**  
 Maximum Grant for one off event - **£750**  
 Maximum Grant for a project - more than one day in duration **£1,500**  
 Good Relations Grant Aid is subject to funding availability.

**Responsible Service Area**

Community & Wellbeing Directorate

**Contact Information for applicant support purposes**

Applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas with Good Relations Officers.  
 Telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777  
 Email: [goodrelations@fermanaghomagh.com](mailto:goodrelations@fermanaghomagh.com)



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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>       | <b>Irish in the Community</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>             | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 28 February 2026</b>  |
| <b>Brief Description</b>           | Irish in the Community grant aid is available to groups to deliver projects that utilise and encourage the use of Irish Language in daily life.  |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b> | <p>Applicants should demonstrate how their project meets one the following key priorities of the Council's Irish Language Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Develop and grow Irish Language</b></li><li>• <b>Increase visibility of and accessibility to Irish Language</b></li><li>• <b>Empower Irish Language speakers and communities</b></li><li>• <b>Showcase and celebrate Irish Language in the district</b></li></ul> <p>Further information on the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Irish Language Policy see <a href="https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/app/uploads/2021/04/Bilingual-copy-draft-IL-policy-dreacht-Beartas-Gaeilge-2020-2.pdf">https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/app/uploads/2021/04/Bilingual-copy-draft-IL-policy-dreacht-Beartas-Gaeilge-2020-2.pdf</a></p> <p>Examples of project activity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irish Language Classes</li><li>• Irish Language in Daily Life</li></ul> <p>Irish Language Classes can be delivered as a course with a minimum of 16 teaching hours or as one day intensive courses with a minimum of 5 teaching hours.</p> <p>Irish Language in Daily Life is the delivery of activities that increase the opportunity for Irish Language speakers to use the language in their everyday life. Examples of activity include but is not restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flower arranging</li><li>• Nature walks</li><li>• Sports activities</li><li>• Cookery demonstrations</li><li>• Book clubs</li><li>• Lectures</li></ul> <p>These events can be delivered bilingually but there must be emphasis on the use of the Irish Language.<br/>The Council welcomes projects that are innovative and imaginative in their use of the language in everyday activities.</p> <p>If successful it is strongly advised to source a tutor/presenter prior to accepting the Letter of Offer.</p> <p><b>Funding constraints:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tutors/Facilitators must be external to the organisation and capped at £25 maximum p/hr.</li><li>• Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.</li></ul> |

**Activities and items that can NOT be funded:**

- Retrospective applications.
- Fundraising events or activities.
- Organisations own facility hire - groups cannot claim for and pay for the use of their own facilities
- Recognition events
- Capital costs
- Musical instrument/equipment costs
- Salary costs

**Scoring Criteria**

Applications must meet **ALL** of the following criteria; applicants who fail to demonstrate how their proposal meets any one of these will have their application rejected. The responsibility to provide sufficient detail in any application for Council's consideration rests with the applicant:

**1. Description of your project -** Tell us what you want the funding for.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What is the project – describe the activity to be delivered. If providing Irish Language class(s) at what level – beginner/intermediate/advanced. Have you sourced tutors for the class(s)
- What is the duration of the project – one off event or longer
- Where will the project take place
- Who are the target project participants
- How will you advertise the project
- How will you acknowledge funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

|   | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
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| <b><i>Project Description</i></b>   |                        |                      |
| Detailed information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10                   |                      |
| Some information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7                    |                      |
| Limited information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response. | 0-3                    |                      |

**2. Demonstration of need** –You must demonstrate that there is a need for your proposed project.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- How do you know there is a demand for your project?
- How have you identified this demand?
- Tell us what has prompted you to deliver the project at this time?
- Which FODC Irish Language Policy priority fits best with your project and why?
  - Develop and grow Irish Language
  - Increase visibility of and accessibility to Irish Language
  - Empower Irish Language speakers and communities
  - Showcase and celebrate Irish Language in the district

|   | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
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| <b><i>Project Need</i></b>  |                        |                      |
| Detailed information on demand for the project, how this has been identified, why the project is being delivered now and alignment with the FODC priority. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10                   |                      |
| Some information on demand for the project, how this has been identified, why the project is being delivered now and alignment with the FODC priority. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7                    |                      |
| Limited information on demand for the project, how this has been identified, why the project is being delivered now and alignment with the FODC priority. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response. | 0-3                    |                      |

**3. Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion** - Tell us how your project will provide opportunities for people to encourage use of Irish Language in daily life and increase visibility across the district.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What difference do you hope to achieve by delivering the project?
- How will this difference be measured?
- How will you ensure the project is open and accessible to the whole community?
- What is the legacy of this project?

|   | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
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| <b><i>Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion</i></b>   |                        |                      |
| Detailed information on what difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Each prompt question addressed in the response. | 8-10                   |                      |
| Some information on the difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.  | 4-7                    |                      |



Limited information on the difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.

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Applications will be scored and placed in ranking order. Where applications exceed the 65% threshold, they will be ranked in score order. The projects that exceed the threshold will be allocated funding with remaining funds allocated to the next highest ranked projects, until funding has been expended.

| Criteria                               | Score Available | Weighted Value | Weighted Score | Score Awarded |
|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 4. Project Description                 | 10              | X2             | 20             |               |
| 5. Demonstration of Need               | 10              | X4             | 40             |               |
| 6. Benefits, Opportunity and Inclusion | 10              | X4             | 40             |               |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE:</b><br>(Threshold 65%) |                 |                | 100            |               |

All grants are discretionary, awarded on a one-off basis and must be spent on the delivery as detailed in the approved project Letter of Offer by **28 February 2026**.

**Average Grant Amount**

Maximum grant available **£750 - £1,500**  
 Maximum Grant for one off event - **£750**  
 Maximum Grant for a project – more than one day in duration **£1,500**  
 Grant Aid is subject to funding availability.

**Responsible Service Area**

Community & Wellbeing Directorate

**Contact Information for applicant support purposes**

Applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas with Irish Language Officer Fiona Crudden.  
 Telephone: 0300 3031777  
 Mobile: 07740454962  
 Email: fiona.crudden@fermanaghmagh.com  
 or gaeilge@fermanaghmagh.com

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| <b>Programme Name</b>                        | <b>Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) - Small Grants Programme</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>                       | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 28 February 2026</b>   |
| <b>What is the PCSP?</b>                     | <p>Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) is a statutory body established under the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2011. The aim of the PCSP is to help make our communities safer by focusing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most to the residents in the district.</p> <p>Comprised of elected members from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, statutory organisations and publicly appointed members of the public the overarching responsibility of the PCSP is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver localised community safety initiatives and</li> <li>• Provide a responsive mechanism to local need.</li> </ul> <p>As part of its delivery for the 2025-2026 financial year the PCSP is delivering a Small Grants Programme - read on for more details.</p>   |
| <b>What types of activity can be funded?</b> | <p>The PCSP Small Grants Programme offers funding at 100% and up to a maximum of £5,000 per application for projects that have a positive contribution towards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. improving community safety (including reducing crime and anti-social behaviour) and/or</li> <li>2. improving community confidence in policing</li> </ol> <p>Project activity can be a one-off event or delivered over a longer period depending on the nature of the project. Activity must be delivered within the period 1 April 2025 – 28 February 2026.</p> <p>Below is a list of community safety issues that applicants may wish to consider when developing their project. This list is not exhaustive, and applicants should feel free to focus on any other community safety issue that is important in their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour by promoting local intervention initiatives</li> <li>• reducing harm and effects of drugs and alcohol as a contributing factor to crime and anti-social behaviour</li> <li>• building confidence in policing by developing and enhancing opportunities for engagement between local communities and police</li> <li>• addressing fear of crime and help people feel safer, especially vulnerable groups and/or those at risk of becoming victims of crime</li> <li>• highlighting road safety awareness to address the increase in road deaths and serious injuries</li> </ul> |

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|                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• raising hate crime awareness to encourage reporting to the police and share information on supports available. Activities taking place during National Hate Crime Awareness Week 4-11 October are welcome.</li> <li>• raising domestic and sexual violence awareness to challenge behaviours and share information on supports available. Activities taking place during the 16 Days of Activism 25 Nov – 10 Dec are welcome.</li> <li>• measures to reduce the likelihood of rural crime. Activities taking place during Rural Crime Week 22-26 September (dates to be confirmed) are welcome.</li> <li>• measures to raise awareness cyber crime – identifying, preventing and reporting. Activities taking place during Scam Awareness Week (dates to be confirmed) or Safer Internet Day 10 February 2026 are welcome.</li> </ul> <p>Below are some examples of projects delivered previously with PCSP small grants funding.</p> <p><i>On side</i> – 6 weeks football coaching for young people 10-14 years (36 participants) during the summer holiday period. Two coaching sessions per week with a mini tournament at the end of the 6 weeks. One workshop with Neighbourhood Policing Team as get to know you event and to deliver information on the consequences of engaging in anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><i>Fun on the Run</i>– 12 weekly sessions with sports activities (athletics, football, rugby, GAA, gym) and talks from guest speakers’ topics included gambling, sextortion, substance abuse, online bullying, anti social behaviour. Participants aged 11-15 years with 12 to 30 participants each session. Neighbourhood Policing Team involved in the delivery of some sessions.</p> <p><i>Road Rider Training</i> – 7 sessions with young horse riders aged 4 -17 yrs covering road safety how to approach cars safety, how to ride round obstacles, techniques for keeping pony in a straight line. Project delivered indoors at arena and on road under controlled conditions.</p> <p>The PCSP welcomes applications that are original and innovative.</p> |
| <p><b>Who can apply?</b></p> | <p>The process is open to constituted groups such as community organisations, sporting clubs, uniform organisations and parent teacher associations. This list is not exhaustive – any questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the PCSP staff team contact details are available at the end of this document.</p> <p>Project participants must be residents of the Fermanagh and Omagh district.</p> <p>Organisations based outside of the District Council area are eligible to apply if project participants are residents of the Fermanagh and Omagh district.</p> <p>Only one application per organisation can be submitted.</p>   |

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| <p><b>What else should I consider when developing my project?</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrospective funding will NOT be considered. Successful groups must be in receipt of a Letter of Offer before they incur any project expenditure.</li> <li>• Successful groups must carefully read and adhere to the terms and conditions of the Letter of Offer.</li> <li>• All expenditure must comply with FODC procurement guidelines – full information is provided in the Letter of Offer.</li> <li>• Funding will be paid retrospectively on successful completion of the project and submission of a claim form. Groups must ensure they have the cash flow to deliver the project and claim showing evidence of spend.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>What types of expenditure are eligible?</b></p>                 | <p>The following costs are eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop facilitator (capped at £25 per hour)</li> <li>• Sports coach (capped at £20 per hour)</li> <li>• Venue hire</li> <li>• Advertising</li> <li>• Refreshments (capped at 20% of the funding awarded)</li> <li>• Project materials</li> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Diversionary activities</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facilitators and coaches must be external to the organisation</li> <li>▪ Venue hire costs can only be covered if the group does not own or lease their own premises in which the project is being delivered.</li> </ul> <p>The following costs are NOT eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff costs</li> <li>• Running costs</li> <li>• CCTV</li> <li>• Prizes</li> <li>• Consultancy</li> <li>• Activities of a political or exclusively religious nature</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>How will the application be scored?</b></p>                     | <p>Applicants should provide as much relevant detail as possible about the project and answer the questions as fully as possible. The responsibility to provide sufficient detail in any application rests with the applicant.</p> <p><b>1. Description of your project</b> - Tell us what you want the funding for. Use these prompt questions to provide a complete answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is the project – describe the activity to be delivered.</li> <li>▪ What is the duration of the project – one off event or longer?</li> <li>▪ Where will the project take place?</li> <li>▪ Who are the target participants and why?</li> <li>▪ Are there any partners involved in the delivery?</li> <li>▪ What do you want the project to achieve?</li> <li>▪ How does the project improve community safety and/or improve community confidence in policing?</li> <li>▪ How will you advertise the project?</li> <li>▪ How will you acknowledge funding from Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership?</li> </ul> <p>This question will be scored using the following matrix.</p> |

|  | Score Available | Score Awarded |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Project Description</b>   |                 |               |
| Detailed information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience and why, partner involvement, reference to how the project improves community safety and/or improve community confidence in policing, how the project will be advertised and how PCSP funding will be acknowledged. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10            |               |
| Some information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience and why, partner involvement, reference to how the project improves community safety and/or improve community confidence in policing, how the project will be advertised and how PCSP funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7             |               |
| Limited information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience and why, partner involvement, reference to how the project improves community safety and/or improve community confidence in policing, how the project will be advertised and how PCSP funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response. | 0-3             |               |

**2. Demonstration of need** –You must demonstrate that there is a need for your proposed project.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What community safety focus for the project?
- How do you know this is a concern for your community?

You should reference community surveys, public meetings, focus groups, external statistics such as PSNI or NISRA statistics, community plans, local knowledge.

This question will be scored using the following matrix.

|  | Score Available | Score Awarded |
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| <b>Project Need</b>  |                 |               |
| Detailed information on the community safety focus and how this has been identified. Each prompt question addressed in the response. | 8-10            |               |
| Some information on the community safety focus and how this has been identified. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response. | 4-7             |               |

Limited information on the community safety focus and how this has been identified. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.

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**3. Benefits** - Tell us how your project will have a positive impact on community safety and/or community confidence in policing.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What difference do you hope to achieve by delivering the project?
- How will this difference be measured? e.g. pre and post project questionnaire to measure perceptions of safety or confidence in policing

This question will be scored using the following matrix.

|  | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Benefits</b>  |                        |                      |
| Detailed information on what difference the project will make and how this difference will be measured. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10                   |                      |
| Some information on what difference the project will make and how this difference will be measured. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7                    |                      |
| Limited information on what difference the project will make and how this difference will be measured. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response. | 0-3                    |                      |

Applications will be scored and placed in ranking order. Where applications exceed the 65% threshold, they will be ranked in score order within the relevant District Electoral Area (DEA). The top project in each DEA that exceeds the threshold will be allocated funding with remaining funds allocated to the next highest ranked projects, inclusive of all DEA's, until funding has been expended.

| <b>Criteria</b>                        | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Weighted Value</b> | <b>Weighted Score</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 7. Project Description                 | 10                     | X2                    | 20                    |                      |
| 8. Demonstration of Need               | 10                     | X4                    | 40                    |                      |
| 9. Benefits                            | 10                     | X4                    | 40                    |                      |
| <b>TOTAL SCORE:</b><br>(Threshold 65%) |                        |                       | 100                   |                      |

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|  | All grants are discretionary, awarded on a one-off basis and must be spent on the delivery of the approved project as detailed in the Letter of Offer by <b>28 February 2026</b> .   |
| <b>What is the maximum grant available?</b>                | The PCSP Small Grants Programme offers funding at 100% and up to a maximum of £5,000 per application.<br><br>PCSP Grant Aid is subject to funding availability.  |
| <b>What assistance will I get during project delivery?</b> | A PCSP Officer will be assigned to each successful project to assist as required during the delivery period.   |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                            | Community & Wellbeing Directorate  |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b>  | <p>Applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas with PCSP Officers who are available to offer support during the application process.</p> <p>Carol Follis, Safer Communities and Cultural Programmes Manager<br/>M: 07712540263<br/>E: carol.follis@fermanaghomagh.com</p> <p>Greg McMullan, PCSP Team Leader<br/>M: 07834333513<br/>E: greg.mcmullan@fermanaghomagh.com</p> <p>Sandra Armstrong, PCSP Officer<br/>M: 07880130437<br/>E: sandra.armstrong@fermanaghomagh.com</p> <p>Alan Crooks, PCSP Officer<br/>M: 07796275692<br/>E: alan.crooks@fermanaghomagh.com</p> |

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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>                              | <b>Seeding Grant Aid</b>   |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>                                    | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026</b>   |
| <b>Brief Description</b>                                  | 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.   |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>                        | <p>Groups/Organisations should identify how their activities will meet identified need and further address the themes and strategic actions outlined in the Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council Corporate Plan.</p> <p>To apply for a seeding grant groups/organisations must have an adopted constitution. Groups must also open a bank account to enable the transfer of funding through a Letter of Offer, if deemed eligible.</p>   |
| <b>Average Grant Amount</b>                               | <p><b>£200</b></p> <p>Grant Aid is subject to funding availability</p>   |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                           | Community & Wellbeing Directorate  |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b> | <p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:</p> <p>Gary Mortland, Billie-Jo Irwin, Eilish Morgan, Joanne Cunningham, Josephine Treanor, Kellie Beacom, Leza Cleary, Ruthanne Fawcett</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         eilish.morgan@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>         ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com</p> |



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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>       | <b>Sports Team Grant (Significant Sporting Achievement Fund)</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>             | Funding covers the period: <b>1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026</b>  |
| <b>Brief Description</b>           | <p>The Sports Team Grant is to support and provide assistance to <b>sporting teams</b> who have been selected or qualified to compete at the highest level (e.g., event / tournament / competition / final) within their sport, following a performance based process.</p> <p>Teams can avail of Sports Team Grant funding to assist with the following event expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entry Fees</li> <li>• Travel Costs e.g., flights / ferries / bus / trains etc.</li> <li>• Accommodation Costs</li> </ul> <p>A maximum amount of <b>£500.00</b> per team is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Applications <b>must</b> be received <b>prior</b> to the event / tournament / competition / final taking place. Applications <b>cannot</b> be made retrospectively.</p> <p>Assessment of applications may not be carried out until after the event takes place.</p> <p>Applicants should retain evidence of <b>all</b> expenditure incurred.</p>   |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b> | <p>Team Applicants <b>must</b>;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be involved in an amateur capacity.</li> <li>2. Reside in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area or represent the District through participation.</li> <li>3. Enter only one competition / event per application.</li> <li>4. Be selected or qualified to compete at the highest level within their sport, following a performance based process.</li> <li>5. Provide a signed letter from a National Governing Body of Sport (NGB), confirming point 4. The letter must be submitted with the Sports Bursary application.</li> </ol> <p>NGB <b>must</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Be recognised by a Sports Council - via either of the links below.</li> </ol> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Provide evidence that it is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council. This must be a signed letter from the recognised NGB that the NGB is affiliated to.</li> </ol> <p><b>Sport NI / UK</b> – <a href="#">Recognition Master List - January 2025.xlsx</a><br/> <b>Sport Ireland</b> - <a href="#">NGB Contact Finder   Sport Ireland</a></p> |

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|  | <p><b>The following are not eligible for the Sports Team Grant:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Applicants based outside the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.</li> <li>9. Semi-professional or professional teams.</li> <li>10. Retrospective applications.</li> <li>11. Teams who have who have been selected or qualified to compete at the highest level within their sport, following a performance based process</li> <li>12. Teams who have not provided a signed NGB supporting evidence and documentation.</li> <li>13. NGB is not recognised by a Sports Council e.g., Sport NI, Sport Ireland, UK/GB.</li> <li>14. NGB is not affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council; and/or no evidence that the NGB is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council.</li> <li>15. Expenditure incurred with training camps, training programmes or friendly events.</li> <li>16. Car hire and mileage travel costs.</li> </ol> <p><b>Conditions and Administrative arrangements:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. All applications will be considered on an individual basis against the eligibility criteria by a relevant Director or Head of Service and reported to the Council's Grant Aid Award Panel and Regeneration and Community Meeting.</li> <li>18. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided.</li> <li>19. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may defer applications if further information is required or if the application form and supporting evidence is not completed properly.</li> <li>20. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted.</li> <li>21. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability.</li> <li>22. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.</li> </ol> |
| <p><b>Maximum Amount</b></p>                                     | <p>Up to a maximum of £500 per team (per financial year).</p>   |
| <p><b>Responsible Service Area</b></p>                           | <p>Community &amp; Wellbeing Directorate</p>  |
| <p><b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b></p> | <p><b>Ryan Hanna</b> - Community Facilities and Club Development Team Leader<br/> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com">ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com</a><br/> <b>Tel:</b> 0300 303 1777 ext. 21168<br/> <b>Mob:</b> 07702 919798</p> <p><b>Keith Collen</b> - Community Wellbeing Manager<br/> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:keith.collen@fermanaghomagh.com">keith.collen@fermanaghomagh.com</a><br/> <b>Tel:</b> 0300 303 1777 ext. 21165<br/> <b>Mob:</b> 07979 530765</p>   |

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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>                              | <b>Summer Schemes</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>                                    | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 July 2025 - 31 August 2025</b>   |
| <b>Brief Description</b>                                  | Fermanagh and Omagh District Council makes funding available to voluntary community groups towards the cost of organising community based Summer Schemes for children and young people (up to 17 years old) throughout Fermanagh and Omagh district.   |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Protection Policy and Procedures</li> <li>• Demonstrate a minimum of 20 hours of activity over a minimum of 4 days</li> <li>• The programme should offer a wide range of social recreational and educational activities appropriate to the ages and stages of development of children/young people involved</li> <li>• Address identified local need</li> <li>• Schemes must be publicly advertised and be open and inclusive to everyone</li> <li>• Assessment will consider the availability of other local summer scheme provision</li> </ul> <p><b>Exclusions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts/Sports specific schemes <b>will not</b> be considered eligible for funding</li> <li>• Membership Schemes cannot be considered for funding</li> <li>• Staff costs are not eligible</li> </ul> |
| <b>Average Grant Amount</b>                               | <b>£500 - £1,000</b>   |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                           | Community & Wellbeing Directorate  |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b> | <p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:</p> <p>Gary Mortland, Billie-Jo Irwin, Eilish Morgan, Joanne Cunningham, Josephine Treanor, Kellie Beacom, Leza Cleary, Ruthanne Fawcett</p> <p>By telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council - 0300 303 1777</p> <p>By email: gary.mortland@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>billie-jo.irwin@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>eilish.morgan@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>joanne.cunningham@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>leza.cleary@fermanaghomagh.com<br/>ruthanne.fawcett@fermanaghomagh.com</p>  |



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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>       | <b>Ulster Scots in the Community</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>             | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 28 February 2026</b>   |
| <b>Brief Description</b>           | Ulster Scots in the Community grant aid is available to groups to deliver projects that promote, enhance, and encourage greater understanding of Ulster Scots heritage, language, and culture in the district.  |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b> | <p><b>Applicants should demonstrate that their project focuses on ONE or more of the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To raise the profile of Ulster Scots in the district.</li><li>2. To reach out to engage people whose primary identity is not Ulster Scots.</li><li>3. To provide opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of Ulster Scots heritage, language and culture.</li></ol> <p>Project activity may include one or more of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Language</li><li>2. Music</li><li>3. Dance</li><li>4. Literature</li><li>5. Drama</li><li>6. Heritage -Workshops/Presentations/Study Visits/Tours</li></ol> <p><b>Funding constraints:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tutors/Facilitators must be external to the organisation and capped at £25 maximum p/hr.</li><li>• Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.</li></ul> <p><b>Activities and items that can NOT be funded:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Retrospective applications.</li><li>• Fundraising events or activities.</li><li>• Organisations own facility hire - groups cannot claim for and pay for the use of their own facilities.</li><li>• Recognition events.</li><li>• Capital costs.</li><li>• Musical instrument/equipment costs.</li><li>• Salary costs</li></ul> |

**Scoring Criteria**

Applications must meet **ALL** of the following scoring criteria; applicants who fail to demonstrate how their proposal meets any one of these will have their application rejected. The responsibility to provide sufficient detail in any application for Council's consideration rests with the applicant:

**1. Description of your project** -Tell us what you want the funding for and how this is an Ulster Scots project.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What is the project – describe the activity to be delivered
- What is the duration of the project – one off event or longer
- Where will the project take place
- Who are the target project participants
- How have you identified the need for the project
- Are there any partners involved in the delivery
- How will you advertise the project
- How will you acknowledge funding from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

|   | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
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| <b><i>Project Description</i></b>   |                        |                      |
| Detailed information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10                   |                      |
| Some information on the project description, project duration, where the project will take place, the target audience, how the project will be advertised and how FODC funding will be acknowledged. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.    | 4-7                    |                      |
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**2. Demonstration of need** –You must demonstrate that there is a need for your proposed project.

Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- How do you know there is a demand for your project?
- How have you identified this demand?
- Tell us what has prompted you to deliver the project at this time?
- Which of the following best describes the focus for your project and why?

- To raise the profile of Ulster Scots in the district.
- To reach out to engage people whose primary identity is not Ulster Scots
- To provide opportunities for groups to extend their knowledge and understanding of Ulster Scots heritage, language and culture.

You must demonstrate how Ulster Scots is integral to the project. The Council will not fund projects that are primarily community events that have Ulster Scots as an add on.

|   | <b>Score Available</b> | <b>Score Awarded</b> |
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| <b><i>Project Need</i></b>  |                        |                      |
| Detailed information on demand for the project, how this has been identified, why the project is being delivered now and focus for the project identified. Each prompt question addressed in the response.    | 8-10                   |                      |
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**3. Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion** - Tell us how your project will provide opportunities for people to increase their knowledge and understanding of Ulster Scots, and how it will promote inclusion and encourage people to play an active role in Ulster Scots. Use these prompts to provide a complete answer:

- What difference do you hope to achieve by delivering the project?
- How will this difference be measured?
- How will you ensure the project is open and accessible to the whole community?
- What is the legacy of this project?

|  |   | <b>Score Available</b>            | <b>Score Awarded</b>   |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
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|  | <p><b>Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion</b></p> <p>Detailed information on what difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Each prompt question addressed in the response.</p> <p>Some information on the difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.</p> <p>Limited information on the difference the project will make, how this difference will be measured, how the project will be open and accessible to the whole community and the project legacy. Not all prompt questions addressed in the response.</p> | <p>8-10</p> <p>4-7</p> <p>0-3</p> |                        |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
|  | <p>Applications will be scored and placed in ranking order. Where applications exceed the 65% threshold, they will be ranked in score order. The projects that exceed the threshold will be allocated funding with remaining funds allocated to the next highest ranked projects, until funding has been expended.</p>  |                                   |                        |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>10.</b> Project Description                 | 10  | X2                                | 20                     |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>11.</b> Demonstration of Need               | 10  | X4                                | 40                     |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>12.</b> Benefits, Opportunity and Inclusion | 10  | X4                                | 40                     |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
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|  | <p>All grants are discretionary, awarded on a one-off basis and must be spent on the delivery as detailed in the approved project Letter of Offer by <b>28 February 2026</b>.</p>   |                                   |                        |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Grant Amount</b>                            | <p>Maximum grant available <b>£750 - £1,500</b><br/> Maximum Grant for one off event - <b>£750</b><br/> Maximum Grant for a project - more than one day in duration <b>£1,500</b><br/> Grant Aid is subject to funding availability.</p>  |                                   |                        |                       |                       |                      |                                |    |    |    |  |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |     |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                           | Community & Wellbeing Directorate   |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b> | <p>Applicants are encouraged to discuss project ideas with Good Relations Officers.</p> <p>Telephone: Fermanagh and Omagh District Council<br/>0300 303 1777</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ulsterscots@fermanaghomagham.com">ulsterscots@fermanaghomagham.com</a></p> |



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| <b>Name of the Programme</b>       | <b>Verti-Draining - Sporting Organisations</b>  |
| <b>Programme Dates</b>             | <b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2025 - 30 November 2025</b>   |
| <b>Brief Description</b>           | <p>The Verti-Draining Grant Aid programme offers support to sports clubs / organisations based within the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area <b>who lease or own a grass pitch.</b></p> <p>The funding support will assist clubs with the maintenance of a grass pitch to allow increased use of the grass pitch during periods of inclement weather.</p> <p>A maximum amount of <b>£200.00</b> per each verti-draining works is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Each club will be permitted to apply for <b>two</b> verti-draining works e.g., a club with one pitch can apply for one verti-draining in the April - June 2025 and a follow up second verti-draining September - November 2025 i.e., two separate dates to carry out this work.</p> <p>The Verti-Draining Grant Aid will only open in Call 1, therefore if a club is seeking <b>two</b> Verti-Draining works they should apply for <b>both</b> in Call 1.</p> <p>Claims will be made retrospectively on the submission of invoices from appropriate contractors / professional service suppliers.</p> <p>Payment of grant will be available for verti-draining costs only. Retrospective funding is not eligible.</p> |
| <b>Programme Specific Criteria</b> | <p>Applicants must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own or lease their current grass pitch.</li> <li>• Must be a grass pitch for one of the following sports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gaelic</li> <li>○ Rugby</li> <li>○ Soccer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The pitch must be within the Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council area.</li> <li>• The applicant organisation must also be able to demonstrate usage of the pitch.</li> <li>• Provide an invoice from an appropriate contractor / a professional service supplier for the works carried out.</li> </ul> <p><b>The following is ineligible criteria for the funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups who currently own their own verti-draining machine <b>will not</b> be able to claim this support.</li> <li>• Works / costs that will not be funded, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Own labour provided by the club</li> <li>○ In-kind support.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Schools / community leisure facilities are <b>not</b> eligible to apply.</li> </ul>   |

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|   | <p><b>Conditions and Administrative arrangements:</b></p> <p>23. All applications will be considered on an individual basis against the eligibility criteria by a relevant Director or Head of Service and reported to the Council's Grant Aid Award Panel and Regeneration and Community Meeting.</p> <p>24. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided.</p> <p>25. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may defer applications if further information is required or if the application form and supporting evidence is not completed properly.</p> <p>26. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted.</p> <p>27. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability.</p> <p>28. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.</p> |
| <b>Maximum Amount</b>                                     | £200 per verti-draining works   |
| <b>Responsible Service Area</b>                           | Community & Wellbeing Directorate   |
| <b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b> | <p><b>Ryan Hanna</b> - Community Facilities and Club Development Team Leader<br/> <b>Email:</b> ryan.hanna@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> <b>Tel:</b> 0300 303 1777 ext. 21168<br/> <b>Mob:</b> 07702 919798</p> <p><b>Keith Collen</b> - Community Wellbeing Manager<br/> <b>Email:</b> keith.collen@fermanaghomagh.com<br/> <b>Tel:</b> 0300 303 1777 ext. 21165<br/> <b>Mob:</b> 07979 530765</p>   |