Name of the Programme	**Good Relations**
Programme Dates	**Funding covers the period: 1 April 2026 - 28 February 2027**
Brief Description	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.

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Organisations can apply for Good Relations funding at 100% for projects that contribute to "Together: Building a United Community" (T:BUC) priorities:-
- **Our Children and Young people** - 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.
- **Our Shared Community** - To create a community where division does not restrict the life opportunities of individuals and where all areas are open and accessible to everyone
- **Our Safe Community** - To create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety
- **Our Cultural Expression** - To create a community which promotes mutual respect and understanding, is strengthened by its diversity, and where cultural expression is celebrated and embraced.

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.

This programme receives financial support from the Executive Office under the Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) Strategy which can be viewed on: www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Good Relations Strategy 2021-2026 identifies 10 recommendations that focuses on all citizens believing they:
• All belong and all are valued as much as any other;
• Can and should make a pro-active and equal contribution to improving relations; and
• Are treated fairly and equitably by all public agencies.

Vision: Everyone who lives or works in Fermanagh and Omagh District belongs equally, is valued equally, and values everyone else in the district equally.
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.
The strategy can be viewed on:
https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/app/uploads/2024/11/GR-Strategy-2021-2026.pdf-

Programme Specific Criteria	**Essential Criteria**
	
	• The programme content and delivery MUST cover one of the T:BUC priorities:
	  ▪ Our Children and Young People
	  ▪ Our Shared Community
	  ▪ Our Safe Community
	  ▪ Our Cultural Expression
	• The project includes significant good relations elements throughout.
	
	Please note:
	• Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.
	• Tutors/Facilitators must be external to the organisation and capped at £25 maximum p/hr.
	
	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.
	• Salary costs.
	• Capital costs.

Scoring Criteria	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.
	
	1. Description of your Project - Tell us what you want the funding for and how this is a Good Relations project.
	Use these prompt questions 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 participants and why?
	  ▪ Is it single identity/cross community in nature? If single identify provide rationale, why this is the case?
	  ▪ Are there any partners involved in the delivery?
	  ▪ What is the aim?
	  ▪ What makes this a Good Relations project?
	  ▪ How will you advertise the project?
	  ▪ How will you acknowledge funding from the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP)?

	Score Available	Score Awarded
Project Description		
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	
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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:
- 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?
- o Our Children and Young People
- o Our Shared Community
- o Our Safe Community
- o 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 for further information on the T:BUC priorities.

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Project Need		
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	
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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
Benefits, Opportunities and Inclusion		
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	
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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
1. Project Description	10	X2	20	
2. Demonstration of Need	10	X4	40	
3. Benefits, Opportunity and Inclusion	10	X4	40	
TOTAL SCORE: (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 2027**.

Grant Aid is administered on a **deficit** funding basis; no grant will be paid where income exceeds expenditure.

Please note that incomplete or retrospective applications will be deemed invalid and will **not** be considered.

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