



# Grant Aid Guidance Notes

**Funding for the enclosed Grant Aid Streams covers the period  
1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

**Grant Aid Call Opening Date:**  
15 January 2020

**Grant Aid Call Closing Date:**  
Thursday 6 February 2020 @ 5.00pm

<b>Drop In - Grant Aid Information Sessions for Funding Streams will be held in the following locations:-</b>		
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tara Centre, Omagh	Tuesday, 21 January 2020	4.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Enniskillen Library	Thursday, 23 January 2020	4.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Officers will be in attendance at the Information sessions located throughout the district. 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.

Before submitting an application, groups are recommended to contact the relevant department to discuss the application.

**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/>**

<b>Name of the Programme</b>	<b>Festivals &amp; Events - Large</b>
<b>Programme Dates</b>	<b>Funding covers the period: 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021</b>
<b>Brief Description</b>	<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.</p> <p>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"> <li>- All festivals must be culture based, where culture is defined as ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular people or social grouping.</li> <li>- All festivals must demonstrate their commitment to promoting social cohesion, social inclusion, equality of opportunity and good community relations.</li> <li>- Community includes communities of interest, as well as geography and identity.</li> </ul>
<b>Programme Specific Criteria</b>	<p>To be considered, applications must demonstrate how their festival / event addresses the following issues:</p> <p><b>Essential / Core:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes equality.</li> <li>• Targets poverty and /or social exclusion.</li> <li>• Has strong community participation.</li> <li>• Provides opportunities for people to improve skills or receive training.</li> <li>• Improves community relations.</li> <li>• Contributes to building a strong sense of community.</li> <li>• Demonstrates value for money.</li> </ul> <p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attracts visitors to the area.</li> <li>• Provides opportunities for development – this includes capacity building with other organisations and diversity of activities.</li> <li>• Take steps to address rural isolation issues where applicable.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>As per Department for Communities requirements, favourable weighting will be applied to:</p> <p>Festivals / events that take place in the top 10% of the most deprived super output areas (SOA) of Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council area; <b>Devenish, Lisanelly2, Lisanelly1, Newtownbutler, Roslea.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Festivals / events which target those who are socially excluded. (*as defined by the NI Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM))</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Exclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Festivals Fund will not normally provide funding for the following activities:</li> <li>• festivals taking place outside Northern Ireland;</li> <li>• festivals of a commercial nature, organised to make a profit;</li> <li>• trade or professional conferences/conventions;</li> <li>• festivals that are primarily fundraising events, are heavily branded with charity branding or deploy potential sources of income from a festival to a charity;</li> <li>• awards ceremonies or industry events;</li> <li>• residential courses and associated events;</li> <li>• festivals that are social events for an organisation; and</li> <li>• primarily tourism focused events where the organisation cannot demonstrate significant community involvement.</li> <li>• Sports Events <b>will not</b> be considered under this grant stream</li> </ul> <p>Care should be taken to ensure that events/festivals do not clash so as to maximise audience participation, support and income.</p> <p>Refreshments will only be awarded up to a maximum of 20% of grant aid allocation.</p>
<p><b>Grant Amount</b></p>	<p>Average grant available £1,500</p>
<p><b>Responsible Service Area / Match Funder</b></p>	<p>Community Services / Department for Communities</p>
<p><b>Contact Information for applicant support purposes</b></p>	<p>Applications can be discussed with officers within the Community Services Team:  Gary Mortland, Bernie Doherty, Brenda Brewster, Josephine Treanor, Kellie Beacom, Neville Armstrong, 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  josephine.treanor@fermanaghomagh.com  kellie.beacom@fermanaghomagh.com  neville.armstrong@fermanaghomagh.com  steven.ormsby@fermanaghomagh.com</p>