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Derg DEA Community Sector Recovery Action Plan – Community Response in dealing with COVID-19 Challenges

DEA / Local Community Planning Area	Derg
Need - Identified Pillar within the Local Community Plan (i.e. Social, Economic, Environmental pillar).	Social Pillar – Community recovery plan in dealing with COVID-19 challenges – finding ways to deal with existing needs and new needs as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.
Need - Identified Theme within the Local Community Plan (I.E Community Development, Health & Well-Being, C&YP, Education & Skills etc.	Health and Wellbeing
Project Management - Lead Partner	RAPID Ltd
Project Management - Partner Organisations (if applicable)	Derg Valley Care, Churchtown Community Association, St Eugene’s GAC Castlederg, Dergview Football Club, St Davogs GAC Aghyaran, Newtownstewart Cross Community Forum, Derry & Raphoe Action, Clady Cross Community Group, Sion Mills Cross Community Forum, Victoria Bridge Cross Community Forum, Glebe Community Association.
Project Management – Delivery mechanisms	Partnership delivery – a lead partner for each individual element of the project to be identified.
Budget	£20,000
Title of Programme	Derg DEA Community Sector COVID-19 Recovery Plan
Administration Lead (10% If Required)	N/A



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Please give an outline of the key objectives of the proposed project / initiative

- Assist the C&V Sector to recover - this may include making operational changes (real life and virtual) necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic
- Ensure a full range of supports are made available to those who remain most vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19 within our communities
In line with the Community Support Programme Objectives;
 - **Financial** - to those on low income and at risk due to financial stress.
 - **Connectivity** - to those living alone or in rural and border areas that are likely to experience greater challenges in accessing services

Key Activities:

1. Assist community groups / facilities in the recovery process to allow them to make operational changes necessitated by the Coronavirus pandemic
2. Digital / Mobile Inclusion – to provide new ways of providing services

This will be implemented by the Action Plan below:

Activity Description	Required materials/resources	OUTCOMES	MONITORING & EVALUATION	Costs £
Infections in community buildings can adversely affect the most vulnerable in society, even when restrictions are lifted, there are likely to be more waves of coronavirus infections as people meet others, so it is important to stay vigilant and continue using hygienic practices. For deep cleaning within kitchens and	12 x Fogging machines and associated chemicals.	Community centres will be able to carry out a deep clean following contamination and re-open again quickly in order to continue to provide essential services for the	No. of local community centres enabled to be operational.	£7,000



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<p>community facilities there is a method called fogging. Fogging uses a specialised machine and cleaning methods. Fogging uses an antiviral disinfectant solution which cleans and sanitises large areas of a building quickly and effectively. It can kill off the virus and other biological agents in the air and on surfaces. The task involves spraying a fine mist from a spray gun which is then left to evaporate, usually for 6 hours. The task requires the contactor to wear a chemical suit, gloves and an air fed ventilator and sealed mask etc. Once treated, the area must be sealed off completely for some time afterwards.</p> <p>The Derg LCGPB wish to purchase a number of fogging machines to be located in local community centres to allow the centres to carry out a deep clean following any contamination which will allow the centre to re-open again relatively quickly.</p>		<p>rural population.</p> <p>Continuation/improvement of community services and build community resilience</p>		
<p>The importance of online devices for reducing isolation and accessing services and the key role that technology has played has been a central feature of the covid19 pandemic. In many rural areas this has highlighted that many lower income families and older people in the Derg DEA cannot access the internet because the cost of smartphones, tablets and laptop computers are expensive. A lack of rural broadband has also contributed to this lack of internet access.</p> <p>The Derg LCGPB would therefore like to purchase a</p>	<p>20 x Mobile wi-fi routers and sim cards.</p>	<p>Continuation/improvement of community services and build community resilience</p>	<p>No. of people receiving a service from the local community group</p>	<p>£4,000</p>



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<p>number of mobile wi-fi routers and associated sim cards to be located in local community centres which can then be loaned out to members of the community in order to assist with online access for services, shopping, educational etc</p>				
<p>As stated above many rural dwellers in the Derg DEA do not have access to the internet due to either a lack of rural broadband or a lack of access to appropriate technology/IT hardware.</p> <p>In order to enable more members of the community to access the required technology to access online services, educational resources etc the Derg LCGPB wish to purchase a number of laptops/scanners/printers in order to create 'community IT hubs' based in community centres in local villages which residents can access as and when required.</p>	<p>Creation of 5 x Community IT Hubs – purchase of laptops, scanners and printers.</p>	<p>Continuation/improvement of community services and build community resilience</p>	<p>No. of people receiving a service from the local community group</p>	<p>£5,000</p>
<p>During the covid19 community resilience response the majority of on the ground frontline support within the community was provided by local volunteers. This will continue to be the case during the recovery phase and so the Derg LCGPB would like to purchase suitable stores of personal protective equipment (PPE) to be provided to the community partner organisations for distribution to their large pool of volunteers.</p>	<p>Purchase of essential Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for community volunteers.</p>	<p>Continuation/improvement of community services and build community resilience</p>	<p>No. of community volunteers supplied with PPE.</p>	<p>£2,000</p>



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<p>In order for the Derg DEA Community Recovery Plan to be successful and effective a strong robust Communications Strategy is required. This will enable local community groups to get details of available services circulated widely to everyone in the DEA, particularly more isolated and vulnerable members of the community. Costs are therefore needed for production of communication materials.</p>	<p>Communication materials – postcards/posters/mail shots/online presence etc</p>	<p>Continuation/improvement of community services and build community resilience</p>	<p>No. of communication tools produced and distributed.</p> <p>No. of people receiving a service from the local community group</p>	<p>£2,000</p>
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Additional Specific support required for each individual DEA that is not already covered in the above element of the Action Plan.

Given the Current rise in Covid cases in the DCSDC area there will be a need for some flexibility in the above action plan to allow for the reprofiling of funding to respond to immediate emerging need, the current situation is very fluid and ever changing - in the event a ward within the Derg DEA needs to reprofile the allocation outlined to provide immediate emergency response within the community this will be communicated with Council and approval agreed prior to spend.