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Community Recovery Plans – Supporting the Community and Voluntary Sector

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has far reaching consequences for health and our economy. Locally, the voluntary and community sector plays a vital role in supporting communities and individuals during and after emergencies. The sector will continue to have a vital role as part of a multi-agency approach as we respond to the pandemic.

This funding has been provided to Councils from the Voluntary & Community Division (VCD) of the Department for Communities (DFC) via the Community Support Programme. It is provided to assist councils support voluntary and community organisations which are undertaking actions in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The funding must align to the Community Support Programme objectives and support actions in line with the following interventions:

- **Financial** - to those on low income and at risk due to financial stress.
- **Food** - access to food (whether due to cost or availability) for those most in need.
- **Connectivity** - to those living alone or in rural and border areas that are likely to experience greater challenges in accessing services.

The funding should also be targeted where possible in line with the Communities Minister's key priorities to target objective need, tackle poverty and embed a rights based approach. Should further COVID-19 Community Support Fund funding be required this will be subject to evidence of need, funding available to the Department, and in the context of wider priorities. A further assessment of the COVID-19 Community Support Fund's impact and future needs will be carried out by DFC at the end of November 2020.



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A co-design approach is key to the development of a recovery plan to assist in addressing the needs identified within each of the 8 DEAs and Strabane Town. The Community & Voluntary Sector is a critical partner and is best placed to provide local knowledge on issues faced within each of the local community planning areas. The Local Community Growth Partnership structures in each of the DEAs has provided valuable in the early response and continues to be valuable in the planned recovery of the sector and in addressing the needs that have emerged from the pandemic with our communities.



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

DEA / Local Community Planning Area	Waterside
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	Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership
Project Management - Partner Organisations (if applicable)	Project will be developed and delivered through the Local Growth Partnership structure lead by the Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership. Members include Irish Street Community Association, Hillcrest Trust, Tullyally Community Partnership, Currynierin Community Association, Clooney Residents Community Association, Lincoln Courts Community Association, Caw Nelson Drive Action Group, Drumahoe Community Association and Older People NorthWest
Project Management – Delivery mechanisms	<p>Waterside Neighbourhood Partnership will co-ordinate the COVID-19 Community Response Plan in the Waterside area. We will be responsible for the monitoring and evaluation and financial management of the support services that are delivered.</p> <p>We will meet regularly with the Local Growth Partnership members to ensure that the project is meeting and responding to local.</p>
Budget	£20,000
Title of Programme	DEA – Waterside Community Sector COVID-19 Recovery Plan



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Administration Lead (10% If Required)

None required

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

Community Representatives from across the Waterside that were involved in the delivery of the Waterside Resilience Plan in Spring 2020 were invited to a meeting to discuss and identify support they needed to re-establish community programming following the first wave of COVID-19 and what continued support services local residents needed as we move into the Autumn/Winter period. They considered how to best use the allocated £20k Recovery Funding but also the £7k that remained from the Resilience Plan Funding allocated to the Waterside DEA in the Spring due to the fact that we had drawn down considerable match funding to deliver our Resilience Plan. The following key objectives were agreed:

- Provide information and practical support to ensure the most vulnerable stay warm and well over the Autumn/Winter period in particular older people, those living with a disability or long-term illness, families with young children and those on low incomes.
- To ensure the local people are aware of support services and are provided with accurate information in relation to government health advice.
- To support the emotional and physical wellbeing of children and young people.
- Ensure community venues are equipped and able to deliver a mix of on-line and face to face activities and support services.
- This will be implemented by the Action Plan below:



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Activity Description	Required materials/resources	OUTCOMES	MONITORING &	Costs
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			EVALUATION	£
<p>Health and Wellbeing Programme Schools based programme that aims to increase levels of physical activity amongst Primary School children and support their emotional wellbeing</p>	<p>Purchase Digital Platform to be used within Schools linked to the Schools Curriculum.</p>	<p>6 Primary Schools will participate in the Health and Wellbeing Programme</p> <p>600 children will participate in Health and Wellbeing Programme</p> <p>Teachers will be supported to deliver physical activity and emotional wellbeing programmes</p> <p>Children will participate in the recommended level of physical activity</p> <p>Children will be more resilient</p>	<p>Record number of schools supported</p> <p>Record number of children benefiting</p> <p>Record of physical activity levels amongst participants</p> <p>Feedback from teachers and parents</p>	<p>£3600</p>
<p>Warm and Well Programme Programme to support the most vulnerable, reduce social isolation and promote emotional wellbeing which will include befriending, hot meals for the most vulnerable, practical support in relation to</p>	<p>Volunteer Costs Meals on Wheels provision Fuel support Support pack resources On-line and face to face</p>	<p>Most vulnerable will remain connected to local community and support services and their physical and mental health will be safeguarded.</p>	<p>Record number of residents supported</p> <p>Feedback from beneficiaries</p>	<p>£3,000 (plus £7000 from previous Resilience Plan)</p>



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<p>fuel poverty, support packs during the Christmas period and an emotional wellbeing campaign to include on-line and face to face programming and support services</p>	<p>facilitator costs Access to Counselling Marketing/Publicity</p>			
<p>Connectivity Programme to ensure community organisations stay connected to local people through on-line programme delivery and the use of social media and that residents can access information about local support services, programmes and accurate health messaging.</p>	<p>Computer Equipment Costs 7 organisations within the Waterside area will identify their needs in relation to computer equipment and provide 3 written quotes. Organisations supported: Irish Street Community Assoc Clooney Residents Assoc Tullyally Community Partnership Currynierin Community Assoc Caw Nelson Drive Action Group Hillcrest Trust Older People NW</p> <p>Development of Waterside Support Hub 'App'</p> <p>Newsletter production and delivery costs</p>	<p>Community Organisations are equipped to provide on-line programming and support services</p> <p>Residents mental and physical health is safeguarded</p> <p>Residents have up to date information on local support services and programmes and accurate health messaging and COVID-19 guidelines</p>	<p>Number of organisations supported</p> <p>Number of programmes delivered</p> <p>Number of residents accessing on-line support</p> <p>Waterside Community Support App developed</p> <p>Number of residents who have downloaded app</p> <p>Waterside Community Support Newsletter produced and delivered</p> <p>Number of Newsheets delivered</p> <p>An equipment inventory will</p>	<p>App Development £5000</p> <p>Newsletter design, print and delivery £1500</p> <p>Computer Equipment £7000</p>



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			be kept on all equipment purchased and remain in the ownership of the Community Group / Centre(s).	



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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.

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