

Community Festivals Fund (CFF) 2009/2010

In 2009/2010, in its second year of being administered by district councils, the CFF ran very smoothly.

Of the 26 district councils 24 accepted their full allocation. Two Councils, however, requested lower amounts and this allowed £16,900 to be subsequently re-allocated to councils that expressed an interest in extra funding. A summary of allocations to each district council is set out in **Table 1**.

In 2009/2010, 502 applications in total were made to the CFF across all district council areas in Northern Ireland. Of these, 438 (87%) were successful in securing funding. A summary of applications made to each district council is set out in **Table 2**.

In total £324k was drawn down from DCAL by the end of March 2010 and £126k was accrued into the 2010/11 financial year.

Re-allocations

14 district councils advised DCAL that they were unable to spend all of their allocations, with a total underspend of £36,464.50.

District councils that were oversubscribed were asked by DCAL to express an interest in receiving a further allocation for the 2009/2010 year. Subsequently £36,455.90 was re-allocated to 5 district councils that required an additional allocation and details of the re-allocations are included at **Table 3**.

Timing Of Letters Of Offer

Some councils indicated that they would benefit from receiving their letter of offer earlier in the calendar year. The letters were issued mid January 2010, one month earlier than in the previous year.

Outcome

The Community Festivals fund has been very successful again in 2009/2010. Councils have reported financial benefits to the local economy, increased visitor numbers and bed nights, and improved community spirit.

Table 1: ALLOCATION TO DISTRICT COUNCILS 2009/10

DISTRICT COUNCIL	DCAL ALLOCATION (£)
Antrim	12,400
Ards	18,000
Armagh	13,700
Ballymena	15,600
Ballymoney	4,000
Banbridge	10,600
Belfast	77,300
Carrickfergus	9,700
Castlereagh	15,600
Coleraine	14,000
Cookstown	8,600
Craigavon	22,900
Derry	31,100
Down	16,500
Dungannon	13,100
Fermanagh	15,100
Larne	7,900
Limavady	8,800
Lisburn	28,200
Magherafelt	9,900
Moyle	4,400
Newry & Mourne	25,700
Newtownabbey	20,300
North Down	4,000
Omagh	13,100
Strabane	12,400
Total	£450,000

Table 2: SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS BY COUNCIL AREA

COUNCIL	APPLICATIONS	UNSUCCESSFUL	SUCCESSFUL
Antrim Borough	5	0	5
Ards Borough	18	0	18
Armagh City and District	29	3	26
Ballymena Borough	27	2	25
Ballymoney Borough	9	0	9
Banbridge District	9	0	9
Belfast City	64	0	64
Carrickfergus Borough	9	1	8
Castlereagh Borough	22	5	17
Coleraine Borough	13	3	10
Cookstown District	15	5	10
Craigavon Borough	4	0	4
Derry City	3	0	3
Down District	38	0	38
Dungannon & South Tyrone	46	4	42
Fermanagh District	17	1	16
Larne Borough	4	0	4
Limavady Borough	3	0	3
Lisburn City	29	2	27
Magherafelt District	27	11	16
Moyle District	11	2	9
Newry and Mourne District	45	21	24
Newtownabbey Borough	34	0	34
North Down Borough	4	1	3
Omagh District	10	3	7
Strabane District	7	0	7
total	502	64	438

Table 3: RE-ALLOCATION OF UNDERSPENDS 2009/10

District Council	Additional allocation £
Craigavon	722.61
Down	10,309.84
Londonderry	19,760.52
Lisburn	1,522.50
Magherafelt	4,137
Total	36,452.47