



Subject:	Potential Additional Funding from Special EU Programmes Body – Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans
Date:	24 th April 2026
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To report to committee on the availability of additional in Year Funding from the Special European Union Programme Body (SEUPB) for 2026.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the Committee agrees to the approach detailed in the body of the report.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	Following a meeting with SEUPB on 2 nd April 2026 Councils were informed that there was a significant underspend within SEUPB, which potentially could be decommitted by EU. SEUPB are seeking proposals from Councils for activity that could be spent by September 2026 and claimed within the 3 rd quarter of the financial year. Projects should be linked to existing Local PEACEPLUS Action Plan, as any additional agreed proposal will require a modification to the current Local Action Plan Letter of Offer
	<u>Approach</u>
3.2	Officers have discussed this and considering the truncated timeline there are a number of project/programmes that have the potential to complete and spend within this small window of time: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleadh Cheoil 2026 Programme • Forth Meadow Greenway Signage • Positive Cultural Expression (Beacons)
3.3	All the above can be aligned with the current PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan, and Council has the opportunity to bid for funds in the region of €2 - 3 million.
3.4	To progress this opportunity further it is proposed that Officers engage directly with SEUPB to formally submit a proposal for additional funding for this year and to explore potential options for 2027.
3.5	Members should note that SEUPB indicated that the level of participation will be proportion / reasonable, and that compliance with programme requirements is required, although in some instances, it may be lighter touch.
	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.6	All financial implications are covered as the additional funding will be provided at 100%. The main resource pressure for Council will be Officer time, to ensure a successful proposal and compliance.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	The current Local PEACEPLUS Action Plan has been equality screened and will promote good relations and will enhance equality peace, reconciliation and good relations impacts for the City of Belfast.

4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None