

APPENDIX 3

Shared City Partnership

Community Recovery Fund – Update – June 2025

CRF001 – PCSP - Safer Neighbourhood Officer Community Engagement Project

Amount Allocated: £20,000

To support communities affected by the 2024 public disorder by providing direct assistance that safeguards life and property, alleviates suffering, and prevents future unrest, while fostering social trust, inclusion, and cohesion across Belfast.

Aims and Objectives

- Deploy Safer Neighbourhood Officers to provide visible reassurance in key areas.
- Tackle antisocial behaviour and hate crimes through community engagement and responsive policing.
- Support ethnic minority events to build trust and enhance safety.
- Promote social cohesion in diverse areas like the Wider University and Lower Ormeau.
- Encourage integration through targeted outreach.
- Deliver leadership and anti-racism workshops for ethnic minority groups.
- Strengthen relationships with Muslim, migrant, refugee, and asylum-seeking communities.
- Collaborate with partners like PSNI, EMSONI, and Belfast City of Sanctuary for coordinated responses.
- Co-design inclusive community events that foster intercultural understanding.

Start Date of Project: Developmental work is ongoing, and it is anticipated that delivery will commence from July 2025

Completion: March 2026

CRF002 - Integration and Inclusion

Awarded to: Wheelworks

Amount Awarded: £29,400

The programme aims to promote diversity awareness, challenge stereotypes and misinformation, and support integration within communities. It targets teachers, Boards of Governors, community youth leaders, and young people, equipping them with tools to foster inclusion and counter hate. Key components include training programmes, interactive toolkits, workshops, and youth-led initiatives. The content focuses on understanding prejudice, critical thinking, cultural awareness, hate crime prevention, and relationship-building. Overall, it seeks to build cohesive, informed, and inclusive communities through education and engagement.

Start Date of Project: June 2025

Completion: March 2026

CRF003**Belfast City Council Community Centre Programme – Reaching Out****Amount Allocated: £30,000**

Funds have been allocated to the Community Development Department, who are currently planning local neighbourhood projects across both Council-run and independent community centres in Belfast. These initiatives and projects will be supported by a comprehensive communication campaign on the Belfast City Council website to promote inclusion and celebrate community engagement across all diverse communities.

Start Date of Project: Developmental work is ongoing, and it is anticipated that delivery will commence from August 2025

Completion: March 2026

CRF004 - Challenging the Narrative**Amount Allocated: £29,800****No submission for first quotation – Has been re-released with close date of 6 June 2025**

Quotations are required to outline a proposed programme titled "*Challenging the Narrative: Understanding Migration and Immigration*", to be delivered by March 2026 for beneficiaries in the Belfast City Council area. The programmes focus is to educate community leaders, statutory services, educators, and grassroots organisations on migration and immigration, aiming to reduce tensions, challenge hate and stereotypes, and foster integration—particularly in areas affected by hate crime following the July–August 2024 violence. It must include a comprehensive training package covering migration patterns, asylum journeys, forced migration, and the contributions of immigrants, while addressing trauma, bias, and misinformation. Migrant organisations must be actively involved in the design and delivery of the training, with clear roles outlined within the application.

CRF005 - Expansion of Schools of Sanctuary**Amount Awarded: £20,000**

The project has been awarded and the objective is to expand the number of Schools of Sanctuary in South and North Belfast, particularly in areas affected by recent racist incidents. The project seeks to:

- Promote social cohesion by making schools safer and more welcoming for asylum seekers, refugees, and other newcomers.
- Support school communities—including leaders, governors, parents, and students—in developing inclusive practices and anti-racism curriculum content.
- Foster partnerships between schools and local stakeholders to rebuild social trust and reduce the risk of future disorder.
- Provide leadership training and community engagement opportunities to ensure broad participation in the programme.
- Deliver family support services, including multilingual drop-in clinics, to assist with integration and community relations.

Start Date of Project: May 2025

Completion: March 2026

CRF006 – Belfast City Council, Economic Development - Business Mentoring, Engagement, and Integration Programme

Allocated Amount: £20,000

The aim of this initiative is to stimulate enterprise and support business growth in the WULO area through targeted investment from the Community Recovery Fund. With £20,000 available, the Enterprise and Business Growth Team seeks to engage the local community, encourage entrepreneurship as a pathway to employment, and provide tailored support to existing businesses. Objectives include delivering at least three business drop-in sessions, distributing promotional materials, and leveraging existing funded programmes while offering additional support to those not eligible for current services. This approach ensures inclusive access to mentoring, workshops, and business development resources.

Start Date of Project: April 2025

Completion: March 2026

CRF007 – WULO

Amount Allocated: £40,000

CRF007 - WULO – LORAG

Engaged Citizens

Amount Awarded - £15,000

The *Engaged Citizens* project seeks to enhance community cohesion, restore trust, and promote meaningful integration in the Wider University and Lower Ormeau area of Belfast. It aims to support communities impacted by racist hate crime and public disorder by creating inclusive spaces for dialogue, empowering residents to challenge harmful narratives, and celebrating cultural diversity through creative and participatory engagement.

Aims and Objectives

- Facilitate inclusive conversations on racism, hate speech, and extremism to build mutual understanding and respect among diverse community members.
- Train residents to serve as community ambassadors who actively welcome and support newcomers, fostering inclusive and resilient neighbourhoods.
- Develop and implement a community-led strategy to identify and counter misinformation and far-right narratives.
- Engage participants in a creative programme that highlights cultural identities and culminates in a public exhibition to showcase shared experiences.
- Partner with local organisations to ensure the project reflects lived experiences and addresses the needs of both migrant and host communities.
- Facilitate co-designed planning sessions to develop sustainable approaches for promoting inclusion and preventing future unrest.

Start Date: June 2025

Completion Date: March 2026

WULO - Forward South

Creating a shared vision through building a Shared Space

Amount Awarded - £15,000

Aims

This project seeks to build community cohesion, inclusion, and resilience in South Belfast in response to recent racist hate crimes and unrest. Forward South Partnership will lead:

- Storytelling workshops for children
- Community dialogue sessions
- Interactive discussions with unionist women on prejudice and misinformation

Objectives

Activities will take place in a new inclusive space, supporting services like the Roma Support Hub and social supermarket. The project will engage minoritised and migrant communities—especially in the Wider University and Lower Ormeau areas—through:

- Culturally sensitive programming
- Translation and interpretation support
- Collaborative planning with local partners

The goal is to foster dialogue, counter disinformation, and promote trust, empowerment, and a shared vision for an inclusive South Belfast.

Start Date: June 2025

Completion Date: March 2026

CRF008b - Focused Consortium Projects

Amount Allocated: £160,000

North Belfast

Greater Shankill Alternatives

Community Navigator Support Programme

Amount Awarded: £39,500

Aims

- Appoint a Community Navigator to connect newcomers with services.
- Run diversity and inclusion workshops in schools and communities.
- Distribute hate crime safety packs and awareness materials.
- Provide training on rights and responsibilities for newcomers and professionals.
- Conduct youth outreach during tense periods to promote safety.
- Foster ongoing support between host and migrant communities.

Objectives

- Support integration of ethnic minority and migrant communities.
- Raise awareness of rights, responsibilities, and services.
- Improve safety through hate crime prevention and support.
- Strengthen ties with agencies like PSNI, NIHE, and schools.
- Reduce tensions through targeted outreach.
- Amplify local voices, especially those with lived experience.

Start Date: June 2025

Completion Date: March 2026

South Belfast Consortium

Application is still pending.

West Belfast

Blackie River

Newcomer Family Liaison Project

Amount Awarded: £40,000

Aims

- Support and integrate migrant communities—particularly those affected by the racist hate crime and public disorder in West Belfast during July–August 2024.
- Promote social cohesion and rebuild trust between migrant, refugee, asylum-seeking, and host communities in the Greater Falls area.
- Prevent future disorder by addressing root causes of tension and misunderstanding through proactive community engagement.

Objectives

- Employ part-time Liaison Officer to engage with newly arrived families.
- Provide welcome packs with essential local information (e.g., services, bin collection, sports groups).
- Act as a point of contact between new families and community/statutory organisations.

Start Date: June 2025

Completion Date: March 2026

East Belfast

East Belfast Alternatives

Connswater Community Recovery Project

Amount Awarded: £39,400

Aims

- Promote dialogue, understanding, and collaboration across communities.
- Heal divisions from the 2024 unrest and foster community cohesion.
- Encourage shared experiences and mutual respect.
- Strengthen ties between host and migrant communities.
- Tackle root causes of conflict like racism, inequality, and misinformation.

Objectives

- Engage communities affected by the 2024 unrest, including Muslim, migrant, refugee, asylum, and host groups in East Belfast.
- Run community conversation courses on cultural exchange and public services.
- Revive the East Belfast Race Relations Network with better planning and representation.
- Support emerging leaders from minority ethnic backgrounds.
- Use restorative youth programs and joint activities to build empathy.
- Offer welfare and housing support clinics.
- Host multi-sport sessions to promote integration.
- Partner with PSNI for hate crime awareness and trust-building.
- Organise educational visits across Northern Ireland for cultural learning.

Start Date: June 2025

Completion Date: March 2026

CRF008 – Open Call
Allocated Budget: £160,000

The recent Open Call received a total of 35 applications, requesting a combined amount of £558,819.00. All applications have been scored and reviewed, and funding allocations have been slightly reduced across the board to ensure better value for money and to enable support for a greater number of projects.

Please refer to Appendix 1, which outlines the 12 organisations we propose to fund through the Community Recovery Fund.

The high quality of received applications aligns well with our Good Relations Plan and the objectives of the Asylum Dispersal Fund. As detailed for your review in Appendix 2, we have aligned an additional six projects to these funding streams:

- 4 projects aligned with the Good Relations Action Plan (BCC5)
- 2 projects aligned with The Executive Office – Asylum Dispersal Fund

We respectfully request your consideration and approval of this approach, which will allow more organisations to deliver this essential work.

Please note that 17 organisations were not selected for funding due to funding limits.

CRF009 – Hate Crime Hardship Programme
Belfast City Council – PCSP
Amount Allocated: £20,000

The initiative's aim is to offer practical support to people who have been victims of hate crime. Working through the Belfast PCSP's Home Security Service, sensitive referral mechanisms are being developed with appropriate organisations, PCSP, PSNI and Bryson to ensure victims are offered support services and practical measures to improve their personal safety at home.

Groups to be engaged include:

- Association Darfur NI
- Sudanese Community Association NI
- Flowers of Belfast
- Afghan Community
- Eritrean Community
- Happy Women's Group
- Belfast City of Sanctuary
- NI Somali Association

Start Date of Project: Developmental work is ongoing, and it is anticipated that delivery will commence from July 2025
Completion: March 2026

CRF - Total Number of Application Received and Allocation after Assessment

<u>TOTAL CRF Application</u>				
<u>558,819.17</u>				
<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Awarded</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Fund</u>
ACSONI	20,000.00	17,900.00	Belfast Wide	CRF
Annadale Community Centre	18,900.00	18,400.00	S Belfast	CRF
Voicing the Void	20,000.00	19,600.00	Belfast Wide	CRF
Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum	12,730.00	11,900.00	N Belfast	CRF
Include Youth	20,000.00	18,800.00	Belfast Wide	CRF
Dreamscheme NI	8,160.00	8,160.00	S Belfast	CRF
NI Food to Go	20,000.00	16,400.00	Belfast Wide	CRF
West Belfast Partnership Board	20,000.00	16,000.00	W Belfast	CRF
NISA	12,885.00	11,385.00	Belfast Wide	CRF
Market Development Association	18,844.00	16,000.00	S Belfast	CRF
Rosario Youth Club	17,868.44	17,668.44	S Belfast	CRF
Feile an Phobail	20,000.00	18,500.00	W Belfast	CRF
<u>TOTAL CRF</u>	<u>209,387.44</u>	<u>190,713.44</u>		
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<u>Proposed fund ADF</u>				
Upper Andersonstown Community Forum	9,545.00	7,150.00	W Belfast	ADF
Donegal Pass Community Enterprises	18,400.00	16,600.00	S Belfast	ADF
-	<u>27,945.00</u>	<u>23,750.00</u>		
<u>TOTAL ADF</u>	-			
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<u>Proposed fund GR</u>				
Ashton Centre	20,000.00	17,250.00	N Belfast	GR
Belfast City of Sanctuary	17,766.00	13,300.00	Belfast Wide	GR
Artsektra	17,800.00	14,900.00	Belfast Wide	GR

The Commons - Ballynafeigh	14,680.00	12,448.00	S Belfast	GR
TOTAL GR	70,246.00	57,898.00		
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Not funded				
Diverse Youth	20,000.00	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
Refuge Language	13,943.75	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
Whiterock Children and Family Centre	3,262.00	0.00	W Belfast	N/A
Migrants at Work	20,000.00	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
Falls Community Council	20,000.00	0.00	W Belfast	N/A
Family Comfort NI	12,765.00	0.00	W Belfast	N/A
Cliftonville Community Centre	10,420.00	0.00	N Belfast	N/A
EBM	19,999.98	0.00	E Belfast	N/A
Rangers FC	18,120.00	0.00	S Belfast	N/A
Castle Community Trust	2,800.00	0.00	N Belfast	N/A
I Assist NI	20,000.00	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
Connswater Community and Leisure Services	17,550.00	0.00	E Belfast	N/A
174 Trust	13,740.00	0.00	N Belfast	N/A
BCT NI - Ardoyne Youth Club	7,950.00	0.00	N Belfast	N/A
Afghan Community	20,000.00	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
EMSONI	19,750.00	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
Black and Minority Ethnic Women's Network	10,940.00	0.00	Belfast Wide	N/A
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