



Belfast

**Place and Economy Department
Economic Division
Appendix 1
Culture Update
2022/23 Priorities**

Culture 2022/23 Priorities

Project Name	Project Description	Actions/ Targets	Timeline	Budget
Cultural Development including funding and investment programmes				
City Compact	Implementation of recommendation from Cultural Enquiry by Core Cities network. This will establish a governance and investment model for culture in the city. This has been delayed due to Covid however it is important to support the establishment of necessary governance and engagement platforms and potential investment pathways for strategic initiatives such as 2023/24 including One Young World.	Establishment of City Compact with a range of partners. Establishment of participative forum	April 2022 – March 2023	£25,000
Core multi-annual funding	Management of year 3 of cultural multi-annual funding programme (CMAG) – total investment £2,430,010 Two year funding 2022-2024: £473,425 to 16 Festivals and Events organisations and £564,562 to 27 Arts and Heritage organisations Four year funding 2020-2024: £600,240 to four Festivals and Events organisations and £791,783 to nine Arts and Heritage organisations	56 organisations supported to deliver annual programme of activities in Belfast.	April 2022 – March 2023	£2,430,010 As agreed by CG&R February 2022.
Small Grants Arts and Heritage Community Festivals Funding	Programme of project grant support for cultural organisations as a new strand of investment programme to support cultural strategy outcomes.	Support a minimum 15 cultural projects and 15 community festivals.	April 2022 – March 2023	£133,244 (A&H) £69,000 (CFF) + DfC match funding
Sector support programme	Design and deliver wraparound support programme aligned to investment model to support established organisations to adapt to change and to support new organisations and practitioners to take longer term risks in programming or creative development. Delivery of Blueprint Programme (yr 2) in partnership with Arts & Business NI	Support a minimum of 50 cultural organisations.	April 2022 – March 2023	£50,000 £30,000 in partnership with A&BNI

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Cultural Development				
Research and Development	Commission further research and engagement, collect and analyse data to ensure strategic approach to investment and delivery.	Cultural mapping analysis and delivery of action plan. Development of stage two with key city partners.	April 2022 – March 2023	£15,000
Heritage Development	Design and deliver neighbourhood public engagement programme to deliver a co-created and co-designed heritage programme to tell the story of people and places.	Engage with minimum of 300 citizens	April 2022 – March 2023	£15,000
	Develop a heritage plan for the city with cross-cutting actions.	Heritage Action Plan		
	Partner with Ulster Architectural Heritage Society to deliver Open Heritage Belfast and other events, advocacy, advice & support.	Heritage events / publications		
Cultural animation	Support delivery of a playful city initiative in context of A Bolder Vision. Publicise Shared Spaces Toolkit alongside mentoring / peer learning at neighbourhood level to promote civic participation and access.	Number of partnerships created and levels of civic and sector engagement. At least 20 Belfast Canvas (arterial routes / city centre)	April 2022 – March 2023	£25,000
	Further develop a ‘City as a Gallery’ or ‘Art in the Public Realm’ initiative including scoping, international collaboration and neighbourhood reach including expand Belfast Canvas.			
	Development and programming of city centre space/s and participation in Vacant to Vibrant Scheme			

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Capacity Building	Co-design framework launch and development and delivery of key catalyst projects and programmes.	Development and delivery of action plans following R&D and and co-design programme development.	April 2022 – March 2023	£60,000
	Co-design specific programmes for demographics which are currently not engaging in culture as much as others.	A minimum 10 cultural ambassadors established.		
	Support employability skills and capacity building programmes including co-design of programmes for LGBTQ++ and disabled artists and those from minority ethnic groups.	A minimum of 50 artists supported.		£50,000
	Develop schemes to support higher participation and representation at cultural events by disabled people including Gig Buddies programme 2021 – 2024 in partnership with the Black Box, and in partnership with University of Atypical.	Delivery of Gig Buddies programme including recommendations from R&D and pilot year.		£45,000 in partnership with Black Box
	Work in partnership with Theatre & Dance NI to deliver a professional 3 year development and capacity building programme ‘Transform’ for artists in theatre & dance sector at differing career stages, focusing on networking, mentoring and creation.	Delivery of Transform - theatre and dance sector development programme.		£30,000 in partnership with Theatre & Dance NI
	Work in partnership with Craft NI to deliver inclusive programme of showcase and professional development events for makers in Belfast including growth of August craft month	Delivery of support and development programme for craft makers in Belfast.		£18,000 in partnership with Craft NI

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Cultural Development				
Capacity Building (continued)	Enhance Audience Development skills and capacity across the cultural sector.	Minimum 30 organisations benefit	April 2022 – March 2023	£20,000 in partnership with Thrive
	Maintain engagement with citizens via Belfast Audience Panel and creation of citizen led participative forum to enhance relevance of cultural programmes and communication channels. n partnership with Thrive audience development agency	Audience panel minimum 200 members Participative forum created with minimum 20 ambassadors		
	A new three stage scheme will support Belfast based artist studios and maker spaces to ensure a stable infrastructure for 2023/24: Strand One - Organisational Funding Strand Two - Strategic Review Strand Three – Micro Grants	Artist studios and maker spaces programme – at least 20 organisations, collectives and artists supported		
Networking	Support active participation in relevant local, regional and international cultural networks including but not limited to IETM, Eurocities Culture Forum, and Culture 21.	Support for at least eight cultural exchanges, events and networking opportunities.	April 2022 – March 2023	£7,000

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Strategic Development including Year of Culture				
Programme Development	In order to deliver a programme of international standing based on local engagement and sustainable sector development, full programme development will continue in 22/23. This will include ongoing development and feasibility work on major commissions such as Urban Forest in partnership with Eden Project, development for One Young World 2023 and seeking partnerships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete feasibility studies and business case for programme including leveraging match funding. • Engagement programme in place including launch • Commission anchor programmes • Develop co-produced and in-house projects. • Grant scheme to support overall programme 	April 2022 – March 2023	TBC as part of commission approach and fundraising strategy.
	Commissioning of anchor programmes and design and delivery of engagement programme by Creative Lead and creative production team.			
	Creative bursaries to support emerging artists	10 artists supported through competitive programme	June 2022- March 2023	£100,000
	Extension of Pathfinder Grants	4 organisations supported	April 2022 – March 2023	£79,768 as agreed by CGR Feb 2022.
Communications	The international reach of the 2023 programme will require a strong identity and strategic communications approach that appeals locally, regionally and across key visitor markets.	<p>2023/24 communications strategy and identity in place.</p> <p>Launch event and local and international engagement programme events</p>	April 2022 – March 2023	£60,000

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Festival 2022	Belfast City Council is acting as the Strategic Delivery Body for Festival 2022 alongside Creative Wales, Event Scotland and Festival 2022 Ltd. This role includes administration of NI funding (via Barnett consequential) of up to £4m. The team will also act as lead producer and be responsible for marcomms.	<p>Delivery of projects and promotion</p> <p>Public engagement programme</p>	April 2022 – March 2023	Up to £4m – total project costs approved Feb 2021. DfC funding