

GrandChoice

Your Voice Your Choice!

Do you live in the Lisburn North area?
Have you got an idea for a community project?
Need up to £1,000 to put it into action?

We are running a Grand Choice event in your area. This means groups can apply for up to £1,000 and it is the community who decides what projects are selected.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION TO GRAND CHOICE

Who can apply?

Grand Choice is open to everyone.

- Both constituted and non-constituted groups can apply for funding.
- There must be a minimum of three people per group.
- If your group is not constituted, you will need to be sponsored by a constituted group or organisation.
- A maximum of three applications can be submitted from groups from any one organisation or umbrella group e.g., if a local sports club has junior and senior groups or schools with multiple year groupings. If we receive more than three applications, we will contact you and ask you to choose which applications you want to be considered.

When and where should projects take place?

Your project should take place between November 2026 and April 2027 and **must** take place within the **Lisburn North District Electoral Area**.

This includes **Derriaghy, Harmony Hill, Hilden, Lambeg, Magheralave and Wallace Park**.

What can we apply for?

You can apply for up to £1,000 to pay for things such as equipment, events, tutors, venue hire, transport for trips and other innovative ideas.

What can we apply for? (continued)

Your project must demonstrate how it relates to one of the **Take 5 Ways To Wellbeing** themes:

- **Connect**
- **Be Active**
- **Take Notice**
- **Keep Learning**
- **Give**

or a **Policing & Community Safety** theme.

Your project will be reviewed against the following criteria:

- Safe
- Legal
- Achievable within budget and timeframe
- Will benefit people in the Lisburn North District Electoral Area
- In line with one or more of the Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing or a Policing and Community Safety theme.

Unfortunately, there are elements we cannot fund such as personal payments, salary costs, gift cards/vouchers, alcohol, political activities or things you are already funded to deliver.

Please contact us for more guidance if you have any questions.

How do I apply?

Return the application form by **Sunday 20 September 2026** to Lisburn & Castlereagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership, Island Civic Centre, 1 The Island, Lisburn, BT27 4RL or email it to: pcsp@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

or online at:
www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/grandchoice

What happens next?

- When you submit your entry, we will check if it meets with our themes – we might give you a call for some further information.
- We aim to let groups know if they've been shortlisted by Thursday 24 September 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- The shortlisted projects will be required to exhibit their proposal at a Community Decision Event on Saturday 17 October 2026 from 11.00am to 3.00pm at St Columba's Derryvolgie, 211 Belsize Rd, Lisburn BT27 4DN.
- At the Community Decision Event you will tell the voters what you plan to do and what you hope to achieve as they visit your stand. All you need to do is tell them some information about what you do, what the project is about and how this will be good for the Lisburn North area. You can do this by using pictures, posters and/or display boards etc.
- The people attending the Community Decision Event will vote on which projects should be funded. They will be required to vote for their favourite ten projects.

How does the voting work?

- After all the projects have been visited by the voters, everyone who attends the Community Decision Event will have the opportunity to vote.
- Each person will be asked to vote for ten projects.
- The groups who receive the highest number of votes will be awarded funding.
- The successful projects will be announced as soon as possible after the event.
- Any unsuccessful groups will get advice and support.

What happens after the voting?

Successful projects will have until Friday 30 April 2027 to deliver their project.

APPLICATION FORM

GROUP INFORMATION

Group name

Contact person

Address

Telephone

Email

Does your group have three or more members?

Yes

No

Do you have a written governing document e.g. constitution? Yes

Yes

No

If you tick Yes, please include a copy when submitting your application.

If you tick No, you need to provide the details of a sponsor.

PROJECT DETAILS

What is the name of your project and where will it take place?

Please tick the relevant theme(s) that your project relates to:

Connect

Be Active

Take Notice

Keep Learning

Give

Policing & Community Safety

Please describe your project and why it would be good for the Lisburn North District Electoral Area

PROJECT DETAILS (continued)

How much money do you need and how do you plan to spend it?

Remember you can bid for a maximum of £1,000. Give us a breakdown of your costs.

When will your project commence?

Please confirm that you can deliver your project by Friday 30 April 2027

Yes

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No

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SPONSOR INFORMATION

If your group does not have a governing document this section needs to be completed. If you need help connecting with a community sponsor please get in touch with us.

Name of constituted group/organisation
that agreed to sponsor your entry

Sponsor contact details: (include a copy of their constitution)

Name

Telephone

Email

DECLARATION

By submitting your entry you are agreeing to the following statements:

- You have been authorised by your umbrella organisation to submit this application as one of a maximum of three applications from that umbrella organisations
- All the information you have provided in the application is accurate and complete and you will notify us of any changes
- You understand that we will use any personal information you have provided for the purpose described under our Data Protection Statement and in line with our Privacy Policy. This can be found at www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk
- If information about this application is requested under the Freedom of Information Act, we will release it in line with our Freedom of Information Policy.
- You or your sponsor organisation will provide a copy of your (their) signed constitution or set of rules, public liability insurance and child protection/vulnerable adults policy (if applicable) upon request.
- Any information you give us will be used during the assessment and life of your project (if successful) to administrate, evaluate and for our own research purposes. We may give copies of all or some of this information to individuals and organisations we consult with when assessing the bids, administering the programme and monitoring and evaluation.
- A description of your project may be published by the sponsoring organisations on their media platforms.
- The project will take place within the Lisburn North District Electoral Area.

I confirm my group will attend the Community Decision Event on Saturday 17 October 2026

Yes

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No

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ATTENDANCE AT THIS EVENT IS A CONDITION OF FUNDING

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE