



**Place and Economy Department
Economic Division
Appendix 1
Culture Update
2023/24 Priorities**

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Project Name	Project Description	Actions/Targets	Timeline and Milestones	Budget
Core multi-annual funding	<p>Management of year 4 of cultural multi-annual funding programme (CMAG)</p> <p>Two year funding 2022-2024: £473,425 to 16 Festivals and Events organisations and £564,562 to 27 Arts and Heritage organisations</p> <p>Four year funding 2020-2024: £600,240 to four Festivals and Events organisations and £791,783 to nine Arts and Heritage organisations</p> <p>Independent Review of CMAG and launch of new CMAG round</p>	56 organisations supported to deliver annual programme of activities in Belfast.	<p>Independent review of CMAG – April to June 23</p> <p>Launch of new CMAG round – Autumn 23</p>	<p>£2,430,010</p> <p>£7,000</p>
<p>Small Grants Arts and Heritage</p> <p>Community Festivals Funding</p>	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 2023 to March 2024	<p>£133,244 (A&H)</p> <p>£69,000 (CFF) + DfC match funding</p>
Artist Studio and Creative Workspaces	A continuation of scheme to support Belfast based artist studios and maker spaces to ensure a stable infrastructure for 2023/24.	Artist studios and maker spaces programme – at least 15 organisations, collectives and artists supported	April 2023 to March 2024	£100,000

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Sectoral Development and Strategic Partnerships	Delivery of Blueprint Programme (yr 3) in partnership with Arts and Business NI	Organisations supported through a pipeline to develop assets that has commercial potential	April 2023 to March 2024	£30,000
Sector Support Programme	Design and deliver wraparound support programme aligned to investment model. Includes support for Festivals Forum and Visual Arts Forum. Establish a Green Arts Forum, in partnership with other statutory and community stakeholders, to promote and develop sustainability practice in the cultural sector.	Support a minimum of 50 cultural organisations.	April 2023 to March 2024	£65,000
Research and development	Commission further research and engagement, collect and analyse data to ensure strategic approach to investment and delivery.	Cultural mapping stage two Develop report on the impact of culture and cultural participation	April 2023 to March 2024	£40,000
Heritage Development	Develop a Heritage Audit and Roadmap for Development, with crosscutting actions.	Heritage Audit and Roadmap for Development	April 2023 to March 2024	£25,000
Heritage Development	Partner with Ulster Architectural Heritage Society to deliver Open Heritage Belfast and other events, advocacy, advice & support	Delivery of Open Heritage Belfast programme and other events	September 2023	£20,000

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Cultural animation	Further develop a 'City as a Gallery' or 'Art in the Public Realm' initiatives including Belfast Canvas. Development and programming of city centre space/s, Art Unwrapped, participation in Vacant to Vibrant Scheme and initiatives to develop animation to celebrate musical heritage.	At least 20 key sites across the city	April 2023 to March 2024	£45,000
Sectoral Development and Strategic Partnerships	Continue partnership with University of Atypical to promote accessibility in cultural spaces and support training for disability champions within the cultural sector.	A minimum of 8 venues supported and 20 disability champions	April 2023 to March 2024	£25,000
Capacity Building	Support employability skills and capacity building programmes including co-design of programmes for underrepresented groups or where gaps are identified. Support established organisations to adapt to change and to support new organisations and practitioners to take longer term risks in programming or creative development. Development and delivery of catalyst projects and programmes with community partners.	A minimum of 50 cultural organisations or creative practitioners supported. Development and delivery of action plans following R&D and co-design programme development.	April 2023 to March 2024	£50,000 £30,000
Sectoral Development and Strategic Partnerships	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.	Delivery of year three of the Gig Buddies programme.	April 2023 to March 2024	£45,000

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Sectoral Development and Strategic Partnerships	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.	April 2023 to March 2024	£30,000
Sectoral Development and Strategic Partnerships	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.	April 2023 to March 2024	£18,000
Sectoral Development and Strategic Partnerships	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	April 2023 to March 2024	£20,000
Networking	Support active participation in relevant local, regional and international cultural networks including but not limited to IETM, Eurocities Culture Forum, and other relevant international networks	Support for at least eight cultural exchanges, events and networking opportunities.	April 2023 to March 2024	£10,000