



## Belfast City Council

Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	Community Festivals Fund
Date:	16 September 2009
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### Relevant Background Information

The total value for the Community Festivals Fund 2009/2010 is £154,600. The scheme is delivered in four tranches and communities receive grants between £2500 and £10,000. The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) provide 50% of the funding which is matched by Belfast City Council.

The fourth tranche is due to open on Friday 4 September 2009 and close 16 October 2009 for festivals taking place between 1 January and 31 March 2010. To date, each tranche has been oversubscribed.

An operating budget of 10% £15,460 has been set aside for the administration of the scheme.

### Key Issues

Due to a number of Councils accepting less funding than originally offered in 2009/2010 period, DCAL currently has a small surplus to reallocate and have requested Councils to submit an expression of interest.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by 17 September 2009.

### Resource Implications

Any additional funding from DCAL requires match funding from the Councils.

**Recommendations**

Members agree to submit an expression of interest seeking a maximum fund of £80,000 (£40,000 from DCAL, £40,000 from BCC) to support festivals taking place between January 2010 and March 2010.

**Decision Tracking**

Following approval, an expression of interest will be submitted to DCAL for a maximum grant of £80,000.

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**Key Abbreviations**

DCAL – Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure