



Report to:	Development Committee
Subject:	PEACE III Funding
Date:	6 November 2012
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	Members will be aware that Council was awarded funding under Priority 1.1 of the EU Peace III programme to support programmes and projects which are working to create shared space and positive relations in Belfast.
1.2	The Tourism, Culture and Arts Unit has secured funding of £600,000 under PEACE III Phase 2 to deliver two projects, City of Festivals II and Creative Legacies II. The projects are 100 per cent funded by Peace III. The Development Department has received a Service Level Agreement for each of the two projects.
1.3	Members are now being asked to approve the issue of a City of Festivals II tender process to allocate £50,000 of PIII funds to develop 5 small/medium festivals (target: 5 festivals) and to delegate award authority of same to the Director of Development.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The two Peace III Phase 2 projects are:
2.2	<p><u>City of Festivals II</u> This project incorporates four strands under a total budget of £300,000:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Support for large festivals (8 contracts have been awarded to support the development of 15 2012-2013 festivals): £200,000.00. NOTE: 4 x £10k contracts to be issued in early 2013, target is 14 large festivals. – Management contract to support the development of small to medium community festivals: £50,000. – To fund half of a full time post of 37 hours per week over 18 months: £27,000. – Festivals Forum support for cross-border networking, evaluation, skills and audience development: £23,000.00.

2.3	<p>Creative Legacies II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The programme incorporates six strands under a total budget of £300,000: – 15 x Development and Outreach Projects: £240,000. – To fund half of a full time post of 37 hours per week over 18 months: £27,000. – Creative Legacies Events (workshops, forums; exhibition, training): £18,000.
2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Creative Legacies Communications (advertising, marketing, photography, evaluation): £15,000.00 <p>The £50,000.00 development contract will be procured with assistance from the Procurement Unit and advertised in Your EU magazine, issued by the SEUPB.</p>

3	Resource Implications
3.1	N/a – The projects are 100% funded by PEACE III and costs will be recouped from SEUPB.

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
4.1	The programmes are designed to improve access among targeted Section 75 Dimensions.

5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. note the contents of this report; 2. approve the issue of the tender process and 3. provide the Director Of Development with delegated authority to award the contract to the successful contractor.

6	Decision Tracking
An update report in relation to the impact of funding will be brought to Committee.	
Timeframe: September 2013	Reporting Officer: Shirley McCay

7	Key to Abbreviations
SEUPB – Special EU Programmes Body.	