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The constituency of East Londonderry straddles 3 district council areas; Limavady Borough Council; Coleraine Borough Council and the Claudy and Banagher Wards of Derry City Council.

District Council Community Relations programme

Each of these councils participates in the District Council Community Relations programme which is administered by OFMDFM. The programme recognises the role and responsibilities that Councils have in delivering good community relations and encourages cross-political co-operation on sensitive issues.

Funding from the District Councils Community Relations Programme

	<u>07/08</u>	<u>08/09</u>	<u>09/10</u>
Limavady Borough Council	£15,400	£14,200	£11,700
Coleraine District Council	£14,500	£14,500	£14,100
Derry City Council	N/A	£3,900	£4,700

Community Relations Council

OFMDFM also provides significant annual funding to the Community Relations Council to deliver a range of good relations functions, including a grant aid scheme, across Northern Ireland. Community

Relations Council grants are recorded by District Council areas only, therefore the Derry City figures include part of the East Londonderry constituency but they also include the Foyle constituency. Information for the 2009/10 financial year is not yet available so the information provided is for the preceding 3 years.

Funding from the Community Relations Council's Grant Aid Scheme

	<u>06/07</u>	<u>07/08</u>	<u>08/09</u>
Coleraine/Limavady Councils	£67,293	£22,758	£67,069
Derry City Council	£664,795	£510,175	£833,387

Funding for Civic Events in Derry

In addition to this funding, on 9th July 2009 the First Minister and deputy First Minister announced a funding package of 85 thousand pounds to promote good relations in Derry. This was for a pilot scheme designed to promote dialogue, good relations and rights by means of a number of civic events in the city. Funding was targeted at the larger festivals in the area which were deemed to have the greatest cross-community capacity.

The following festivals received funding:-

- Maiden City Festival - 40 thousand pounds
- Gasyard Wall Féile - 15 thousand pounds
- Greater Shantallow / Outer North Area Partnership - 15 thousand pounds
- Top of the Hill Féile - 15 thousand pounds

All of these events attracted visitors from the City of Derry and its surrounding areas.