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Request:

1. How much money did the Council spend on Irish language projects, grants, events or other in the past four years?
2. A breakdown of those costs for the same period.
3. What percentage is this of the total expenditure of the council for the same period?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 28 September 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to Council spend on Irish language projects, grants, events or other in the past four years.

We can only provide 3 years as the first year of MEA Council started in 2015/16

Title of Irish Language Project, Grants or Events	Year	Cost of Project, Grant or Event	Total Expenditure of Council	% of total expenditure
-	2015/16	-		-
-	2016/17	-	-	-
Irish Language Councillor Event April 2017	2017/18	£353.34	£51m	0.00002%
Gaelic Culture for All		£750.00		
		Total £1103.34		
Irish Language Event April 2018	2018/19	£602.55	Will not be known until April 2019	n/a

All Irish related applications through Council's Grant Scheme have been approved with zero rejected.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/308/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.