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To: The Mayor and Each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

Re: Limerick Metropolitan GMA Festivals and Events Grant Scheme

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The Limerick Metropolitan GMA Festivals and Events Grant Scheme is the result of a strategic decision by the elected members of the Metropolitan District to allocate €100,000 to provide a competitive scheme that offers funding to festival and event organisers operating in the Metropolitan District

The call opened to the public on Tuesday 2nd of May closed on Friday 26th of May at 5pm.

It comprised of 2 Strands:

Strand 1 - to support the research and development of concepts for new festivals/events.

Strand 2 - to build capacity around the delivery of existing festivals/events.

The funding amounts available are:

Strand 1: Maximum €10,000

Strand 2: Unlimited

A total of 40 applications were received:

Strand 1: 13 applications

Strand 2: 27 applications

An evaluation and assessment panel is to be established to evaluate the 40 applications. The evaluation and assessment will be based on the criteria set out and merit of the application made. The evaluation and assessment panel are required to make a series of recommendations which will be brought before the full Metropolitan Council in July 2017.

Due to the high volume of applicants it is estimated that this process will take 1 full working day.

It is proposed that panel consist of 5 persons & 1 Chairperson

- Chair - The Mayor of the Metropolitan District
- 3 elected members from the Metropolitan District
- 2 members of the national festivals and events sector will be invited to sit on this panel.

We are requesting that the Metropolitan District Council nominate representatives as outlined above to the panel. Copies of the applications which are prepared will be delivered to the agreed panel. We are proposing for the panel to meet on either **Friday 23rd of June** or **Monday 17th of July**.

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