

## To : The members of the Cultural SPC

### Limerick City and County Council Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture

Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture was developed by Limerick City and County Council to allow culture and arts organisations and practitioners to bid for funding for ambitious, high potential projects with an aim to leverage funding from other sources, specifically from The Arts Council Schemes available from January to March 2018.

In developing Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture we venture to take on the risk of financing art and culture ‘start-ups’ that show high potential, are ambitious and innovative and whose projects support the delivery of Limerick Cultural Strategy Framework 2016-2030 in responding to the local context, helping to grow capacity in the sector and supporting internationalisation of Limerick’s arts and culture scene.

Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture will enhance and complement Limerick City and County Council’s strategic development of arts and culture in Limerick. We seek to support emerging organisations and practitioners with a proven track record of delivery of successful arts and culture projects, and in need of support to raise the capital that would allow them to develop their project(s) to their full potential.

In this call we are seeking applications from organisations and practitioners that are willing to work through partnership with Limerick City and County Council to realise their ambitious projects as outlined above.

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### Available Funds

The total amount available in this fund in 2018 is €15,000 and we will support individual projects as follows:

#### 1. Bursaries

10% of the amount awarded from the Arts Council. Arts Council Bursaries include;

Arts Council Award	Arts Council Max Award	10% contribution by LCCC
Architecture Bursary Award	15,000	Up to a maximum of 1,500
Circus Bursary Award	7,000	Up to a maximum of 700

Film Bursary Award	10,000	Up to a maximum of 1,000
Dance Bursary Award	10,000	Up to a maximum of 1,000
Literature Bursary Award	15,000	Up to a maximum of 1,500
Music Bursary Award	10,000	Up to a maximum of 1,000
Opera Bursary Award	10,000	Up to a maximum of 1,000
Street Arts and Spectacle Award	7,000	Up to a maximum of 700
Theatre Bursary Award	15,000	Up to a maximum of 1,500
Visual Arts Bursary Award	15,000	Up to a maximum of 1,500

2. Project Awards. A maximum of €3,000.

## Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit and quality of the proposed project, including ambition, innovation and impact;
- Applicant's track record;
- Impact on Limerick's arts and culture sector development and participation locally and its internationalisation;
- Developing and fostering collaborations and partnerships on local, national and international level;
- Financial and operational feasibility (with particular reference to likelihood or evidence of other necessary finance being available);
- Adherence to aims and objectives of Limerick Cultural Strategy Framework 2016-2030.

## Application Process

**The closing date for applications is.**

To apply for Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture, please fill in the Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture application and submit it along with requested supporting material to

[artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie](mailto:artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie)

Any queries on the guidelines or application process should also be made by email to

[artsoffice@limerick.ie](mailto:artsoffice@limerick.ie)

## Decisions

Applications will be assessed by the executive of Limerick City and County Council.

Limerick City and County Council endeavours to assess applications as quickly as possible, but the volume of applications and the assessment and approval procedure means that it will take a minimum of 2 weeks from application deadline to decision. All applicants will be informed in writing of the decision in relation to their application.

**What is not eligible:**

- Initiatives which do not display a high quality or developmental approach;
- Proposals which do not have an artistic objective, for example, sport, heritage, historical, tourism, general recreation, etc.;
- Those which work outside a budgetary framework with a large amount of unconfirmed support;
- Those which are proposed to be realised outside Limerick.
- Persons in full time undergraduate and postgraduate level study;
- Charity fundraisers;
- Festivals and Events already funded from LCCC Open Call;
- Artist in Schools Residencies (separate grant funding stream);
- Tyrone Guthrie Bursaries (separate grant funding stream);
- Publications;
- Day to day operational costs or substantial administrative costs within a proposal;
- Capital requests for building improvements to workspaces and venues.

**Conditions:**

- All successful applications are subject to the availability of funds. Funding may be divided or withheld at the discretion of Limerick City and County Council;
- Limerick City and County Council will enter into an agreement for the management and delivery of proposals with successful parties, subject to tax clearance and proof of insurance;
- Applications must be complete and have all requested supporting material;
- Successful parties will be required to complete a post-delivery report and income and expenditure statement on the completion of the agreed project delivery period.
- All projects must take place in and benefit either or both artists and residents in Limerick;
- Projects proposed must be for realisation in 2018;
- The decision of Limerick City County Council in the award of funds is final
- A communications plan will be agreed with successful parties as part of the management strategy
- Award of funds is subject to availability.
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