

8 December 2017

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick City

Re: Recommendation to Metropolitan District on the RAPID Grants Scheme 2017

The recast RAPID programme was announced in November 2017 with a budget allocation for Limerick of €64,500 to be issued by the 31st of December. The LCDC agreed that the allocation be equally split between the four RAPID areas in Limerick (€16,125 to each area). It was further agreed by the LCDC that one project for each area would be approved. The four designated areas are:

- Ballynanty / Kileely
- Kings Island
- Rathkeale
- South Limerick City

Department guidelines state that the LCDC would submit recommendations for the allocation of these monies to the Municipal Districts and that **final approval** would rest with the relevant **Municipal District**.

The LCDC established an evaluation sub-committee to assess all applications which were assessed and scored under the following criteria:

- ☐ **Need:** Applicants must clearly identify and evidence the need for the project or proposal.
- ☐ **Additionality:** Grants awarded will be for the purposes that are additional to and not a substitute for mainstream government spending. Priority will be given to projects which demonstrate that said projects would not be undertaken but for the Programme funding.
- ☐ **Government Policy:** The project or proposal must take account of government policies and priorities in the area of economic development, local and community development and social and economic disadvantage.
- ☐ **Impact:** Applicants must demonstrate the difference their project will make to the community.
- ☐ **Sustainability:** Projects must be broadly sustainable and demonstrate local support. This is particularly important in the context of the Programme as the core of the Programme is communities.

The type of projects or elements of projects eligible for funding under RAPID include (list indicative but not exhaustive): CCTV equipment; Community gardens; Public realm improvements; Streetscaping; Youth facilities; Play/recreation spaces; Energy efficiency type projects; Projects in support of the Creative

It is also necessary that projects demonstrate consistency with the Local Economic Community Plan.

The evaluation committee met on Friday 1st December 2017 to consider applications for RAPID Funding and submitted their report to the LCDC. At a meeting of the LCDC on Tuesday 5th December, it was agreed based on the evaluation committee's report to recommend the following projects for approval to the Metropolitan Municipal District.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the LCDC to the Metropolitan Municipal District that the following applications be approved for RAPID funding 2017:

1. St. Munchins Community Centre – To insert new cameras and lighting to secure Age Friendly Campus and to draw up visibility plan
2. St. Marys Community Adult Education Group CLG – To make premises more secure (insulate roof, new flooring, upgrade bathroom, replace doors, lighting in the yard)
3. Southill Area Centre – To install new lighting and CCTV and Remove existing bollards.

A detailed list of all RAPID Grant Applications received under the Metropolitan Municipal District is also attached.



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RAPID AREA: Metropolitan District

Recommended for Approval:

Rapid Area	Group/Organisation Name	Date Received	Purpose of Grant	Project Cost	Recommended Grant
Ballynanty & Kileely	St Munchins Community Centre	20/11/2017	To insert new cameras and lighting to secure Age Friendly Campus and to draw up visibility plan	€20,000	€16,125
Kings Island	St Marys Community Adult Education Group CLG	22/11/2017	Make premises more secure (insulate roof, new flooring, upgrade bathroom, replace doors , lighting in yard)	€16,500	€16,125
South Limerick	Southill Area Centre	21/11/2017	Lighting/Removal of Bollards/CCTV	€40,000	€16,125

Unsuccessful Applications:

Rapid Area	Group/Organisation Name	Date Received	Purpose of Grant	Grant Amount Applied for
Ballynanty & Kileely	Moyross Community Enterprise Centre CLG	21/11/2017	To purchase a replacement van	€16,000
Ballynanty & Kileely	Northside Family Resource Centre	23/11/2017	Connecting Young People with their Communities, Enhancing Community Safety among Older People, Equipment at the New Youth Space - Preventing anti-social behaviour, provision of a vehicle to the Older Persons Department	€16,000
Kings Island	St Marys AID CLG	16/11/2017	Hire of venue, hire of teacher and equipment for St Marys Strictly Dancing Group	€1,140
Kings Island	St Marys AID CLG	17/11/2017	To part fund community bus (cost of bus is €33,000 being funded through fundraising - short fall of €1,500)	€1,500
Kings Island	St Marys AID CLG	21/11/2017	Packaging costs for Christmas Ham Project	€1,000
Kings Island	St Marys AID CLG	21/11/2017	Cover expenses for "Pay it Forward" programme	€7,000
Kings Island	Northside Family Resource Centre - Kings Island Creche	23/11/2017	Maintenance works (painting, shutters, boiler, fences) & New Equipment (dishwasher and 2 computers)	€16,000
South Limerick	Southill Development Co-Op t/a Tait House Community Enterprise	20/11/2017	Improve safe access, entry, and exit to Tait House	€25,000