



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

17th May 2018

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Report on recommendations for Grants under the Arts Act 2003

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

At the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, held on 14th May 2018, a report on the Grants under the Arts Act Awards were presented by Ms. Sheila Deegan, Culture and Arts Officer.

After discussion, it was agreed that the recommendations go forward for approval to the full Council.

Ar moladh Eleanor McSherry,
Cuidithe ag Cllr. M. Collins, agus glacadh leis:

“That the recommendations of Grants Under the Arts Act Awards panel be brought to full Council for approval.”

Is mise le meas,

Sheila Deegan

Culture and Arts Officer



Grants under the Arts Act Recommendations and Report

In 2018 the Grants Under the Arts Act is being administered in one funding strand, the closing date for applications was Wednesday 21st February 2018.

- Average Grants Under the Arts Act funding ranges from €150 to a max of €1,000.
- Limerick City and County Council is proud to support and be associated with high quality work produced by creative practitioners based in Limerick.

Criteria for selection

Limerick City and County Council offers grant funding to amateur, community or voluntary groups, or organisations, and individual arts practitioners, which in the opinion of the authority, will stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts or assist in improving the standards of the arts.

In the Arts Act the arts are defined as painting, sculpture, architecture, music, film, drama, dance, literature, design in industry and the fine arts and applied arts generally. The awards can be used for the professional development of artists, the arts and increasing access and participation in the arts.

Assessment

All Grants under the Arts applications are considered by a selection panel, appointed by Limerick City and County Council. The selection panel meet to assess and make recommendations on all eligible applications. The assessment panel were:

- Caoimhe Reidy, Manager Friarsgate Theatre and Arts, County Limerick
- Eoghan Doyle, Assistant County Arts Officer, Kildare County Council

The panel were impressed with the level of requests for funding and the quality of the applications. *The panel also recommended that Limerick City and Council consider an increase in future funding, to enable the building of capacity around current provision and to support strategic development.*

Grant aid is awarded according to the Limerick Cultural Strategy: A Framework 2016-2030. The criteria for assessment are:

1. Artistic Merit and relevance to Limerick Artistic Programme (max. 50 marks)
 2. Track record & relevant experience (max. 40 marks)
 3. Impact:
 - a. Stimulating public interest (max. 25 marks)
 - b. Promoting interest & knowledge in the Arts (max. 25 marks)
 - c. Improving standards in the Arts (max. 25 marks)
 4. Originality/Innovation (max. 35 marks)
- Total marks (max. 200)



There were 37 applications for funding, of which 32 were successful, with a total allocation of €20,000

Grant Recipient	Grant Awarded	Municipal Area (where activity will take place)
Tony McCarthy, Circus 250	€500	Limerick Metro
Kin San Chan, Artist	€200	Limerick Metro
Torch Players	€500	Limerick Metro, Cappamore/ Kilmallock
Kieran Carey, Artist	€180	Limerick Metro
Sheila Richardson, Artist	€750	Adare/Rathkeale, Cappamore/Kilmallock
Angie Smalis, Dancer	€1,000	Limerick Metro
Gavin Hogg, Artist	€750	Limerick Metro/ Adare/Rathkeale
St. Saviours Community Drama Group	€1,000	Limerick Metro
James Furlong, Artist	€850	Limerick Metro/ Adare/Rathkeale
Gerry O'Mahony, Artist	€850	Limerick Metro, Cappamore/ Kilmallock
Rose Servitova, Writer	€375	Cappamore/Kilmallock
Zion Vocal Ensemble	€700	Limerick Metro/Adare/Rathkeale, Cappamore/Kilmallock
Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub t/a The Gaff	€1,000	Limerick Metro/Cappamore/ Kilmallock
Cecilian Musical Society	€500	Limerick Metro
Southill Family Resource Centre	€370	Limerick Metro
Music Generation Limerick City	€1,000	Limerick Metro
Mid-West Music Projects	€1,000	Cappamore/Kilmallock
Moyross Community Drama	€700	Limerick Metro
Diocese of Limerick	€975	Limerick Metro
Blas International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music & Dance	€500	Limerick Metro
Limerick Writers' Centre	€550	Limerick Metro
Bottom Dog Theatre Company	€1,000	Limerick Metro
Timothy O'Neill, Artist	€200	Limerick Metro
Limerick Mental Health Association	€750	Limerick Metro
Friars' Gate Theatre	€600	Cappamore/Kilmallock
Nuala O'Sullivan, Artist	€340	Cappamore/Kilmallock
Octopus Soup Theatre	€900	Limerick Metro
Bernardine Carroll, Artist	€350	Limerick Metro
Gerry Davis, Artist	€300	Limerick Metro
Northside Misfits	€560	Limerick Metro
Sheila Stone, Artist	€150	Limerick Metro
West Limerick Singing Club	€600	Newcastle West
Total Grant Funding Awarded	€20,000	



Notes on recommendations:

Tony McCarthy, Circus 250

Provision of funding for an archive exhibit, of travelling circus history and its impact on the Limerick region, as part of the St Patrick's Weekend.

Kin San Chan, Artist

Artists' bursary, to assist in the purchase of materials and other associated artists costs.

Torch Players

To cover the costs involved of a stage production of "The Constant Wife" at the Belltable and three one act plays at The Locke Bar in November.

Kieran Carey, Artist

Artists' bursary towards the costs of materials – canvas, paints, etc.

Sheila Richardson, Artist

Artists' bursary, to cover the costs incurred in the preparation for and attendance of three upcoming exhibitions.

Angie Smalis, Dancer

Dance bursary to assist in developing her practice through collaboration with other performers and musicians and the development of a character based dance work and video series.

Gavin Hogg, Artist

Artists' bursary towards his membership of Limerick printmakers and the materials required to create a number of large scale paintings.

St. Saviours Community Drama Group

Support for the staging of a production of "Last Orders", the group's eleventh self penned play, at the Belltable Arts Centre.

James Furlong, Artist

Artists' bursary towards the materials necessary to produce a body of work commemorating the 1919 Limerick Soviet and another focussing on the participants of the Adare Men's Shed Group.

Gerry O'Mahony, Artist

Artists' bursary, support towards painting materials and exhibition costs for shows in Friars Gate, Killmallock and Central Buildings, O'Connell Street Limerick.

Rose Servitova, Writer

Writers' bursary to assist her continued professional development.



Zion Vocal Ensemble

Grant assistance to purchase a keyboard, keyboard stand and case in order to expand the ensembles repertoire.

Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub t/a The Gaff

To cover the artistic costs associated with the production of a new music, dance and drama project, which is being undertaken in partnership with the Moyross Community Drama group.

Cecilian Musical Society

To assist in the staging of a large scale musical "The Producers" between November and December 2018.

Southill Family Resource Centre

Grant assistance to purchase percussion instruments for the Southill Older Peoples Group.

Music Generation Limerick City

To assist in the recording and release of Limerick Voices Vol2 a collection of music created by teenagers across Limerick.

Mid-West Music Projects

Towards artistic tuition and instruments in order to set up a Ukulele and Guitar Orchestra of young performers. This orchestra will be drawn from smaller groups based throughout the county.

Moyross Community Drama

To cover dance classes related to a new music, dance and drama project being undertaken in conjunction with Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub.

Diocese of Limerick

The "Contemporary Art in Churches" project is a visual arts series sponsored by Limerick Diocese. This assistance is sought to cover artists and curators stipends and travel expenses for an expansion to the project.

Blas International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music & Dance

Contribution towards the associated costs of staging a traditional music concert in St. Mary's Cathedral in July, 2018.

Limerick Writers' Centre

Funding towards the artistic costs for the "Bring your Limericks to Limerick 2018" event.

Bottom Dog Theatre Company

To support the production and presentation of their 10th series of rehearsed readings "Four Political Plays", working with a local and national cast.

Timothy O'Neill, Artist



Artist bursary towards the materials costs involved in producing and showing a series of new works.

Limerick Mental Health Association

Funding towards an artistic program, with a musical performance and an exhibition of the programs works.

Friars' Gate Theatre

To facilitate the professional development of both new and current members of the Friars' Gate in-house Theatre Group through a series of appropriate workshops.

Nuala O'Sullivan, Artist

Artist bursary towards purchase of art materials to upgrade the quality of her work in order to create new works for both open submissions and group national exhibitions.

Octopus Soup Theatre

Support for a staged reading of "The Dinner Party", a new work, using local actors.

Bernardine Carroll, Artist

Artists' bursary towards Limerick Printmakers membership and for training in relevant printmaking techniques.

Gerry Davis, Artist

Artists' bursary, for the materials necessary to create a collection of paintings for exhibit at Galway Arts Centre in January 2019.

Northside Misfits

In addition to their production of "Mein Gott", Northside Misfits Drama Group will also use the grant aid on professional development.

Sheila Stone, Artist

Artists' bursary, to finance the transportation and installation of her project "Charons Boat" to the Museum of Irish Immigration in Dublin.

West Limerick Singing Club

With the annual traditional Garry Mahon Singing Weekend in its 10th year, grant aid will be used to support this county Limerick tradition.