

11th July 2018

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

Re: Panel recommendations: Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018/19

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

At the Cultural Strategic Policy Committee, held on 10th July 2018, Ms. Sheila Deegan, Culture and Arts Office, presented a report on the recommendations from the assessment panel for Festivals and Events Scheme 2018.

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

Strand 1 Ar moladh, Cllr Jerome Scanlan
Cuidithe ag Keith Bogue, agus glacadh leis:

“That the recommendations for Strand 1 of the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018/19 be brought to full Council for approval.”

Strand 2 Ar moladh, Cllr John Loftus
Cuidithe ag Cllr Michael Sheahan, agus glacadh leis:

“That the recommendations for Strand 2 of the Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018/19 be brought to full Council for approval.”

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2	B fest	€1,900	Adare/Rath
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4	Broadford Cultural and Arts Series	€2,000	NCW
5	Celebrating Catherine Hayes	€4,000	Metro
6	Feile Luimnigh	€5,000	Metro
7	Fleadh by the Feale	€5,000	NCW
8	Halloween Fright Fest Castleconnell	€3,000	Metro
9	Heritage of St. Kierans	€3,000	Adare/Rath
10	Knocklong History Week	€2,000	Capp/Kill
11	Limerick Milk Market Garden Festival	€3,000	Metro
12	Limerick Soviet Exhibition	€5,000	Multiple
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16	Military History Exhibition	€2,000	Metro
17	Musicale - Music Generation Limerick	€3,000	Multiple
18	Rugbyites Way - Alone it 'Still' Stands	€1,000	Metro
19	Soulscapes	€1,500	Capp/Kill
20	WAMSB Ireland 2019	€6,000	Metro
21	West Limerick Drama Festival	€3,000	NCW
TOTAL		€65,000	

STRAND 2 BAND A: Name of Festival/Event		Amount Recommended	District
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3.	Bualadh Bos Childrens Festival	€7,000	All districts
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12.	Limerick Sings	€10,000	Metro/Adare
13.	Open House	€3,000	All districts
14.	Pigtown Series	€10,000	Metro
15.	Samhain	€10,000	Metro
16.	St Marys Cathedral Festival	€5,000	Metro
Total		€129,000	

STRAND 2 BAND B: Name of Festival/Event		Amount Recommended	District
1.	Elemental Presents 2019	€20,000	Metro
2.	Foynes Air Show 2019	€20,000	Adare/Rathkeale
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4.	LEAF 2019	€11,000	Metro
5.	Richard Harris International Film Festival 2018	€15,000	Metro/Capp/Kill
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Caroline Curley
Director of Service

Enclosed is a report and recommendations for investment through the awarding of grant assistance under the Limerick Festivals and Events Grant Scheme 2018/19. The newly formed Cultural SPC along with members of the sector, recommended strategic investment in Festivals/Events in 2018/2019, with a total budget of €270,000. The grant call closed on 19th June at 5pm. Sixty applications were received with a total ask of over €1,300,000.

An evaluation panel considered all applications based on the criteria for this Grant Scheme as approved by the Culture SPC on the 8th of May.

The assessment panel met on Monday 2nd of July.

Recommendations : Strand 1 – Total Fund Available = €65,000

- There were 29 applications with a total ask of €179,775.
- The panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 21 successful applicants totalling €65,000 (see recommendations in attached report)

Recommendations : Strand 2: Total Fund available = €205,000

- 31 applications were received with a total ask of €1,120,940
- The panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 21 successful applicants totalling €205,000 (see recommendations in attached report)

Assessment Panel

The panel composition for the assessment of applications to this grant scheme was decided at the Full Council Meeting on the 28th of May as follows: 7 cross party representative from the Cultural SPC; 2 sectoral interests from the Cultural SPC; and 1 Independent National Expert to be chosen by the Executive based on relevant experience.

The panel consisted of the following;

Cllr. Joe Leddin (Lab)
Cllr. Kieran O Hanlon (FF)
Cllr. Stephen Keary (FG)
Cllr. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh (SF)
Cllr. John Loftus (NP)
Cllr. Kevin Sheahan (FF)
Cllr. Marian Hurley (FG)
Louise Donlon
Keith Bogue
Fiach Mac Conghail - Chair

Recommendations : Strand 1 – Total Fund Available = €65,000

- The allocation of funding in this strand is €65,000.
- There were 29 applications with a total ask of €179,775.
- The panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 21 successful applicants.

The objective of **Strand 1** is to support a diverse range of arts, culture and heritage Festivals/Events from small, voluntary and community focused groups and those wishing to develop new ideas. While the range of activities might be expressed in a variety of forms, the scheme's focus is firmly placed on public engagement and activities that have arts, culture and/or heritage feature strongly in their overall programme. The scheme will consider applications from Festivals/Events seeking funding to be invested directly in arts, culture and/or heritage activities which complement and provide additional programming to other pre-existing Festival/Event activities which may on their own not be eligible. (e.g. A sports event/festival which wishes to add arts, culture or heritage programming). The scheme included events or festivals that celebrated local and national non-political commemorative events.

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1. African Drums and Rhythm Circle Limerick 2018

A series of community music engagements, open to all who enjoy playing the African drums and rhythm.

2. B-Fest @ Condron's Bar 2019

A four day community festival weekend with a programme of live music and fun events for all ages which has been running since 2013. It provides a unique opportunity to celebrate our famine heritage and foster a further appreciation of the history of our surroundings for

younger generations.

3. Blás International Summer School of Irish Traditional Music and Dance 2019

Blás wishes to expand the number of Irish traditional dance events in Limerick City by holding a public céilí with a prominent céilí band in the heart of the city. This céilí will continue their efforts to foster a deeper connection between Blás and the Limerick City community.

4. Broadford Cultural and Arts Series 2018/2019

The organisers seek to provide opportunities for people to experience and access arts, cultural and heritage events in Broadford and the surrounding areas and encourage local talent from all sectors to become involved thus encouraging social inclusion.

5. Celebrating Catherine Hayes-200th Anniversary 2018

A Commemorative Event for Catherine Hayes, world renowned 19th Century Irish Opera singer, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of her birth in Limerick.

6. Féile Luimnigh 2019

Féile Luimnigh wish to present a concert aimed at providing a platform for young people and teenagers to showcase their talents in poetry, drama, music, song and labhairt na Gaeilge. The concert aims to celebrate diversity and cultural difference while at the same time emphasizing the unique heritage and culture tradition which is unique to Limerick.

7. Fleadh by the Feale 2019

Fleadh by the Feale offers a feast of Traditional Music, song, dance & storytelling over the five days of the May Bank Holiday weekend. There are sessions in most bars, Ceilís, Celebrity Concert, Busking, open air social dancing, Art competition for Primary schools, Workshops, and the world famous Bone Playing competition. This application seeks to develop the internationally recognized Bone Playing Competition, which is unique to the festival.

8. Halloween Fright Fest Castleconnell 2018

The organisers aim to grow the annual Castleconnell Fright Fest into a two day event with a full program of activities and to attract more visitors, both locally and from further afield, to Castleconnell.

9. Heritage of St. Kierans 2019

Plan to revisit the Pike Men re-enactment of the 1867 rebellion in Ardagh village and develop a showcase of the heritage of the St. Kieran's area and re-run the Ardagh Chalice play for members of the public.

10. Knocklong History Week 2019

A celebration of the centenary of the Rescue of Sean Hogan in May 2019 which is considered a seminal event in the War of Independence and a major event in the history of Limerick and the Munster region.

11. Limerick Milk Market 2018-2019

Limerick Market Trustees are seeking funding for a newly established Limerick Garden Festival. The organisers are looking to establish the event in the region and beyond and attract garden and outdoor tourists. Additionally, the LMT sought support for the Christmas

at the Milk Market Series 2018 which has run successfully for a number of years. The panel decision was that inline with the terms and conditions of the scheme they considered one festival only and allocated funding to the Limerick Garden Festival

12. Limerick Soviet 2019

The joint organisers, Limerick Museum and The Hunt Museum, wish to curate an exhibition telling the story of the Limerick Soviet on its 100th anniversary in April 2019. In parallel, they are planning a series of Public Collection days to supplement the archive material, gain public participation and to provide input to a wiki-Editathon as well as a small conference of academics and historians interested in the period and its links to other European movements.

13. Limerick Writers Centre-April is Poetry Month 2019

The Limerick Writers' Centre has been organising *April is Poetry Month in Limerick* since 2014. Their objective is to create a vibrant presence for poetry in the city, placing poetry before the largest possible audience. This is a cooperative festival with the organisers collaborating with other poetry activities which take place in the city during the month.

14. LÍon-Limericks Adventure with Language/Eachtra Teanga Luimneagh 2018

LÍON will be a day long bilingual open-access event for audience and performers to share in an experience of the role of language in forming the culture of our community.

15. Make a Move-Youth, Community Urban Arts Festival 2018

Develop female confidence and participation in electronic music forms. Provide an opportunity for mass participation in street art and printmaking project with Irish artist Jim Fitzpatrick.

16. Military History Exhibition 2018

The organisers wish to stage a two week military exhibition in City Hall in order to create an awareness of the military history of Limerick City and County.

17. Musicale-Music Generation Limerick 2018

Musicale is a non-competitive, inclusive, innovative music festival that runs over a ten day period, incorporating a range of events of differing size and covering all styles and modes of music making. Following a successful pilot in 2017, the 2018 event will expand to also include venues across County Limerick.

18. Rugbyites Way-Along it 'Still' Stands

Rugbyites Way will launch in October 2018 and roll out a programme of events and initiatives to promote Limerick's sporting and cultural heritage. The inaugural event will be a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Munster beating the All Blacks on 31st Oct 1978.

19. Soulscapes 2018

The Soulscapes series takes place in Friarsgate Theatre Killmallock in November, traditionally a month of reflection and remembering and in Celtic times the start of the New Year. The series hosts some of Ireland's leading innovative and social thinkers who present a diverse series of talks throughout the month.

20. WAMSB Ireland 2019

Irish Marching Band Association together with Celtic Horizon Tours have partnered to develop a series of marching band events from 2019 to 2021 with a view to bringing the WAMSB and its affiliate bands to Ireland over the coming years. The first of these events will take place from July 26 – 28 2019. Should the event prove successful, it is expected that this will become an annual event.

21. West Limerick Drama Festival 2019

The aim of the Festival is to promote drama in the West Limerick area by introducing new types of drama to broaden the interests of people, introducing new modern productions and playwrights.

Recommendations: Strand 2: Total Fund available = €205,000

- 31 applications were received with a total ask of €1,120,940
- Strand 2 was divided into two bands:
 - Band A:** Applicants seeking funding from €10,000 – 50,000
 - Band B:** Applicants seeking funding from €51,000 +

Limerick has experienced the transformative effect of Festival and Events in communicating a new set of values, offerings and identity to the world. Therefore, the objective of **Strand 2** is to support a diverse range of arts, culture and heritage Festivals/Events to enhance the programming and delivery of festivals and events in that have helped transform Limerick. While these might be expressed in a variety of forms, the scheme's focus is firmly placed on public engagement and activities that have arts, culture and/or heritage feature strongly in their overall programme. The scheme sought applications from medium and large organisations, festivals and events including those proposing new events. The scheme accepted applications from those seeking funding to be invested directly in arts, culture and/or heritage activities which complement and provide additional programming to other pre-existing Festival/Event activities which may on their own not be eligible. (e.g. a sports event/festival).

Strand 2 (Band A)

- There were 24 applications with a total ask of €659,098.
- The panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 16 successful applicants to the total value of €129,000.

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1. Askeaton Arts Festival/Welcome to the Neighbourhood 2019

Askeaton Contemporary Arts commission, produce and exhibit contemporary art in the locale of a small town in County Limerick, Ireland. Since 2006, over one hundred artists have lived and worked in the town, each enhancing the life of Askeaton.

2. Bread Not Profits 2019

A plan to stage Bread Not Profits by Mike Finn (a play commemorating the Limerick Soviet of 1919) in a site-specific production at Cleeve's factory Limerick and deliver a public engagement programme based around the production and the history of the Limerick Soviet.

3. Bualadh Bós 2018

The chief objective of the festival is to make a significant social and cultural impact on children and young people in Limerick. It aims to bring the very best in performing arts for young people to the city and county, to engage as many local children as possible, to ignite their imagination and to encourage childhood creativity.

4. Cappamore Show 2019

The Show Society was formed in 1954 and over the years has grown into an annual event, which aims to bring people together in a community social setting while at the same time promoting the advancement and study of the arts, crafts and agricultural sciences.

5. Cecilian Musical Society Centenary Programme 2019

The Cecilian Musical Society provides an opportunity to its members to develop onstage, backstage, directorial and choreographing skills through series of performances, events and workshops throughout the year culminating in a large-scale musical in November. This application sought funding for an extensive Centenary Programme in 2019.

6. Fresh Film Festival 2019

Fresh Film Festival is a celebration of youth film for filmmakers and audiences aged 7 – 18, hosting public screenings, workshops, master classes, events and film productions. It enriches schools programmes, offers public engagement and networking in Limerick nationally and internationally.

7. John McCarthy Circus Bar Travelling Exhibition 2019

Produce a touring exhibition about the life's work of John McCarthy, Circus Historian and Enthusiast from Cappamore Co. Limerick. His extensive circus collection gave an intriguing and colourful insight into the travelling circuses in Ireland dating from 1895 until 1966.

8. Light Moves Film Festival 2018

Light Moves is committed to curating high-quality screendance and media arts that inspire, challenge and break new ground whilst resonating with identity, community and environment. It provides a platform for feature screenings, short films, installations, workshops and a Symposium, connecting with audiences, locally, nationally and internationally.

9. Limerick Fringe 2019

The objectives of Limerick Fringe are to support artists and producers to promote new, vibrant and daring arts to a wider audience utilising non-traditional spaces. Limerick Fringe is a showcase for talent. Offering a platform to try out new work, increase audiences, gain reputation and enhance professionalism.

10. Limerick Jazz Festival 2019

Limerick Jazz Festival presents leading Irish and international musicians in venues around the city during the last weekend in September, together with numerous free events. The festival was inaugurated in 2012. Programming is designed to combine high quality and accessibility.

11. Limerick Literary Festival 2019

Limerick festival that showcases writers and their works from different genres. It also includes live music and comedy events and works with established and emerging writers. The festival caters to all readers, both in terms of age and interest. In 2019 the ambition is to celebrate 35 years by programming 35 writers.

12. Limerick Sings 2019

Limerick Sings is a non-competitive choral festival, which brings choirs from varying backgrounds and singing traditions together for several days of performing, sightseeing and socializing. The festival aims to promote Limerick to national and international visitors.

13. Open House 2018

A three day free festival to showcase often inaccessible architecture across the Limerick region to the public. Access is coordinated to private and public sites, architectural tours and artistic and cultural events that exemplify Limerick region's architectural, design, engineering, artistic and cultural heritage.

14. Pigtown Series 2019

Limerick Food Group is a voluntary group that came together to promote Limerick food, our food culture, and profile Limerick as a quality food destination. In 2019 the series will programme a Pig Parade, speakers, chefs and musicians.

15. Samhain 2018

Develop and host a Community Halloween Festival on Nicholas Street and the surrounding area, which will culminate in a night-time (Twilight) parade, offering professional workshops where local people can learn how to create puppets and lanterns, to be showcased in the Twilight Parade.

16. St. Mary's Cathedral Festival 2018/19

To build on and develop the impact of this year's 850th anniversary year-long celebratory festival in St. Mary's Cathedral with a series of events and concerts to celebrate 125 years of St. Michael's church located in Pery Square.

Strand 2 (Band B) Applications

- 7 applications were received with a total ask of €461,842.
- 5 applications are recommended for funding.
- The recommended allocation of funding is €76,000

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1.	Elemental Presents 2019	€20,000	Metro
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	Total	€76,000	

1. Elemental Presents 2019

The objective of Elemental is to organise and manage an Arts Festival/Projects to be held annually in Limerick City & County for the benefit of the public. Using a multidisciplinary arts and culture festival as its model, Elemental sets out to make arts and culture as accessible as possible to a wide range of participants and spectators.

2. Foynes Air Show 2019

It is proposed to build on the success of the previous years' experiences and in particular build on the 2018 event to animate and enhance the experience of the audience to Foynes Air Show.

3. HearSay 2019

HearSay's aim is to sustain and grow an internationally renowned high quality creative audio festival in Kilfinane that inspires and celebrates creative audio, commissions ambitious new work, builds awareness and demand for this emerging art form, and creates cultural and economic opportunities locally.

4. LEAF 2019

The organisers propose to host a world-class, multi-venue electronic arts festival, showcasing digital arts, music and technology across one weekend in Limerick.

5. Richard Harris International Film Festival 2018

The festival aims to bring unique film/arts events for the people of Limerick to enjoy that otherwise wouldn't be available for local audiences and assists in the career development of local and Irish film-makers through events and networking, establishing Limerick/Mid-West as prime production destination, whilst promoting local artists.