

15th September 2023

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

To approve Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture Awards

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Limerick Arts Office have issued 55 letters of support under the Limerick City and County Council Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture Scheme 2023, to applicants applying to national and international awards.

For review at September's meeting:

External Award	Applicant	External Award Amount	LCCC Strategic Award
After Hours at the Museum Arts Council	Ormston House	10,000	1,000
Opera Commission Award	Opera Workshop	16,000	1,600
Opera Projects and Productions Award Strand 3	Opera Workshop	178,782	5,000
Opera Projects and Production Award, Strand 1	Opera Workshop	21,750	2,175
Young Ensembles Scheme	Limerick Youth Theatre	25,000	2,500
Capacity Building Support Scheme	EVA International	20,000	2,000
Creative Ireland Creative Youth Nurture Fund	Ballyhoura Development	90,000	5,000
Capacity Building Support Scheme	Opera Workshop	11,000	1,100
Creative Ireland Creative Youth Nurture Fund	Limerick Learning Hub	90,000	5,000
TOTALS		€462,532	€25,375

The Council is requested to approve the allocations outlined, amounting to €25,375

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Purpose of the Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture Award

The 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, with an aim to leverage funding from other national and international sources.

The percentage available from the Limerick City and County Council Strategic Fund for Arts and Culture is 10% of the successful national or international amount awarded, to a maximum of €5,000 in 2023.

PROJECT DETAILS:

Late Night Museum Art Fund – Arts Council

Ormston House

The funding is for a series of late-night events that will all take place in Ormston House in Limerick City Centre and feature local artists. The events will take place between 2nd – 5th November 2023.

Opera Commission Award – Arts Council

Opera Workshop

Commission composer, Luke Byrne, as part of composition of two new chamber operas. The new Ballybruff Trilogy.

Opera Projects and Productions Award Strand 3 – Arts council

Opera Workshop

This funding will support the Set Design, Costume Design and Artist fees for The Ballybruff Trilogy. Production work will begin in the Autumn 2023 on a part-time basis, going into Pre-production in February 2024 with rehearsals running from April and performances at the Belltable Theatre at the end of May 2024.

Opera Projects and Production Award, Strand 1 – Arts Council

Opera Workshop

This funding will support the Librettist and Director fees for the initial development work of a proposed new opera inspired by Limerick author, Kate O' Brien. We believe this is a timely project considering 2024 is the 50th anniversary of the acclaimed Limerick author's death.

Young Ensembles Scheme – Arts Council

LYT (Limerick Youth Theatre)

Junior and senior members of Limerick Youth Theatre (LYT) plan to join forces with County Limerick Youth Theatre (CoLYT) to develop and present a new multidisciplinary artistic project in collaboration with The Hunt Museum and the Irish Youth Chamber Orchestra. They will stage a number of promenade performances in August 2023 in the gardens of The Hunt Museum involving a large number of young artists.

Capacity Building Support Scheme Arts Council

EVA International

The funds will support EVA to conduct a strategic development process with the EVA Board and Team, and prepare EVA's existing strategic plan for the period of 2024 - 2029, to reflect internal and external changes to the organisation and broader social context.

Creative Youth Nurture Fund - Creative Ireland

Ballyhoura Development

The project, Building Bridges, will work directly with 10-15 Traveller Young People from East Limerick over a period of 18-24 months. Needs in the community were identified through ongoing work through East Limerick Traveller Project and research /focus groups with the community. Through the means of drama the project will build the capacity of participants and provide a safe space for them to explore their vision for their future and how they can get involved in decision making that affects them.

Capacity Building Support Scheme – Arts Council

Opera Workshop

Opera Workshop, with support from the Lime Tree | Belltable, will recruit a freelance, part-time Administrative officer. The overall aim is to create a more permanent development role as we seek to diversify the company's funding strategy. We aim also to build on the company's current excellent reputation as a creative opera making force in Limerick.

Creative Youth Nurture Fund - Creative Ireland

Limerick Learning Hub

This project will engage with young people transitioning from care and in Aftercare. Aftercare planning begins while young people are still in care at 17 years of age. It will work with young people in the 17-23 year age cohort in care/aftercare living in Limerick. The project will put particular focus on including young people who do not received an aftercare allowance from Tusla. An aftercare allowance is made in respect of the young adult and the purpose of the allowance is to cover the day to day costs associated in supporting the young adult as they progress in education or accredited training. Young people who are in receipt of an Aftercare Allowance will not be excluded from participating.