

12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**To: The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

**Strategic Fund for Culture and Arts allocation recommendation**

**A Chomhairleoir, a chara,**

The strategic fund for culture and arts was developed by Limerick City and County Council to facilitate culture and arts organisations and practitioners in leveraging funds from national and international sources. The percentage available from the fund is 10% of the successful national or international award, to a maximum of €5,000 to fund elements of the projects specific to Limerick.

The following applicants have been successful in leveraging funding from the Arts Council, and the approval of Limerick City and County Council is requested for the maximum award of the Limerick elements of their projects, totalling €15,000.

External Award	Applicant	External Award Amount	LCCC Strategic Award
Arts Council Project Award Round 1	Colin Dunne	€64,260	€5,000
Arts Council Project Award Round 1	Teresa Collins (STARLING)	€57,000	€5,000
Arts Council Project Award Round 1	Joanne Ryan	€174,861	€5,000

Mise le meas,



Eatin McCooey

Arts Officer | Creative Ireland Coordinator

Rural, Culture, Community and Tourism Development Directorate.

### **Arts Council Project Award Round 1**

**Colin Dunne**

The award will support an innovative and original collaboration between the dancer and two traditional musicians, an engineer and theatre maker. The award from Limerick City and County Council will specifically fund one full week of rehearsal fees for the five collaborators and the development to be held at Dance Limerick in March 2026. The award will provide an invaluable contribution to the making of the work locally and provide valuable resources to allow the artist to continue to contribute to the artistic and cultural landscape of Limerick.

### **Arts Council Project Award Round 1**

**STARLING**

The award will support STARLING, a co-founded artist-led exhibition space in Limerick city. This award would enable them to establish an international residency opportunity in 2026, that will benefit a group of Irish and international artists and curators. The residency project will partner with the revered and long-standing French artist-led organisation Treignac Projet. This will establish a unique collective residency in 2026 over a four-week period. STARLING will facilitate a reciprocal follow up to the residency in Limerick city, grounding and sharing knowledge accumulated on the first part of the residency. They will host two artists / arts professionals for three weeks, opening networking opportunities with other established arts organisations and cultural hubs in Limerick.

### **Arts Council Project Award Round 1**

**Joanne Ryan**

This application was approved by the Arts Council in 2024, extended into 2025, to allow Joanne Ryan and co-lead artist Ann Blake to complete development on their exciting project based on Limerick born Hollywood actress Constance Smith. As part of this process Joanne and Ann partnered with Lime Tree Theatre, Ormston House, Dance Limerick and the Irish Chamber Orchestra. This unique project saw them present a landmark, site-responsive, promenade theatrical event inspired the life of Constance Smith. They were supported by well-established artists and partners. This work is of a hugely ambitious scale, that was performed in Limerick's famous Theatre Royal.