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

Re: Panel recommendations: St. Patrick's Festival Funding Open Call 2026

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Enclosed is a report and recommendations for investment in Limerick's St. Patrick's Festival 2026 under the Limerick City and County Council Festivals and Events St. Patrick's Festival Funding Open Call.

The Economic and Tourism Development Department issued an Open Call for funding, through a Press Release, on Monday 19th January 2026 for community groups, cultural organisations, venues, businesses and event producers to apply for financial support to assist in the delivery of parades and events that will form part of the St. Patrick's Festival programme across Limerick city and county. The closing date for receipt of completed applications was Friday 6th February 2026 at 12 noon.

Applicants could apply under the following three categories:

- Limerick St. Patrick's County Parades Support – Subdivided into 1. Towns and 2. Villages
- Cultural Institutions/Venues - St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events
- Other St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events/Creations

A maximum of €41,000 was available as part of the Open Call. 25 applications were received with a total ask of €61,050.74.

An assessment panel, including; Eugene Crimmins, Festivals & Event Officer, Aoife O'Connell, Assistant Arts Officer Ryder Cup Management and Shane Feane, Staff Officer, Economic and Tourism Development, met on Thursday 12th of February 2026 and considered all applications based on the guidelines and criteria for the funding, which included a brief description, including date(s), location and relevance of each event to the St. Patrick's Festival.

The Assessment Panel recommended that grants be allocated up to a total amount of €40,403.50, as follows:

Category 1: Limerick St. Patrick's County Parades Support – Subdivided into 1. Towns (maximum funding cap at €1,800 per town) and 2. Villages (maximum funding cap at €800 per village)

- 12 applications were considered under this category with a total ask of €15,698.50.
- The assessment panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 12 successful applicants totalling €11,648.50.

Category 2: Cultural Institutions/Venues - St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events

- 3 applications were considered under this strand with a total ask of €12,250.00.
- The assessment panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 3 successful applicants totalling €10,300.

Category 3: Other St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events/Creations

- 10 applications were considered under this strand with a total ask of €33,102.24.
- The assessment panel has recommended the allocation of funding to 8 successful applicants totalling €18,455.00.

The members of Limerick City and County Council are hereby requested to approve grants to the amount of €40,403.50 under the St. Patrick's Festival Open Call 2026 on the recommendation of the assessment panel, as set out in this report. A breakdown of the funding amounts sought and recommended can be found at Appendix 1 below.

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Brendan Troy

Head of Economic and Tourism Development

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APPENDIX 1

Category 1: Limerick St. Patrick's County Parades Support – Subdivided into 1. Towns and 2. Villages

<u>Name of St. Patrick's County Parade location</u>	<u>Funding Amount Sought</u>	<u>Funding Amount Recommended</u>
Hospital	€1,650.00	€800.00
Ballylanders	€800.00	€500.00
Abbeyfeale	€1,800.00	€1,800.00
Bruff	€800.00	€800.00
Newcastle West	€1,800.00	€1,800.00
Adare	€1,800.00	€800.00
Askeaton	€1,800.00	€800.00
Broadford	€800.00	€500.00
Castlemahon	€800.00	€500.00
Kilmallock	€1,800.00	€1,800.00
Castleconnell	€1,048.50	€1,048.50
Mountcollins	€800	€500

€11,648.50

Category 2: Cultural Institutions/Venues - St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events

<u>Name of Cultural Institution</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Funding Amount Sought</u>	<u>Funding Amount Recommended</u>
Hunt Museum	Lá Fhéile Pádraig ag An Músaem an Hunt - St. Patrick's Weekend at the Hunt Museum	€6,750.00	€5,000.00
Comhluadar Luimnigh	Féile Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2026	€5,000.00	€5,000.00
King John's Castle	Harp Harmony – A celebration of Ireland's National Instrument	€500.00	€300.00

€10,300.00

Category 3: Other St. Patrick's Festival-themed Events/Creations

<u>Name of Organisation</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Funding Amount Sought</u>	<u>Funding Amount Recommended</u>
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Go Fly Your Kite	Go Fly Your Kite: St Patrick' Kite Workshop & Legends of Limerick	€1,605.00	€1,605.00
Spotlight Stage School	Collab with LSAD - Limerick St. Patrick's Parade	€1,141.00	€1,000.00
UL Kayaking Club	Shamrock Splash	€500.00	€500.00
Limerick Fireside	"St Patrick was a Gentleman"-Tales of St Patrick by the Limerick Fireside	€1,700.00	€1,700.00
Polish Arts Festival	Echoes Beneath the Water	€8,020.00	€6,500.00
Lumen Street Theatre	Sarsfield Returns - Limerick St. Patrick's Parade	€15,000.00	€6,500.00
Croom Community Development Association	10km and Family Fun 5km Races	€384.24	€350.00
Limerick Fire & Flow Community	St. Patrick's Parade Entry, Props, Performance & Entertainment	€300.00	€300.00

€18,455.00