

Date: 10/09/2026

To: Cathaoirleach and each Elected Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

Ref: Grants Under the Night Time Economy Pilot Programme Scheme via Twilight Thursday initiative

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

As part of the national night time economy pilot programme, Limerick City & County Council published the city's night time economy action plan in July 2025. The plan outlines 7 key pillars containing a total of 21 actions. The highest priority action was developing Twilight Thursday which has proven to be a great success so far and has since been adopted by Dublin, Cork, Sligo and Drogheda.

The Department of Culture, Communications and Sport have made a total of €65,000 available to Limerick City & County Council for Night Time Economy in Limerick City Centre under the Night Time Economy Pilot Programme.

At the 9th of March meeting of The Metropolitan District of Limerick, The Elected Members approved these funds to be allocated towards monthly Twilight Thursday grants which could be noted retrospectively

The assessment panel meets on a monthly basis to assess each application and awards partial or full funding to successful applicants.

The assessment panel consists of Craig Power (Night Time Economy), Shane Feane (Festivals & Events), Aoife O'Connell (Ryder Cup) and Daire McGrath (Festivals & Events) as an alternate if one panel member is unavailable

In July & August 2026 we allocated the grants noted on appendix 1.

The Members of the Metropolitan District of Limerick are hereby requested to retrospectively note the allocation of grants for March and April as outlined on appendix 1.

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Craig Power

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Economic, Tourism, Culture, Property and

Corporate Buildings Directorate

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