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Clár Éire Ildánach
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Programme
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CREATIVE IRELAND COUNTY CORK GRANT SCHEME 2018

Cork County Council and Department of Culture,
Heritage and the Gaeltacht

County of Cork: Guidelines and Criteria

1. Background:

"The Creative Ireland Programme is an invitation to the entire country to get involved in something truly inspirational. At its heart is collaboration - between central and local government, between culture and industry, between artists and policy makers - to facilitate an ecosystem of creativity. The transformational potential of culture was understood by the revolutionary generation. During 2016, as we commemorated the events that led to the foundation of our state, we rediscovered the power of cultural creativity to bring communities together, and to strengthen our sense of identity. That is why it became obvious that we should build a legacy of 2016 around our cultural heritage. Multiple discussions led to the idea of personal and collective creativity as a policy objective. The best way to nurture the creative imagination is through active engagement with arts and culture. Promoting creativity provides us with a strategy for individual wellbeing, social cohesion and economic success."

The Creative Ireland Programme, which is the national strategy for culture and creativity, recognises the important role that culture has in all our lives, both for visitors to the County and for residents new and old. By supporting and promoting culture in its widest sense, including arts, heritage, literary traditions and traditional music, customs, and language, there is a commitment to something greater than the sum of its parts; a commitment to wellbeing and fulfilment both individually and at community level; a commitment to deepening our sense of place and strengthening our connection with one another through culture.

Cork County Council values the rich culture and heritage that exists within the County and the numerous groups and culturally active people who engage with it on a daily basis. The Creative Ireland Programme, which has the ability to further enhance the place of culture within the County, is based on the following five key themes:

- 1: Enabling the Creative Potential of Every Child
- 2: Enabling Creativity in Every Community
- 3: Investing in our Creative and Cultural Infrastructure
- 4: The Creative Industries including Media Production
- 5: Unifying our Global Reputation

The Community Participation Strand (Strand 2) is being led by local authorities across the country. As part of the Creative Ireland Programme, each City and County will shortly be publishing a 5-year Culture and Creativity Strategy. The County Cork Strategy has benefited greatly from the numerous workshops held and submissions received, and it will be available soon at www.corkcoco.ie/arts-heritage/creative-ireland. This strategy is underpinned by the following 6 key priorities:

Priority One: [Enhancing and Investing in our Local Cultural and Creative Infrastructure](#)

Priority Two: [Liberating Creativity – encouraging the exploration of creative ability through culture, both at the individual and community level](#)

Priority Three: [Knowing Ourselves – fostering a sense of belonging to place through our culture and heritage and expressing this creatively](#)

Priority Four: [Supporting and promoting full community engagement with culture](#)

Priority Five: [Showcasing County Cork – supporting and promoting Cork’s cultural wonders and talent at home and abroad](#)

Priority Six: [Our Native Voice – Our Irish Language](#)

In order to work towards the key themes and priorities of the National Creative Ireland Programme and the County Cork 5-year Culture and Creativity Strategy, the 2018 Creative Ireland County Cork Grant Scheme has been put in place. This Scheme is being financed through monies from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The Scheme recognises the importance of the community sector to the county’s very culture and well-being and aims to support people and communities in undertaking projects and events that are in keeping with any one or many of the Creative Ireland Programme Strands as well as any or many of the 6 priorities set out in the County Cork Culture and Creativity Strategy (as set out above), in addition to initiatives that will generate awareness of the Creative Ireland Programme as a whole. Consideration will also be given to events that are being undertaken for the national day of culture and youth – Cruinniú na nÓg – taking place on Saturday June 23rd 2018.

The Creative Ireland Programme was launched on December 8th 2016 and is available to view online at <http://creativeireland.ie> or via www.corkcoco.ie/arts-heritage/creativeireland.

2. Criteria for Funding

In relation to this Grant Scheme each application must meet certain criterion, prior to proceeding to the final assessment process. *Please note that this Scheme is geared primarily towards not-for-profit groups and organisations and Collaborative Projects of a Community origin/focus will be given priority.*

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for funding the following must be demonstrated:

- That the proposal is to take place within or relate to the functional area of Cork County Council or promotes important aspects of County Cork's culture further afield.
- That the proposal has been organised at individual/community level and will either encourage or benefit participation in the Creative Ireland Programme.
- That the proposal is in keeping with at least one (preferably many) of the five themes of the Creative Ireland Programme and any of the six priorities set out in the County Cork 5-year Culture and Creativity Strategy (to be made available shortly).
- That the project will be accessible to diverse audiences and participants and will be appropriate and inclusive in theme and approach.
- That the proposal will enhance the awareness of culture in a local area / community.
- That the proposal will be designed on a realistic financial basis providing good value for money with all funding used effectively and only in accordance with the objectives of the event/project.
- That the proposal focuses on cultural activity involving any one or more of the following: the arts, creative industries, heritage, cultural tourism, cultural literacy and the Irish language
- That the proposal will be of long-term benefit to the County's Culture and Creativity.
- That the proposed project/event will be completed and the request for drawdown of grant submitted to Cork County Council's Creative Ireland Office, by **Monday 5th November, 2018**, unless otherwise agreed.

In addition the following details must also be conveyed:

- The anticipated target audience, where relevant
- A breakdown of costs for undertaking the proposed project
- Any additional supports and funding that may be required and have been secured from relevant stakeholders

3. Particulars of Funding:

It is the purpose of this scheme that each community will have the opportunity to tell their story and look at elements of their community culture that deserve special mention. Projects that connect with each of the five Strands of the Creative Ireland Programme will be encouraged, i.e. those that, for example, involve, local children (preschool, primary school and secondary school); will include wide community participation (e.g. collection of local tales by local historical society and presented by an artist/maker); will provide a digital database of an agreed element of culture relating to the area; will involve local creative industries as an element; and, will share this story with the community diaspora abroad (i.e. support County Cork's Culture abroad or indeed look at the County's historic cultural impact(s) abroad).

It is intended that the scheme will also cover a myriad of events, including those in Irish, and those that reach out to/involve new audiences (Irish and New-Irish), as well as cultural archival/digitisation projects including photographic collections, and projects that link the older generation with younger generations. Cultural Workshops for people of all ages will also be encouraged as too will projects that draw on the County's vast culture and heritage for their output, as well as projects relating to the County's Literacy Culture and Irish Language and many further projects of a contemporary nature (culture/heritage-related craft, dance, music, multimedia, etc.). Inclusivity is a keen aim of the Creative Ireland Programme and projects and events that reach out to full communities and people of all abilities are encouraged.

The following headings now highlight the main particulars of this funding scheme:

How much funding will be awarded per successful application?

Fund amounts granted will not exceed €5,000 for any individual project and it is envisaged that the majority of applications will be for events and projects that range in cost from a few hundred euro to a few thousand.

How will the Decision on funding be made?

Cork County Council will evaluate each application and determine which projects are to be funded.

Decisions will be taken on a number of grounds, including the following selection criteria:

- The extent to which the proposed event/project is aligned to the Creative Ireland Programme and the priorities of the upcoming Cork County 5-year Culture and Creativity Strategy
- The extent to which the proposed event/project maximises community/citizen engagement;
- The extent to which the proposed event/project is ambitious, innovative and fosters creativity;
- The potential scope of the event/project and anticipated target audience;
- The cost of the proposed event/project and any additional supports and funding that may be required or have been confirmed; and
- The feasibility of completion within the current year.

Please note that there is no guarantee of funding for projects/events that nonetheless may have achieved the minimum eligibility criteria. The fund is limited and eligible applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis, including amongst other factors, the selection criteria outlined above. Also of note is that there are eight Municipal Districts in County Cork and geographical representation and distribution of funds will play a part in the overall awarding of grants.

What items and expenses are excluded from the Creative Ireland County Cork Grant Scheme 2017?

- Spend on alcoholic beverages, fines, penalty payments, legal cost, audit fees, financial consultancy fees and wages and salaries of consultants
- In general, the cost of items for resale are ineligible.
- Projects that do not relate to the County's Culture and/or the Creative Ireland Programme

What typical projects/events are included in the fund?

- Projects and events that relate to Creative Ireland
- Cultural Archive Projects; for example photographic collections and/or oral histories of people and place, digitising of records, etc.

- Creative workshops/projects for people of all ages, particularly children, based on art, heritage, etc.
- Projects that support and promote the Irish language
- Projects that showcase the stories of communities and their culture
- Audio/Visual culture-based projects, particularly those that link older generations with those younger
- Creative Ireland related lectures, summer schools, and cultural performances/re-enactments
- Projects that have been organised for, or coincide with, Cruinniú na nÓg, taking place around the County of Cork on Saturday June 23rd 2018
- Other – if a case can be made that it will form an appropriate component of Creative Ireland in the County of Cork and that it is in keeping with at least one of the key themes of the National Creative Ireland Plan and priorities of the upcoming County Cork 5-year Culture and Creativity Strategy.

If successful how is the Fund to be drawn down?

Payment will only be made after the event or project is completed, save the following exception: *{given the nature of some events/projects advance funding may be necessary and Cork County Council will decide on this matter on a case by case basis}*. In order to receive full payment, the successful applicant must provide the following:

- Evidence that the event or project has taken place (e.g. photographic and/or videographic evidence together with a summary report on said event or project)
- Receipts for all items and the full costs

Cork County Council reserves the right to audit the records pertaining to any event or project in order to ensure compliance with the Cork County Council guidelines.

Unless otherwise agreed, funding not claimed by the agreed deadline will be cancelled.

The deadline date is November 5th 2018.

Outcome on evaluation of applications:

Successful applicants will receive a Letter of offer in late May/early June 2018. This letter will form the contract between Cork County Council and the organiser and will detail all conditions and requirements. A list of successful applicants will be published on Cork County Council's website stating the title/ details of the event/project taking place. Upon request, unsuccessful applicants will also be informed as to why their application was unsuccessful.

Promotion:

Once you have been notified that you have been successful in receiving funding, you must ensure that your project is promoted as part of the Creative Ireland Programme and appropriate guidelines to support this will be included with the letter of offer. Please note that Cork County Council & Creative Ireland logos must be acknowledged on all publicity, press and marketing material produced in connection with the project / event. With any events being undertaken, consideration should also be made by each organiser with regard to inviting local representatives and the Mayor of the County of Cork.

Submission of Proposed Projects:

Details of all proposed projects/events must be submitted to Cork County Council for the same to be considered for inclusion in the Creative Ireland Programme for County Cork 2017. Applications can be sent by post to Conor Nelligan, Cork County Council, Floor 3, County Hall, Carrigrohane Road, Cork and/or by email to creativeireland@corkcoco.ie, prior to **4pm on Thursday, 17th May, 2018**.

You may also submit accompanying additional documentation with your completed application form as appropriate and please note that information supplied is subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

If you would like an application 'as gaeilge' please send an email to creativeireland@corkcoco.ie requesting same.

Coordination of Events:

In support of Creative Ireland, Cork County Council will act as a vector in promoting a myriad of local cultural events throughout the County. These will include events that were successful in the Creative Ireland County Cork Grant Scheme 2018 as well as related and relevant projects where funding was not sought/received. This Programme will be made available online at <https://www.corkcoco.ie/arts-heritage/creative-ireland> and successful applicants must submit all details of events taking place for inclusion and promotion online (same to be done by emailing creativeireland@corkcoco.ie).



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COUNTY OF CORK APPLICATION FORM

Please read Guidelines and Criteria before submitting application.

CLOSING DATE: 4pm on Thursday 17th May 2018

1. GENERAL:

Applicant/Organisation Name(s):

Contact Person:

Contact Postal Address:

Phone no.: _____

Email: _____

To which of the following National Creative Ireland Programme Strands does the Project / Event relate to:

STRAND	NAME	<i>Please tick</i>
1	Children	
2	Community	
3	Cultural Infrastructure/collection	
4	Creative Industries	
5	Internationalisation	

To which of the following County Cork Culture and Creativity Priorities does the Project / Event relate to:

STRAND	NAME	<i>Please tick</i>
1	Investment in Cultural/Creative Infrastructure	
2	Liberating Creativity (Inclusivity and new participants)	
3	Knowing Ourselves – Knowing Our Traditions	
4	Community Engagement in Culture and Creativity	
5	Showcasing County Cork’s Culture and Creativity	
6	Our Irish Language	

Please provide details of the target audience (eg children, families, communities etc), expected numbers and the location of the project or target area of the project:

Please provide a detailed breakdown of costs of this proposal:

ITEM (eg, printing, marketing, materials, etc.)	ESTIMATED COST (€)
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	

TOTAL AMOUNT SOUGHT FROM CORK COUNTY COUNCIL:

€ _____

Please provide details of your capacity to deliver this project (e.g. previous experience)

Has this project received or applied for other sources of funding? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, please state the source and amount of funding:

Would you like to be kept informed by email of upcoming heritage events, news and information regarding the Creative Ireland Programme in the County of Cork? If yes, please enter the corresponding email address here:

3. APPLICANT STATEMENT

I have completed all relevant sections of this application form and confirm that all information provided is accurate.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____