

Dublin City Council Grants for Community Groups

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Community Development:

Community Development is a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems.

Community development aims to:

- Bring people together
- Assist people and groups to identify problems and needs and develop appropriate plans
- Help people to discover resources in their community
- Promote knowledge, skills, confidence and the capacity to act together
- Strengthen leadership within local communities
- Promote contacts between communities
- Improve the quality of life for older people in Dublin City

Community Grants:

Dublin City Council aims to support community groups with their activities and projects by promoting participation and involvement in the city through the community grants scheme.

The Community Grants Scheme is run on an annual basis.

Dublin City Council provides support to Residents / Community Associations / Groups providing assistance to Elderly Persons / Environmental Groups and a number of Local Festivals etc.

The criteria required to receive support from this grant fund is that Groups are locally based, and contribute significantly to the local community.

Community Grants:

Key Priorities:

- Community Development
- Social Inclusion
- Integration
- Local area issues
- There is a separate category for Informal Adult Education and The Tom Clarke Bridge Scheme

The assessment of the grant applications is carried out by Area Community staff and Senior DCC Officials.

The City Council (Councillors) approve the recommended list of grants at the monthly City Council meeting in March.

All applicants are notified in relation to their grant application and payment to successful groups commences following City Council approval.

2017 Community Grants as per Category:

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NOT APPROVED	APPROVED	% OF TOTAL	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	144	33	111	19.77	190,710.00
EDUCATIONAL	101	27	74	8.61	84,320.00
ENVIRONMENTAL	240	19	221	8.81	83,675.00
FESTIVAL/EVENT	144	19	125	6.72	64,655.00
INTEGRATION	29	6	23	2.65	25,200.00
OLDER PERSONS	112	4	108	7.40	69,750.00

2017 Community Grants as per Category:

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	NOT APPROVED	APPROVED	% OF TOTAL	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	28	4	24	1.16	11,035.00
RECREATION	187	17	170	6.71	63,725.00
SOCIAL INCLUSION	40	10	30	1.28	14,030.00
INFORMAL ADULT EDUCATION	181	24	157	9.10	86,472.00
TOM CLARKE BRIDGE	64	0	64	13.05	123,900.00
SUMMER PROJECTS	1	0	1	14.74	140,000.00
TOTAL	1,271	163	1,108	100	957,472.00



2018 Grant Scheme:

The 2018 grant scheme opened mid September and the closing date is 27th October

There are 3 categories of grants available in 2018:

1. Community Grants

These are general grants available to all community groups/organisations and based on the key priorities listed above.
Amount approved 2017 €512,100

2. Informal Adult Education

The purpose of these grants is to support community groups/organisations that organise educational classes for their members. Examples include knitting classes, flower arranging, art classes, photograph classes and contribute to costs of hiring teachers/tutors.

Amount approved 2017 €86,472

2018 Grant Scheme:

3. Tom Clarke Bridge Scheme

This scheme replaced the East Link Grants Scheme which ended in 2015. Dublin City Council is continuing the funding of community groups/organisations in the East Wall/North wall, Irishtown/Ringsend areas.

Amount approved in 2017 €123,900

Dublin City Council intends to introduce an on-line Grants System for the 2019 Community Grants Scheme.

For further information please contact the Community and Social Development Section on 01-2222148.

2018 Grant Scheme:

If you are interested in talking to a Community Officer in your Area / Locality please contact the person listed below.

Area:	Community & Social Development Officer:	Contact Details:
Central	Niall Byrnes	Niall.byrnes@dublincity.ie 0868150341
North Central	Aileen Doyle	Aileena.doyle@dublincity.ie 0868150649
North West – Ballymun	Bernie Roe	Bernie.roe@dublincity.ie 0866069900
North West – Finglas	Larry Dooley	Larry.dooley@dublincity.ie 0868150358
South East	Declan Hayden	Declan.hayden@dublincity.ie 0868150336



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Area:	Community & Social Development Officer:	Contact Details:
South Central – Ballyfermot / Drimnagh / Inchicore / Walkinstown	Miriam Flynn	Miriam.flynn@dublincity.ie 0868151320
South Central – Crumlin / Kimmage / South Inner City	Mary Noonan	Mary.noonan@dublincity.ie 0868150365

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Small Grants Scheme:

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership offers the Sport for Young People Small Grants Scheme to increase participation in sport and physical activity by young people throughout Dublin City.

Grant allocations will be between €300 - €1000.

Clubs who can identify a special project/programme that aims to significantly increase the number of young people participating in sport will be favoured.

The grant aims to assist clubs/organisations with young people aged 10 -21 yrs of age to participate in sport & physical activity.

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Small Grants Scheme:

All Sports Clubs and Organisations applying for the grant must be affiliated to a National Governing Body (proof of this may be required).

Some examples for applying for the grant are:

- Training & coaching courses
- Purchase of sports equipment
- Insurance costs etc.

The grant scheme usually opens around Mid May with a closing date in Mid June each year.

For further information please contact: Emmet Flinter on 01-2227852 or email emmet.flinter@dublincity.ie

Arts Grants:

In accordance with the Arts Act 2003, Dublin City Council invites yearly applications for funding to arts projects and programmes in the City.

Successful applications will incorporate the following objectives:

- To stimulate public interest in the Arts,
- The promotion of knowledge, appreciation and practice of the Arts,
- The improvement of standards in the Arts within Dublin City

Applications for funding are invited from arts practitioners and organisations on an annual basis.

The grant scheme opens in late September with a closing date in early November each year

Arts Grants:

There are three categories of Dublin City Council Arts Grants funding:

1. Revenue - For regularly funded organisations only.
2. Project - For one-off arts initiatives.
3. Neighbourhood/Voluntary - For local projects, voluntary initiatives and organisations.

For further information please contact: Hugh Fahey on 01-2227881 or email hugh.fahey@dublincity.ie

Additional information is available at www.dublincityartsoffice.ie

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund:

Do you have a project or initiative that could help to increase awareness of environmental issues locally, or that could help your community to become more sustainable?

If so, you may qualify for financial assistance from the Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Environmental Partnership Fund. This Fund promotes sustainable development by assisting small scale, non-profit environmental projects at local level.

The fund supported 39 projects in 2017 and the total paid out was €67,000.

Projects should focus on environmental awareness and actions which complement national environmental policies such as those on waste, biodiversity, water conservation and climate change.

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund:

A wide variety of projects and schemes have been supported under the Fund in previous years, including community gardens and allotments, compost schemes, rainwater harvesting, biodiversity projects, waste reduction initiatives, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions.

Applications are made directly to your local authority. Further information, application forms (in both Irish and English) and contact details for your local authority are available online at www.environ.ie/

The grant scheme has a closing date of Mid June each year.

For further information please email localagenda21@dublincity.ie or contact Fionnghuala Elisabeth Ryan at 01- 2224562