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**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

The following are the main projects currently being actively progressed directly by the Programme Office under the 2017 funding allocation. To date there has been no formal announcement of 2018 funding.

NEIC Community Grants Scheme 2017 (€100,000 increased to €123,490)

An amount of €100,000 was specified in the 2017 allocation of NEIC funding for a Community Grants Scheme. A grant application and guidelines were drawn up by the Programme Office and the Scheme opened for applications on 25th September 2017. By the closing date of 1st November 2017 a total of 63 applications were received seeking a total amount of €265,345. An evaluation process took place on Wednesday 8th November. On completion of that process a total number of 37 applications were recommended to the Programme Implementation Board for approval at a total of €123,490. Following consideration, at their meeting held on Wednesday 29th November, the Board approved all 37 recommended applications. Approval was also given to supplement the original budget of €100,000 by the additional €23,490 required to award all grants. A full list of the successful applications is attached at Appendix 1.

Extension of An Garda Síochána CCTV System (€300,000)

The statutory processes required under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 for the supply and installation of approved extension and upgrade of the Garda Síochána CCTV system for DMR North Central Division have been completed. Work has commenced on the project which will deliver an additional 8 no. cameras in the Mountjoy District and 5 no. cameras in the Store Street District at key locations that were previously unmonitored by Garda CCTV. The project includes upgrade of the existing control room infrastructure to facilitate effective monitoring of the new cameras in HD quality. The total cost of the project including associated service level agreement is €252,018 plus VAT.

Target Street dealing blackspots incl. Rutland St. – Assertive Case Management 1 yr Pilot Project €55,000 (2018 cost €100,000)

Ana Liffey Drug Project in partnership with Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána – 1 year outreach programme based on Assertive Case Management model is up and running since mid-September with focus on Rutland St., Railway St. and Sheriff St. The project is being overseen by a Management Committee comprising representatives of Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána and HSE. The Ana Liffey Drug Project has been invited to make a presentation to the January meeting of the NEIC Programme Implementation Board on the work being carried out and progress to date.

Urgent Physical Improvement Works – Refurbishment Plan €692,170

Road re-surfacing works have been completed in recent weeks at Gardiner St. Upper / Mountjoy Sq. West, Gardiner Place and Fitzgibbon St. at a total cost of €640K.

Urgent roof replacement has been carried out at North Wall CDP at a total cost of €29,643.50 (funded 50/50 by Dublin City Council and NEIC). The urgent need for this work only came to light while other internal works, funded by Pobal, were being carried out at the facility.

Engaging local resident / projects to actively maintain environment €80,000 (Mulvey Action 4.3) – The Green Ribbon



- **Green Ribbon Branded Vehicle has recently commenced operating in the NEIC area.**

The Green Ribbon environmental project in partnership with Sunflower Recycling is up and running. Further development work is taking place with Sunflower Recycling in association with PACE and the Larkin Centre for the Unemployed with a view to expanding the current small scale local environmental awareness, greening and maintenance projects to an NEIC wide initiative.

This proposed expansion will be subject to NEIC funding in 2018.

The objective of The Green Ribbon initiative is to work towards increased civic pride, prevention of litter, dog-fouling and illegal dumping. Reaction and co-operation has been very positive to date and plans are underway to carry out some PR activity at local level around this initiative to encourage buy-in and participation by local schools and community groups.

- **Work carried out by the Green Ribbon team on waste ground at Spencer Dock.**



Greening Strategy for NEIC – Phase 1 €200,000

Dublin City Council Parks & Landscaping Services Department has commenced work on a Greening Strategy for NEIC area with three elements to be delivered in Phase 1.

- a) Strategy Document – tender process completed, awarded to Áit Urbanism + Landscape.
- b) Refurbishment of Diamond Park – tender process completed, awarded to Dermot Foley Landscape Architects. This project will now proceed to design stage and further funding will be sought to deliver it in 2018.
- c) Dorset St. Median – design stage completed, works postponed until Spring 2018 due to Operation Freeflow.

Street Art – open call for proposals targeting blackspots €80,000

Following on from positive feedback on a number of street art / murals in the NEIC area Community Art Project *Dublin Canvas* have been engaged to prepare a brief for an open call for street artists to be assigned to further NEIC sites to be identified on an ongoing basis.

In the meantime a large scale project has been underway for several weeks in the Ballybough area to combine a community engagement process with provision of art work for the hoarding to be erected at the Oaklee social housing development due to commence on site at Poplar Row.



- **Local person participating in artwork**

The art work is a large community mural consisting of animated caricatures of a various community groups based in the Ballybough area. The caricatures will be arranged around various elements from the area including Ballybough Community Centre, Pigeon Club, community garden and local school. The mural consisting of 45 panels will be over 63 metres long and 8 ft. high. The painting work has been taking place off site for several weeks and erection of the panels scheduled to be completed w/e 15/12/2017 and will remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme – co-funded with shop owners €60,000

The scheme has been developed based on the successful model previously implemented in the South Central Area. It is being piloted in the NEIC area (Dorset St. in 2017). The scheme was rolled out with the assistance and co-operation of the local business group “*Dubhlinn*” in October 2017. Applicants were invited to avail of match funding of up to €3,000 per shop front. A total of eleven applications have been received to date. The total value of the proposed works is €66,336 with requests for funding totaling €32,000. An evaluation process will be carried out with a view to allocating funding to successful applicants by year end. Extension of the scheme to other NEIC streets will be subject to funding in 2018.

Internal alterations and extension to Lourdes Daycare Centre

A planning application (Reg. Ref. 4028/17) was lodged with Dublin City Council on 10th October 2017. Permission is sought for “*single-storey extension (165.30 sq. metres) to rear and side (incorporating new sitting room, wet room, locker room and general store) alterations to site (north elevation & front elevation, internal alterations and ancillary site works.*” Last date for submission of observations was 13th November 2017 and a decision is due mid December. Subject to planning permission, 2018 funding will be required to deliver this project.

Sheriff St. (Rainbow Park) play area upgrade (€47,000)

A tender process has been completed by Dublin City Council Parks & Landscape Services Dept. for upgrade of play area at Rainbow Park, Sheriff St. Contract has been awarded and

works incorporating a new play space design are scheduled to commence on site on 6th December. This project has been funded by NEIC from funds originally allocated for refurbishment of the Programme Office which will not now proceed in 2017.

Local Archive Folklore Project €20,000 (Mulvey Action 3.10)

The North Inner City Folklore Project is now based at Unit 1A The Forge, Railway St. on a 3 year Tenancy Agreement signed on 22/08/2017. Terry Fagan, Historian has moved archival material into the Unit. A Management Committee is in place and ongoing guidance and assistance, including some professional input, will be required to get up and running. A commitment has been given to fund the rental cost of Unit 1A however, additional ongoing funding will be required for development and running of the project. A submission has been made to the NEIC Programme Implementation Board in this regard.

Development of local sports, recreation, wellbeing programmes (€100,000)

An extensive programme of sport, recreation and wellbeing programmes has been developed in association with the Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership and Sport Ireland. An NEIC Fit4Life Open Day will take place on Friday 5th January 2018 at Larkin Community College to promote this Programme. Queries in relation to this Programme can be sent directly to Bruce McDevitt NEIC Sports Development Officer at bruce.mcdevitt@dublincity.ie

Website


The North East Inner City Initiative website is now live www.neic.ie . Information on the work of the Programme Office including minutes of meetings of the Programme Implementation Board are available on the site.

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Appendix 1 – NEIC Community Grants Awarded

		NEIC Community Grants Awarded 2017	
Ref.	Applicant:	Proposal	Grant
1	Acts of Compassion - Pastor Amos Ngigi	Series of mental health awareness seminars for ethnic minority groups	€ 5,000
2	Lourdes Daycare Centre	Old Folks (35 no.) weekend away April - May 2018 - Transport and activity costs	€ 4,800
3	A Playful City	NEIC Playful Street Events Feb - Apr 2018	€ 4,500
5	NEIC Artists/ Youth Services Collaboration	NEIC Youth Art Collaboration - Showcase Events at D-Light Studios and	€ 7,300
7	Killarney Court Sheltered Housing Group	Day trip to Kilmainham Jail for Elderly	€ 1,000
10	Friends of the Elderly	Cosy Corner Initiative - TY Students project with Elderly	€ 5,000
13	The Oasis Centre	Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Programme	€ 5,000
17	ACHWG - C/O Fire Station Artists Studios	Young Adults and Technological Skills for 21st Century	€ 4,000
18	ACHWG - C/O Fire Station Artists Studios	Annual Monto Summer Picnic	€ 3,000
20	ACHWG Five Lamps Arts Festival	Appointment of Dance Artist & Gala Performance	€ 5,000
21	ACHWG Siobhan Larkin	Facilitator to work with the Coalition Working Group on 3-year strategic plan	€ 800
22	Partners in Catalyst	Document oral history of community involvement in local area 1970s to present	€ 5,000
23	Dublin Simon Community	Maple House (595 North Circular Rd.) Community Garden Project	€ 4,500
24	Crosscare Family Hub	Create video by young people - <i>"Sports - not drugs and crime!"</i>	€ 900
26	LYCS	Junior Leadership Programme Phase 2	€ 5,000
29	SWAN Youth Service	2 Christmas Events - 1) intergenerational 2) Youth Showcase	€ 2,680
31	Community Action Network	Café on Café - Community Engagement	€ 2,730
32	Daughters of Charity Community Services	Christmas Tree of Hope Event	€ 640

34	Daughters of Charity Community Services	Family development programme - 6-10 age range	€ 500
35	SWAN Youth Service	Fit out of Log Cabin to extend space for youth programmes	€ 5,000
36	ACET (AIDS Care Education & Training) Irl.	Faith in the City - Interfaith festival for diverse ethnic and cultural expression	€ 5,000
39	Ballybough Brownies & Guides	Attend Panto in Liberty Hall Theatre	€ 580
40	Sean MacDermott St. Tae Kwon-Do Club	Branded tracksuits & tee shirts for members	€ 960
41	Henrietta Adult & Community Education	Programme (20 wk) for parents new to homeless emergency accommodation	€ 2,000
42	St. Laurence O'Toole Junior Boys School	'Ready, Steady, School' Programme	€ 5,000
45	St. Joseph's CBS, Fairview	Students Council and Green Schools Committee Recycling Project	€ 1,200
46	St. Joseph's CBS, Fairview	Joey's St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Party for Senior Citizens	€ 500
50	Wexford Centre Project Ltd. (based in NEIC)	Contribution towards remedial work required to sports pitch in Blackwater	€ 2,460
51	LYCS - Adult Education Programme	<i>Capacitar</i> 1hr X 40 Week Wellness Programme for 40 participants	€ 3,600
52	LYCS - Creche	Provision of new Equipment - for multicultural and special needs children	€ 4,020
53	Mud Island Community Garden	Flooring upgrade / installation of compost toilet / development of open day	€ 3,000
55	Holy Child Preschool (Gloucester Diamond)	Equipment for Multisensory Resource Room	€ 5,000
58	St. Brigid's Day Nursery (Mountjoy Sq. Pk.)	24 wk. Yoga & Mindfulness Programme for 60 children	€ 4,320
60	Discovery Gospel Choir	"Discover your Neighbour" Intercultural family festival	€ 2,800
61	All together in Dignity - ATD Fourth World Irl.	<i>"Your rights Written in Stone"</i> - Interactive creative process to mark 10 yr. Anniversary	€ 3,500
62	Ozanam House	Development of Saturday Coder Dojo Club	€ 5,000
63	Caspr (After Schools Project)	Fun Direction Project - promoting physical activity and nutrition 1 hr. X2 days X 20 wks.	€ 2,200
	Total Amount Granted:		€123,490