



Comhairle Cathrach
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Dublin City Council

**Report to Arts, Culture, Leisure
and Recreation SPC
21st February 2022
Item No. 5**

Review of Arts Grants

A subcommittee of Elected Members met on December 14th 2021 to consider the recommendations of the Arts Office for Arts Grants 2022. Arts Grants are a Reserved Function of the Elected Members and some Councillors have through their participation in the Subcommittee over recent years made observations and requests in this year's Report.

The recommendations of the City Arts Officer for Arts Grants 2022 was accepted at the January meeting of Dublin City Council with a request by the Subcommittee for a comprehensive review of Arts Grants focusing on the following questions.

1. Are the available resources being allocated where they will have greatest impact?
2. How can there be a greater citywide distribution of Arts Grants?

The City Arts Office is proceeding to the Review of Arts Grants requested and sets out proposed parameters of this Review as follows:

1. A desktop review of the Arts Grants awarded in the past three years analysing all grant applications received by Administrative Area of Dublin City Council.
2. A further analysis of successful Grants by Administrative Area.
3. A comparison of the research constructed by Turley for Dublin City Council as part of the Development Plan on Cultural Infrastructure in Dublin to look at the relationship between built infrastructure and successful Arts Grants applications.
4. A study of the successful Arts Grants awarded and their relationship to the financial turnover of the Arts organisation involved. In the case of individuals or individual projects the relationship of the Grant awarded to the viability of the project proposed.

Consultation with Artists, Arts Organisations and Communities.

1. Consultations with the above bodies and individuals to discuss their views and input into the Review and the direction of research. This to be conducted by Zoom and in person in each Administrative Area.

Interim findings to be presented at the June 2022 ACAG and SPC with recommendations to be implemented in whole or part as appropriate for Arts Grants 2023 by approval at ACAG, SPC and the September meeting of Dublin City Council. If delay is encountered this timetable to be adjusted by Agreement in June 2022. It is expected that a new emphasis on geographic distribution and impact will lead to an increase in the resources allocated to this funding scheme in 2023.

**Ray Yeates,
City Arts Officer
21st February 2022.**