



Governance and Application of Area Discretionary Funding

Background to Area Discretionary Funding

The quantum of funding allocated to the Area Committees for discretionary allocation has increased considerably over the period 2014-2019. Area Discretionary Funding was first provided in the 2014 Budget process. Funds available for local service priorities have grown from €1m in 2014, to €1.4m in 2015, €4.6m in 2016, €5m in 2017, €6.3m in 2018 and €6.1m in 2019. In total €24.4m of funds have been allocated for local prioritisation.

Purpose

The purpose of Area Discretionary Funding is to provide a mechanism to Area Committees to prioritise Dublin City Council local services or projects that otherwise might not have sufficient funding, such as parks improvements, CCTV upgrades, lighting improvements in housing complexes, public domain improvements, LEIP related enhancements, laneway improvements.

Capacity of Area Committees relating to Reserved Functions

Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 specifies that the making of a grant is a Reserved Function. The full City Council as against an Area Committee is empowered to execute Reserved Functions. Area Committees should not apply Area Discretionary Funding for grants purposes.

With effect from Budget 2020 and onwards, Area Committees should consider the allocation of Area Discretionary Funding in the context of:

- Area Discretionary Funding should fund Dublin City Council services locally
- No Area Committee can award a grant

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