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

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

2021 Funding

The Government has committed €6.5M in 2021 funding to the NEIC Initiative, via the Department of Rural & Community Development. As in 2020, €1M is ring-fenced to maintain the NEIC Social Employment Scheme (55 places) for a further year. This leaves a total of €5.5M to be distributed to projects and programmes approved by the Board. The process of approving individual projects / programmes has commenced. The Board is open to consideration of any proposal submitted, via the relevant Sub-Groups and Budget Sub-Group, having regard to the objectives set out in the [NEIC Strategic Plan 2020-2022](#) under the six work streams. All 2021 projects approved to date are listed under the relevant headings on the attached table **Appendix 1**. The table will be updated as the year progresses.

To date the Programme Implementation Board has approved the following budgetary allocations:

Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing

Belvedere Youth Club – Service for 7-10 year olds - €48,764

There is a huge gap in service provision for the 7-10 age cohort in the North Inner City. This funding will continue to provide a worker in Belvedere Youth Club to maintain services and facilities for young people under 10, in particular those who are more 'at risk'. BYC provides an afterschool programme for the 7-10 year old age profile. Every young person is given a hot meal each day, they are supported with their homework and extra sporting, issue based and craft activities take place. Belvedere Youth Club is currently engaging with 144 young people within the 7-10 year old age bracket

Under 18s Mental Wellbeing Therapeutic and Counselling Support (YPAR) €19,750

This proposal seeks to address the long waiting time to access therapeutic and counselling services in the NEIC. Child, youth and family counselling services have a minimum of 4 months waiting lists and can be as high as 8 months for the universal primary care psychology. Many of the young people presenting for mental wellbeing supports do not reach the acute criteria to access CAMHS services in the NEIC and equally many due to their presenting issues do not qualify for support from Jigsaw which is primarily focused on short-term prevention through primary care and early intervention. This funding will provide a bank of counselling/psychotherapy hours for u18s for the next three months. The project will be managed by YPAR.

Parenting Programme Co-Ordinator €60,000

Proposed employment of a Parenting Programme Coordinator to coordinate the provision of existing Parenting Programmes and referral pathways. For past two years, Tusla PPFS, ELI/ABC and YPAR have reviewed the support provided to parents within the NEIC and found gaps, which have been compounded by COVID-19. These include limited services, waiting lists, spikes in referrals, greater complexity in the supports required along with the digital divide that prevents parents from accessing services that have gone online. There is a real issue around signposting, navigating and accompanying vulnerable parents to and into existing services. Responsibility for parent support is spread across healthcare, education, housing provision, employment law and social welfare payments, which makes it difficult to coordinate.

Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health

Recovery Academy of Ireland - Recovery Coach Internships - €16,480

Funding allocated to Recovery Academy of Ireland for development of an employment progression route for two RAI Recovery Coaches who graduated from the training initiative previously funded by NEIC in 2019 and 2020. A number of graduates have progressed to employment outside NEIC and it is proposed that this funding will fund two part-time paid employee peer support workers in organisations providing drug services to NEIC communities. The first of these will be based at Chrysalis Community Drug Project and a second has yet to be identified through a selection process.

Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services

Detached Youth Outreach Project (Swan Youth Service) €150,000

Continued employment of the designated youth work team in 2021. The team comprises a full-time detached work Team Leader to plan, design, coordinate and manage the integrated area based street work team; 23 hours per week for the 2 core Swan detached youth workers (in addition to their part-time hours funded through DCYA); an additional 2 part time street work posts. The team delivers a structured street work programme to the NEIC catchment area on a scheduled rotational basis. The work spreads over a 6 day week which includes weekend provision. There is also additional provision made for holiday periods when existing services may be closed.

NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups

NEIC Social Employment Fund

€1M is ring fenced to maintain the existing 55 places approved under the NEIC Social Employment Fund for a further year. This fund was established on a pilot basis in 2018 and inter-departmental discussions are currently underway to plan for the long-term sustainability of these posts. The funded posts are spread across a range of community services operating in the north east inner city as set out on the following table:

Group	Childcare	Youth	Eldercare	Environment	Admin.	Total
LYCS	4	1				5
Lourdes Daycare Centre			3			3
CASPr	8					8
Dublin Adult Learning Centre	1					1
NEDCSI					1	1
Larkin Crèche	6			1		7
North Wall CDP	2					2
Belvedere YC		4				4
ASESP	4					4
Sunflower Recycling Ltd. (The Green Ribbon)				8	1	9
East Wall Dev Group		2				2
SWAN Youth Service		1				1
Clonliffe & District Community Centre			1	1		2
Sean O'Casey Community Centre			1	1		2
Ballybough Court Senior Citizen's			3			3
Five Lamps Arts					1	1
Total	25	8	8	13	3	55

General information on the NEIC Initiative is available on www.neic.ie . If any further information is required regarding funded projects please contact the Programme Office directly.

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APPENDIX 1
NEIC Programme – 2021 Funding Proposals Approved to date

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€1.29M of €6.5M)	
Sub-Group – Enhanced Policing	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub-Total	
Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities	
NO PROPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub-Total	
Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing	
Service Provision for 7 to 10 year olds (Belvedere Youth Club)	48,764
Under 18s Mental Wellbeing Therapeutic and Counselling Support (YPAR) (3 months)	19,750
Parenting Programme Co-Ordinator	60,000
Sub-Total	€128,514
Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment	
NO PRPOSALS APPROVED TO DATE	
Sub-Total	
Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health	
Recovery Coach Internships	16,400
Sub-Total	€16,400
Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services	
Swan Youth – Detached Youth Outreach Programme	150,000
Sub-Total	€150,000
NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups	
NEIC Social Employment Fund – maintain existing 55 places	1,000,000
Sub-Total	€1,000,000
TOTAL	€1,294,914