

North Inner City Community Development Update

Henrietta House Garden Refurbishment Project

The Area Office has secured Community Resilience Funding for the supply and installation of a poly carbon green house for Henrietta House. The funding is allocated through the Social Inclusion Unit.

Sláintecare in the Department of Health, through Healthy Ireland has allocated funding for an initiative called “Community Resilience Fund”. The activities funded under the Community Resilience Fund (CRF) will contribute to the overall Government Plan for “Living with COVID-19”.

Mountjoy Square Mural Project

The Area Office has secured funds through the Social Inclusion Unit with from Creative Ireland towards the installation of a mural at Mountjoy Square. The design for the proposed mural is being developed by the NEIC Sports Officer and Intercultural Officer with young people in the area.

Planter Units

The Central Area Office has engaged a contractor to look after fifty five high quality planter units in the area. This includes five new units to be located on Ballybough Road to replace existing ones and follows ongoing discussions with the Ballybough Pride of Place group. Two new planters will be positioned on Charleville Mall and three replacement units at the top of the new cycleway on the North Strand. The remainder of the units are on Dorset Street and the Amiens Street area. The existing units on Ballybough Road will be relocated to Portland Square and Sherrard Avenue and will be maintained by local community volunteers.

Covid Response

Area Office Staff continue to respond to calls coming through the Covid Support Line. Staff are assisting with calls related to shopping, pharmacy and travel requirements for hospital appointments.

Staff are also assisting in the distribution of surplus food (resulting from Brexit delays) from Marks and Spencer's to Meals on Wheels organisations at Ballybough, Lourdes Day Care Centre and East Wall Community Centre. Food unsuitable for use at these centres and with limited shelf life has been distributed to community and residents groups at a number of our flat complexes.

Ballybough Pride of Place / Sherrard Street Lower Residents Groups

Area Office staff met online with representatives of both Ballybough Pride of Place group and Sherrard Street Lower Residents Group to discuss community and public domain issues. This is part of our ongoing commitment to maintain contact with community and voluntary groups throughout the area in order to maintain the highest level of response possible during the pandemic.

Tom Clarke Bridge Fund

Payments of grant under from the Tom Clarke Fund for 2020 were suspended due to the pandemic. Payments of grants is now underway including agreed larger payments as follows

Five Lamps Arts Festival	€8,000
The Cavan Centre	€8,000
St Mary's Youth Club	€6,000
Eastwall Men's shed	€5,000
Sean O'Casey Community Centre	€8,500

The payments of 2020 Community Grants is also progressing. There is no news on a scheme for 2021 to date.

Local Community Development Committee funding:

A new round of funding has been announced for this fund. A total of €117,246 is available for community and voluntary groups who are active in supporting measures to alleviate the consequences of the pandemic including

- Adapting premises to allow for social distancing; offering on-line activities; providing social supports and friendly calls by phone etc.
- Supporting groups (including those involved in the community call) with day-to-day running costs if needed.
- Supporting participation in the Keep Well campaign, in particular under the three themes of staying connected, switching off and being creative, and minding your mood.
- Supporting groups for items that can include ICT annual licences, personal devices and tablets where it can be demonstrated that this will enable groups, services and facilities to stay connected with the wider community at this time.

This fund is for community and voluntary groups in Dublin City. Please note that 30 percent of the funding is ring-fenced for grants of €1,000 or less and that a maximum grant value of €5,000 will apply.

Details of the scheme can be found at:

<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/local-community-development-committee-lcdc/dublin-city-covid-19-emergency-fund-2nd-round>.

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