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

## **NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT**

### **2021 Funding**

A further round of funding proposals totaling €1.85M was approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This latest round of approvals brings the total approved to €3.8M of the overall €6.5M allocated by the Government to the North East Inner City Initiative for 2021. All 2021 projects approved to date are listed under the relevant Sub-Group heading on the attached table **Appendix 1**. The table will be updated on an ongoing basis as further funding proposals are approved. The projects approved at the February Board Meeting are as follows:

#### **Sub-Group 1 – Enhanced Policing**

##### **Operation Cribbage (Additional Policing resources for Liberty Park & Environs) - €370,000**

This policing operation has been funded by NEIC since May 2019 and this allocation extend it to end 2021. The funding covers the direct costs of dedicated additional daily Garda patrols in the Liberty Park / Railway St. area from 8:00 a.m. – 22:00. This was in response to a recognition that the area was the location for persistent high incidence of criminality, anti-social behaviour and open drug dealing. The funding has enabled the deployment of full time uniform patrols supported by intelligence led covert operations and CCTV to provide a dynamic policing response for local residents who were exposed to the daily incidences of anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and associated criminality.

The policing initiative is complementary to a wider community led NEIC project (UL22) aimed at reclaiming Liberty Park and reimagining it as a local amenity together with Dublin City Council's medium term plan for redevelopment of the Park.

#### **Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training & Employment Opportunities**

##### **School Principals Network – MA in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion in Education - €42,900)**

This funding is for the second year of the bursary for a *Masters in Education – Special Option: Poverty and Social Inclusion* aimed specifically at primary school teachers in the NEIC. The bursary has one teacher from each of the 11 NEIC primary schools participating on the programme. The Masters programme is delivered on a part-time basis - two evenings per week - by Dublin City University, and therefore does not impact on teaching time.

## Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment

### NEIC Greening Strategy 2018-2026 – Selected projects proposed for delivery in 2021 – Total Estimated Cost €545,000

- Dorset Street Central Median - Phase 2
- Clonmore Road, Ballybough – 12 tree pits with under planting
- Oriel Street Upper Plaza – Re-design as pocket park / community space
- Gardiner Street Lower - Central Median
- Gloucester Pl Lwr./Sean MacDermott St. Junction (Gloucester Diamond) re-alignment
- Buckingham Street (Feasibility Study/Surveys/design – potential linear style park)
- Busáras Island – replace paving with greening and enhance the existing ‘Universal Links on Human Rights’ memorial sculpture.
- Seville Place Greening Intervention (Feasibility Study / Design)
- Allocation for general maintenance and remedial works
- Minor greening interventions and School projects

### Community Events Programme 2021 - €325,000

Draft Programme of Community Events to include the flagship Big Scream Halloween Community Festival and North Strand Bombing 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration.

### Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2021 - €200,000

The Draft Programme aims to build on some previously successful initiatives and existing activities as well as supporting some new initiatives in response to demand e.g. Exwell and Yoga Instructors Course.

Note: Both the Community Events Programme and the Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme take account of the current high level public health restrictions up to end March and presumes an easing of restrictions thereafter and a gradual return to group activities as the year progresses.

## Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services

### City Connects NEIC Pilot Project - €367,951

Funding allocated for continued implementation of an integrated system of supports for school children and their families through the primary school network. The project is based on a successful US model created by Boston College.

## NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups

### Emerging Needs Fund - €250,000

As a result of a significant underspend of the 2020 funding allocation for emerging needs the criteria for accessing this fund are currently being revised.

In the meantime, the NEIC Board has given advance approval for funding under the Emerging Needs heading to meet priority technology needs of NEIC Schools to facilitate remote learning while schools remain closed due to Level 5 restrictions. A total of 457 units (Chromebooks, iPads etc.) have been provided to NEIC Schools at a cost of €96,760. The breakdown is as follows:

School	No. of units	Total funding
St Laurence O'Toole NS	40	€8,000
Marino College	20	€6,000
Central Model Infant School	36	€7,200
St Vincent's Infant Boys' School	20	€4,000
Gardiner Street Primary School	40	€8,000
O'Connell Secondary	49	€9,800
Rosmini CS	15	€3,000
Holy Child School	16	€3,200
St Joseph's (PP) Fairview	40	€8,000
Mount Carmel	20	€7,360
Central Model Senior School	20	€4,000
St Vincent's GNS	50	€10,000
Rutland NS	44	€8,800
Scoil Chaoimhín	12	€2,400
Naomh Lorcan O'Tuathail	10	€2,000
O Connell Primary School	25	€5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>€96,760</b>

### Community Grants Scheme 2021 - €100,000

As in previous years it is intended to run an NEIC Community Grants Scheme in 2021. Themes will be agreed, application form and scheme guidelines drawn up in the coming weeks with a view to opening for applications in early April.

For further information or clarification on any NEIC funded project, please contact the NEIC Programme office.

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**NEIC Programme – 2021 Funding Proposals Approved to date**

<b>Department of Rural &amp; Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€3.8M of €6.5M)</b>	
<b>Sub-Group – Enhanced Policing</b>	
Operation Cribbage (Additional Policing resources for Liberty Park & Environs)	€370,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€370,000</b>
<b>Sub-Group 2 – Maximising Educational, Training &amp; Employment Opportunities</b>	
School Principals Network – MA in Education (Special Option Poverty and Social Inclusion in Education) – Year 2 of study for teachers who commenced the course in 2020	€42,900
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€42,900</b>
<b>Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing</b>	
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
Community Case Management	€325,000
Parenting Programme Co-Ordinator (via Tusla)	€60,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€453,514</b>
<b>Sub-Group 4 – Enhanced Community Wellbeing and the Physical Environment</b>	
NEIC Greening Strategy (Phase 2 : 2021-2023)	€545,000
Community Events Programme 2021	€325,000
Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2021	€200,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,070,000</b>
<b>Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health</b>	
Recovery Coach Internships	€16,400
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€16,400</b>
<b>Sub-Group 6 – Alignment of Services</b>	
Swan Youth – Detached Youth Outreach Programme	150,000
'City Connects' Primary Schools Support Programme	367,951
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€517,951</b>
<b>NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups</b>	
NEIC Social Employment Fund – maintain existing 55 places	1,000,000
Emerging Needs Fund	250,000
Community Grants Scheme 2021	100,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,350,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€3,820,765</b>