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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 €293,305 was approved by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board at its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. This latest round of approvals brings the total amount to €4.32M 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 March Board Meeting are as follows:

*(Note: those marked with \* are approved under the 'Emerging Needs' €250K heading)*

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

##### **Domestic Violence and Child Protection - Training for Practitioners - €1,600**

Attendance of 2 no. community representatives, based with the SOAL Project and 2 no. members of An Garda Síochána at course to be run for 20 hours over 4 weeks in April /May.

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

##### **Transitional Roma Translation Service for Schools - €24,000\***

Occasional translation support for Roma parents, young people and children under the age of 18 to support inclusion and participation in the school and education system of Roma children, young people and their families who are impacted by both a lack of spoken or written English and written literacy more generally.

##### **Adult and Community Education Strategy for NEIC - €12,750**

The development and production of an agreed Strategy for Adult and Community Education in the NEIC. This project will be match funded by CDETB (Total cost €24,750). Estimated completion October 2021.

##### **Nurture Room Training for NEIC Primary Schools - €6,675**

The concept of Nurture Rooms originated in inner city London 50 years ago (<https://www.nurtureuk.org/>) to respond to the social and emotional needs of children within the school setting. Funding sought to cover training costs for 10 primary schools (30 personnel 3 staff x 10 schools). It is proposed to introduce Nurture Rooms in September 2021.

### **LYCS Accommodation Costs - €10,128\***

Contribution to fund shortfall in rental and services costs for the remainder of 2021 (Total €178,148 / 12 months) for Lourdes Youth & Community Services temporary accommodation at the Metropolitan Building, James Joyce Street.

### **Sub-Group 3 – Family Wellbeing**

#### **Hill Street Family Resource Centre 0-6 year olds - €1,760\***

Purchase of baby care equipment required for compliance with Tusla criteria for HSFRC 'change of purpose' registration from a 2-6 years to a 0-6 years service provider.

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

#### **Community Arts Programme 2021 - €155,000**

North Inner City Community Coalition (Arts Working Group) proposal for delivery of a 12 month structured programme of NEIC Community Arts activities. The funding includes a Community Arts Co-ordinator role (contract for services) to be co-funded by Dublin City Council.

#### **Lourdes Daycare Centre - Kitchen Equipment - €5,392\***

Replacement of 40+ year old kitchen equipment essential for the provision of daily meals on wheels service to approx. 70 local elderly and vulnerable people.

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

#### **Recovery Café (Recovery Academy of Ireland) - €55,000**

The HSE and Recovery Academy of Ireland partnership proposal for a Recovery Café in Dublin's North Inner City. The project is being developed to further enhance the supports to individuals either seeking recovery or in recovery, living in the NEIC. The HSE will provide the venue and the capital costs associated with the café. This facility will have a front of house café, with a training room which can be converted into an extension of the café to facilitate dry events. There will also be office space for the recovery academy coordinator and support staff. NEIC funding was sought to contribute to fit out and year one running costs.

#### **Recovery Case Manager (HOPE) - €21,000**

HOPE (Hands on Peer Education CHY 20150), based at Unit 5 Killarney Court sought funding for a part-time post of Recovery Case Manager to help meet the growing demand for services. The Recovery Case Manager's role will be to work with other case managers and service providers in the North Inner City to further develop an interagency continuum of care for those wishing to find recovery from substance abuse.

### **NEIC Programme Office – Overarching all Sub-Groups**

#### **Emerging Needs Fund - €250,000**

The criteria for accessing the NEIC Emerging Needs fund have now been finalised and a copy is available on request. To date a total of €138,040 has been allocated under this heading.

### Programme Office Costs - €260,000

The 2021 Programme Office Costs allocation has also been approved. The total approved remains the same as previous years i.e. €260,000 broken down under the following sub-headings. All salary costs of Programme Office staff are borne by the relevant employers.

<b>Sub-Heading</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>Community Engagement events, launch meetings, conferences, Workshops etc.</i>	€12,000
<i>Communications and Engagement / Community Outreach</i>	€98,000
<i>Office Equipment (incl. venue and AV hire costs)</i>	€15,000
<i>Professional Services (incl. Design &amp; Print, Feasibility, Evaluation etc.)</i>	€120,000
<i>Miscellaneous Costs</i>	€15,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€260,000</b>

### NEIC Sport, Recreation & Wellbeing Programme 2021

Updates on delivery of the 2021 NEIC funded Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing Programme are as listed below. Queries on these activities can be made directly to

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#### Ex-Well Medical

- Ex-Well Medical commenced in March 2021 – outside Lourdes Parish Hall with a HSE level 5 exemption.
- This organisation runs medically supervised exercise classes for people with chronic illnesses. Participants involved must be referred from a GP in the area, who have all been engaged with at this stage.
- Over 20 participants have been attracted in the first week alone. Participants will take part in classes twice a week, with capacity to increase to three per week as class numbers grow.

#### Yoga Teacher Training 200 hour

- NEIC has teamed up with Reformation Yoga to bring the first Yoga Teacher Training programme to the area.
- This course will be funded by the NEIC but given out on a scholarship basis through interviews with candidates who live in the locality.
- The programme is currently live for applications with a huge uptake in interest exceeding the amount of spaces already.
- The course will begin on April 24th, with applications open until Late March. The course will run one weekend a month and will be finished in March 2022.
- This certification will allow students to teach anywhere in the world but hopefully give them an opportunity to give back to their community also.

#### Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA Nursery

- Scoil Uí Chonaill GAA Nursery provides weekly activity for 4- 8 year olds.
- The Academy was created in partnership with Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative
- The Academy is currently being delivered remotely (via Microsoft Teams) every Saturday.

- Classes are organised based on two age ranges. Children born from 2015-2017 attend 10am – 10.30am. Children born 2013-2014 attend 10.45am - 11.15am
- The Sport and Wellbeing team recently established links with a schools advocacy group to ensure that there is maximum linkage between clubs and schools in the area

### **The Soar Foundation**

- The [Soar Foundation](#) is a movement that seeks to empower young people to thrive, believe in themselves and fulfil their true potential.
- The aim is to deliver numerous wellness workshops with transition year groups in multiple secondary schools in the area through the first quarter of 2021.
- The workshops are extremely influential in empowering greatness in young people. They have worked with 34,000 young people nationwide since 2012 with great results and we are looking forward to having them in the NEIC in 2021.
- The Soar Foundation are currently re-arranging the workshops with the aim to fit them in before the school year ends.

### **Sports Capital Programme 2020**

- Dublin City Council applied for Sports Capital Funding for the Diamond Park redevelopment project under the recent round of applications. The project will include a new Multi - Use Games Area, Permanent Concrete Table-Tennis Tables, Skateboard Elements and a Half Basketball Court.

### **Meditation**

- Relaxation classes are being streamed every Sunday evening at 8pm with Agata Stoinska from D-Light Studios in partnership with the North East Inner City Initiative

### **Football Coaching Development**

- The FAI along with the support of Dublin City Council and the North East Inner City Initiative have continued with coach development in the area. The most recent course delivered was a PDP2 to volunteers working with local football clubs.
- A number of clubs have commenced working towards the FAI's club mark – which is an award based on the principles of best practice, management and administration of a football club.
- Clubs start their journey at Entry Level and can progress on to become a 1 star club. Each step challenges the club to implement policies and procedures in line with best practice.
- Stella Maris FC recently became the first local club to obtain an Entry Level Club Mark.

### **Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership Core Programmes**

- The North East Inner City Initiative is promoting the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership's citywide 'Change 4 Life' initiative in 2021. Under current restrictions – 'The Change 4 Life programme' is being run through a virtual hub to promote physical activity in the area and across the city with a host of online fitness classes.
- As restrictions ease, the North East Inner City Initiative will re-establish on-site activity for adults in the area.
- A number of Sport and Wellbeing Partnership initiatives under the Sport Ireland 'Keep Well' campaign, have received support from The North East Inner City Initiative during the first quarter of 2021. They have included the Couch to 3K Programme, 'The get up; get-walking initiative' which includes a Get Ireland Walking App and online Senior Citizen Exercise Classes.

### **Healthy Community Project**

- The Healthy Community Team was recently established under the management of the Inner City Co-Operative and through the support of the North East Inner City Initiative and the HSE. The Sport and Wellbeing Team has commenced working with the new Healthy Community Co-Ordinator to ensure proper alignment and connectivity is established with this new project.

### **Coach Development**

- During level 5 restrictions – a number of online Coaching Courses are being delivered with the support of the North East Inner City Initiative. These include Governance Training, Coaching Children in Sport and Child Safeguarding Courses.

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 (March 2021)

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme Allocation (€4.332M of €6.5M)	
<b>Sub-Group – Enhanced Policing</b>	
Operation Cribbage (Additional Policing resources for Liberty Park & Environs)	€370,000
Domestic Violence and Child Protection - Training for Practitioners	€1,600
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€371,600</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) – Yr 2 of study for teachers who commenced the course in 2020	€42,900
Adult & Community Education Strategy for NEIC (co-fund with CDETB)	€12,750
Nurture Room Training for NEIC Primary Schools	€6,675
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€62,325</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
Community Arts Programme 2021	€155,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,225,000</b>
<b>Sub-Group 5 – Substance Use, Misuse and Inclusion Health</b>	
Recovery Coach Internships	€16,400
Recovery Café (Recovery Academy of Ireland)	€55,000
HOPE – Recovery Case Manager	€21,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€92,400</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
Programme Office Costs 2021	260,000
Emerging Needs Fund	250,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Priority Technology Needs of Schools for remote learning €96,760</i></li> <li>○ <i>Transitional Roma translation Service for NEIC Schools €24,000</i></li> <li>○ <i>LYCS Temporary Accommodation contribution €10,128</i></li> <li>○ <i>Hill Street Family Resource Centre – 0-6 equipment - €1,760</i></li> <li>○ <i>Lourdes Daycare Centre Kitchen Equipment - €5,392</i></li> </ul>	
Community Grants Scheme 2021	100,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>€1,610,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€4,332,790</b>