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To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 20th June, 2022.

Item No. 3A

Local Area Community Grants Scheme 2022

On an annual basis, Dublin City Council provides support through once-off local and city-wide grants to a range of resident, community, environmental and festival groups throughout the city with a particular emphasis on community development, social inclusion and integration. Within the context of the impact of COVID19 this function was disrupted for the years 2020 and 2021.

In order to provide a more user-friendly and efficient process, an online portal for the local area grants scheme has been developed to allow for an online application process. This will open on June 22nd 2022 and close on 22nd July 2022.

The opening date for applications will be promoted by a communication programme across DCC web and social media (including DCC Libraries etc.). Further details on application details and information will be issued to all elected members in advance of the online system going live.

Local Area Community Grants 2022 Summary details:

1. The 2022 Community Grants budget is €300,000 city-wide
 - a. €60,000 for each of the 5 Administrative Areas
 - b. €30,000 for each local Community Team Leader
2. The maximum grant available is €1,500 with no minimum stated / required.
3. Applications to online Local Area Community Grants 2022 open for June 22nd 2022
4. Applications close on July 22nd 2022.
5. Applications will be assessed on July and August 2022 by the relevant Community Team Leader.

6. Application shortlists returned for approval by Area Committee for September meetings 2022.
7. Final shortlist and details to full Council meeting for adoption in October 2022 with all payments to issue thereafter.
8. Applications for Adult Education grants are also available *via* the Local Area Community Grants 2022 online portal. The 2022 budget is confirmed as €86,500 city-wide.
9. As the new online application system will enable earlier opening for Community Grants. It is proposed to open the 2023 DCC Local Area Community Grants scheme for November 2022. This allows DCC recover this grant programme to its pre COVID calendar.

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