

**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting: 21st March 2023

Item No: 6

Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund 2023

A report presented to the Chairman and Members of the North West Area in September 2022, Item No. 17 on the Agenda, recommending that the maximum amount of funding that can be used for staff resources, programming and general administration costs in 2023, remains at 75% for existing recipients of the fund and new applicants must allocate a minimum of 50% of funding to programmes (excluding salaries, wages and overheads) with the exception of specialised services, this was subsequently approved and implemented by the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund Assessment Panel.

A sum of €1,725,000 was allocated to the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund for 2023. This funding is to continue to support the process of social regeneration in the area. The social regeneration objectives for Ballymun are set out in Sustaining Regeneration – A Social Plan for Ballymun. Applications for the 2023 fund closed on December 16th 2022. 21 applications in total were received. The total amount of funding applied for was €2,068,225, which is €343,225 over the allocated budget of €1.725m.

The Assessment Panel met on January 9th, 12th and 19th 2023 to consider each application/programme proposed under this fund to ensure that the criteria as stipulated was met, all supporting documentation was in order and the service provision outlined in the work plans is in line with the objectives as set out in Sustaining Regeneration – A Social Plan for Ballymun.

There were two unsuccessful applications as they did not meet the criteria. 19 organisations/groups had funding approved by the Assessment Panel for 2023 as outlined below. A portion of the fund was withheld to provide additional support services to the groups and organisations including Training Workshops, exploring funding streams, and Mentoring Services.

Organisation	2023 Funding Allocation
Aisling Project	150,000
Axis	441,000
Ballymun Initiative for Third Level Education (BITE)	12,500
Ballymun Kickhams GAA Club	15,000
Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre	95,430
Ballymun Community Law Centre	99,000

Ballymun Music Programme/TU Dublin	73,050
Ballymun Regional Youth Resource (BRYR)	47,755
Ballymun Revealing Yourself Through Education (BRYTE)	95,100
DCU in the Community and Nordubco	116,365
De Paul Ireland	51,243
Global Action Plan (GAP)	65,137
Innovate Communities	29,700
Peter McVerry Trust Addiction Services	106,920
Poppintree Youth Project	44,500
Rediscovery Centre	136,927
Setanta Hurling and Camogie Club	15,000
St. Margaret's Traveller's Association	55,000
Young Ballymun	75,373

Funding is payable quarterly in advance, subject to timely returns of all reports. Annual financial output returns are submitted quarterly for each programme, followed by annual progress reports. As per Clause 5.6 of the Service Level Agreement, any unspent funds paid to the Service Provider must be repaid to DCC within 30 days of the end of the contract period.

In line with the Assessment Panel's objective to provide a support service for Social Regeneration funded groups, 2 workshops on the topic of Governance Training for Charities/Non-Charities were held on Tuesday February 28th in the Council Chamber in Ballymun Civic Centre.

Mr. Senan Turnbull, Community, Voluntary & Charities Sector Specialist, who is an independent member of the Assessment Panel delivered the informative presentation outlining the obligations and best practices of charities and non-charities regarding their Governance, facilitated the workshop. The morning session was aimed at charitable organisations and 15 groups were represented – the afternoon sessions was for non-charitable organisations at which 4 groups were represented. The feedback on the sessions was extremely positive and many groups said afterwards the information provided was very valuable.

A report on Ballymun Social Regeneration Funding was also presented to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee on January 19th, outlining the background, purpose and scope of the fund as well as the objectives of the Assessment Panel going forward. This report was requested following discussions of possible cuts to the fund during the Dublin City Council 2023 budgetary process.

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