

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

Meeting: 19th March 2024

Item No: 9

Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund 2024

A sum of €1.7M was allocated to the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund for awarding of grants in 2024. 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 2024 fund closed on December 15th 2023. A total of 22 applications were received. The total amount of funding applied for was €2,270,719, which is €570,719 over the allocated budget of €1.7M.

A report presented to the Chair and Members of the North West Area Committee 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. This criteria remained the same for 2024 applicants.

A report on Ballymun Social Regeneration Funding was also presented to the Finance Strategic Policy Committee on January 19th 2023, outlining the background, purpose and scope of the fund as well as the objectives of the Assessment Panel going forward and their aim to assist recipients of the fund in identifying other funding streams as many of the services delivered are now deemed core services.

The Assessment Panel met on January 8th, 11th, 22nd and 25th, 2024 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 Plan.

The Assessment Panel made recommendations to Dublin City Council to address challenges to the long term Dublin City Council financial support of Axis by recommending the transfer of funding in 2024/2025 from the responsibility of the Ballymun Social Regeneration Fund to the Culture Recreation and Economic Services Department. They also recommended the transfer of funds to address the challenges that the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre faces with the imminent wind down of NorDubco. A meeting was held with members of the North West Area Committee on January 19th and consensus was agreed to support these recommendations. This is a policy decision reflecting Axis importance and impact locally, citywide and nationally and the importance of the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre to the wider Community while recognising that Dublin City Council are the main core funder to Axis and the Silloge Neighbourhood Centre.

No funding was allocated to 2 of the groups and the 20 organisations/groups outlined below had funding approved by the Assessment Panel for 2024 and the transfer of funds as outlined was approved by members of the North West Area Committee meeting in February.

Organisation	2024 Funding Allocation
Aisling Project	150,000
*Axis (funding to transfer to CRES)	441,000
Ait Linn/Peter McVerry Trust	30,000
Ballymun Kickhams GAA Club	15,000
Ballymun Community Law Centre	94,050
Ballymun Child and Family Resource Centre	95,430
Ballymun Regional Youth Resource (BRYR)	47,756
Ballymun Revealing Yourself Through Education (BRYTE)	95,100
DCU in the Community and * Nordubco (€66,000 funding to transfer re Silloge Neighbourhood Centre)	107,638
De Paul Ireland	40,250
Global Action Plan (GAP)	65,137
Innovate Communities	29,700
Poppintree Youth Project	44,500
Rediscovery Centre	126,657
Setanta Hurling and Camogie Club	15,000
St. Margaret's Traveller's Association	57,906
TU Dublin/Ballymun Music Programme	73,050
Young Ballymun	92,456
STAR Project	28,000
Halftime Talk	50,000

The Transfer of funds for Axis and Silloge Neighbourhood Centre will take place in Q1, 2024. 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.

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