



**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH  
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: ARTS GRANT 2018**

**DATE: 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.**

Dear Councillor,

The Arts Act 2003 enables Local Authorities to provide assistance as appropriate to persons or groups in respect of such activities, projects or undertakings for the purposes of:

- (a) stimulating public interest in the arts,
- (b) promoting knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, or
- (c) improving standards in the arts.

Kilkenny County Council have made provision for the allocation of the amount of €21,500 in its 2018 Budget under the Arts Grant Scheme.

Applications from funding were sought by public advert in December 2017 with the closing date for receipt of applications on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

A total of 35 applications were received. An assessment panel reviewed the submission and have recommended the allocation of funding to 26 projects to the value of €21,378.

The allocation of this funding annually has a major impact of the community groups and individuals in receipt a grant and supports a significant county wide contribution to a diverse range and high quality selection of the Arts in Kilkenny.

**M.J. Mulholland**  
Director of Services



Arts Office  
Kilkenny County Council

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In approving the 2018 Budget Elected Members have provided an allocation for the assignment of Arts Grants in 2018.

Such provision recognises the provisions of the Arts Act 2003 whereby individual local authorities may provide financial assistance for the purposes of;

- stimulating interest in the Arts
- promoting knowledge and/or appreciation of the Arts
- enhancing standards in the Arts

The expression “the Arts” means creative or interpretative expression (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form and includes in particular visual arts, theatre, literature, music, film, literature, dance and Multi-disciplinary events.

The Arts Office advertised the 2018 Arts Grants process in December 2017 with deadline for receipt of applications of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The following represent the categories of applicants to which grant allocations can be awarded;

- **Groups and Organisations promoting the Arts**
- **Individual Artists – all art forms** - to enable them to pursue their practice, to develop within their chosen discipline and deliver projects.

A total of 38 applications were received to a total value of €40,110. To assist with the assessment of the applications an assessment panel was convened on 8th February 2018 to assess the grant applications. The assessment panel included;

- Sheila Jordan, Community Arts Development Worker and
- Sinead Barden, Arts Administrator and former Arts Officer with Wexford County Council and
- Mary Butler, Arts Officer

Having reviewed the submissions the assessment panel have recommended a total of 25 grant awards as set out on the Table attached.

In order to allow for disbursement of the funds allocated it is recommended that Kilkenny County Council approve the allocation of the funds as set out on the attached.

**Total Amount Available: €**

No	Organisation Name	Category	Grant For	Discipline	Amt. Sought	Full Project Cost	Recommendation
1	Kilkenny Uilleann Pipers	Group	The provision of piping tuition for all grades & instruction in maintenance & reed-making	Music	€1520.00	€3450.00	€750 Strong application
2	KIL-Fest – Kilkenny International Literary Festival	Group	An evening of readings with author Liz Nugent and songs by Malcolm Noonan and band plus Joe Fury	Other – Literature and music	€900.00	€2170.00	€900 Very strong application
3	Daithi Holohan (Please return brochures/posters sae provided)	Individual	To help fund an upcoming exhibition i.e. KAF Exhibition 2018, in Hendersons, Rose Inn Street, Kilkenny	Visual Arts	€800.00	€2000.00	€500 Funding awarded: To cover framing and materials
4	St Patrick's Kilkenny	Group	To develop a bursary for people who we support in St Patricks to access so that they can develop and enhance the role of artist through participation on a suitable programme	Visual Arts/Music	€1120.00	€7203.00	€840 Funding awarded: To fund three artists from St. Patrick's to attend the KCAT courses
5	Andrius Astrauskas	Individual	To create a sculpture of animals made from Bog Oak and donate it for permanent display at a local park	Artist/Sculptor	€1000	€1250	Unsuccessful in the competitive process Clearer budget breakdown Question the premise of the proposal... no confirmation of the public venue for the sculpture
6	Athena Brownrigg- St.Mary's Art & Craft Collective	Group	Funding towards the exhibition and promotion of the St. Mary's Art & Craft Collective during Kilkenny Arts Week 2018	Visual Arts	€1000	€8202	€250 Strong potential as an annual community project

7	Young & Adolescent Art- Dr.Joseph Mahon	Group	YAAA 2018 Exhibition And Art Competition is open to children in both primary and secondary schools in Kilkenny. Venue: Kylemore Clinic	Visual Arts	€750	€1485	<p>€300</p> <p>Funding awarded: Towards the mounting of the displays.</p> <p>Merit lies in the involvement of the schools and the focus on young people's art and exposing it to new communities.</p>
8	Orlaith Treacy	Individual	Participation in a short course, Art of Invitation in schumer College in Devon, UK, late Februrary 2018	Visual Arts	€730	€917.55	<p>€730</p> <p>Very strong application. Comprehensive details given as to the benefits to her development for working in the community</p>
	Kilkenny Photographic Society	Group	Photographic competition for TY students in secondary schools in Co. Kilkenny	Visual Arts	€600.00	€1200.00	<p>€300</p> <p>Funding awarded: Towards the mounting of the displays</p> <p>AAG funding cannot be used to purchase prizes</p>
10	TASK	Group	The Artists from the Supported Studio Initiative wish to complete a mural on the external wall of the Auxilary Hospital KK	Visual	€1200.00	€2500.00	<p>€1,200</p> <p>Funding awarded: Towards the artist's fee for the project. This project needs further discussion / advice with the Arts Officer</p>
11	Kilkenny Musical Society	Group	To help fund our Spring musical production	Theatre/Drama	€2400.00	€53400.00	<p>€900</p>

12	Clogh Writers	Group	Financial support to help facilitate library workshops/readings in the local community and to enable the group to work towards a new compilation and publication of work, in the form of written and audio production e.g. cd.	Literature/ Multi Media	€1500	€2000	<p>€750</p> <p>Strong and ambitious proposal.</p> <p>Before monies are awarded the project needs further discussion / advice with the Arts Officer to flesh out audio aspect of their proposal and to glean more information on the invited writers / artists</p> <p>Arts Officer also needs quotes from specialist artists and writers</p>
13	St. Patricks Brass & Reed <b>Junior</b> Band	Group	Tuition to young people interested in learning a brass or reed instrument-take part in South of Ireland Band Championships in July 2018	Music	€1000	€4520	<p>€500</p> <p>Important service provided for young people in Kilkenny</p>
14	Helen Doyle Farrell	Individual	An apprenticeship with artist, Eamonn Coleman (description page attached)	Visual Arts	€1500	€3500	<p>Unsuccessful in the competitive process.</p>
15	Music in Kilkenny	Group	To help fund our concert series in Kilkenny where we invite internationally renowned Irish and foreign artists to perform music of the highest artistic and international standards in Kilkenny	Music	€2000	€41000	<p>€2,000</p> <p>Very strong application. Fulfils all AAG criteria</p>

16	What's on Tom? Productions	Group	We produce short plays from new and emerging playwrights and we are seeking support for our next show in Summer 2018	Theatre/Drama	€580	€730	€580  Very strong application. Fulfils all AAG criteria
17	KCAT Arts Centre	Group	Exploring inclusive dance performance within the KCAT dance studio with a view to expanding inclusive dance performance and contemporary dance in general in the South East	Dance	€1100	€1520	€1,000
18	David Thompson	Individual	Funding for tutorage and expenses to receive grading on a musical instrument	Music	€168.00	€210.00	€110
19	The Devious Theatre Company	Group	To help fund the production of a new play entitled The Roaring Banshees to be staged in the Watergate Theatre in Aug 2018.	Theatre/Drama	€2500	€30,860	€1,000  Strong application Devious have provided high quality arts and theatre experiences for diverse audiences in a broad range of venues for many years.
20	Brendan Casey	Individual	Writing a novel set on an island off the northern coast of Ireland in the post-bubonic plague Middle Ages.	Literature	€960	€1200	Unsuccessful In receipt of an ArtLinks Award

21	St. Canice's Instrumental Music Programme	Group	To purchase 16 1/8 size violins which are required for the junior infant children age 1/5 to begin learning music in the instrumental music programme	Music	€832	€1040	Unsuccessful as their application was for capital equipment
22	Susie Lamb	Individual	For financial support to spend 3 days exploring movement ideas with choreographer Emma Martin on a 26 minute spoken word recording, written by me with music by composer Sam Jackson.	Theatre/Drama	€1100	€1400	Unsuccessful In receipt of an ArtLinks Award
23	Thomastown Visual Arts Festival/TCN Arts & Culture Subgroup	Group	Marketing the annual thomastown Visual Arts Festival to promote artistic diversity and culture as well as introduce the Art of Upcycling	Visual Arts	€1000	€2100	€750  Strong application. Very active arts community
24	Historical Harp Society of Ireland	Group	To help fund 3 public concerts in Kilkenny, of historical Irish harp music and song. Part of Scoil na gClairsearch – Festival of Early Irish Harp	Music	€1000	€35310	€900 Very strong application

25	Rachel Botha & Hazel Shaw	Group	History of Art symposium for Kilkenny secondary students featuring art historians, critics and practicing artists	Visual Arts	€1000	€1200	<p>Unsuccessful</p> <p>Great merit in the proposal but it's underdeveloped and premature.</p> <p>Arts Officer to discuss this proposal further as it's worth developing. Strengthen the proposal with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Research with the schools and teachers re the need for this and regarding the content of the day.</li> <li>*Advice: take a partnership approach with eg – libraries / Kilkenny Education Centre</li> </ul>
26	Rachel Botha	Group	A selected 25 participants receive a disposable camera and capture their 24 hour day. The project will conclude with an exhibition of the work and a stock-motion display	Multi media??	€632	€790	<p>Unsuccessful</p> <p>Proposal but it's underdeveloped and premature. Arts Officer to meet with Rachel to advise on making applications.</p>
27	AKA Fringe	Group	To facilitate engagement of the arts community in Kilkenny in collaborative practice and interaction through the medium of a vibrant fringe festival	Visual Arts, Music, theatre/drama, multi media, literature and film	€1000	€7500	<p>€900</p> <p>Strong applicants</p>



28	The Kilkenny Choir	Group	To help fund the cost of our Annual Spring Concert on 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny – stage and venue hire	Music	€1000	€16400	€900  Going forward applications need to be backed up by more substantial supporting documentation and quotes.
29	Carrie Lynam	Individual	Funding to engage a professional filmmaker to support me in the realisation of a series of art works for public exhibition and engagement	Visual Arts/Multi Media	€818	€2633.70	€818  Very strong application
30	Eamon Colman	Individual	I am making a series of night paintings based in the Kilkenny area for two exhibitions in Dublin and Wales, Aug 2018.	Visual Arts	€1000	€10000	€1,000
31	Bear Foot Productions	Group	To adapt an original feature length script to a short film and to self-produce and direct that short film	Film	€1000	€2000	€1,000  Strong application
32	Mary McGuinness	Individual	To fund a visual response to the famine remains discovered at McDonagh Shopping Centre site in 2005	Visual Arts	€1000	€1200	Unsuccessful  Application didn't articulate how it fulfils AAG criteria
33	Bearnaird Cuffe	Individual	To help finance me to continue lessons in Cork school of Music (tuba)	Music	€360	€360	Unsuccessful

34	Kilmanagh Ballycallan Killaloe Community Enterprise Group Company – Limited by Guarantee	Group	Promotion of music & theatre events at Ballykeeffe Amphitheatre, Kilmanagh, Co Kilkenny during the summer period	Theatre/Drama and Music	€1000	€60k	€1,000  Strong application
35	Collaborative group Ita Morrissey Hannah McCormick Eadaoin Walsh		Creative collaboration between local artists and newly arrived Syrian individuals. The bursary will fund phase one of this project which will work towards a site specific performance	Theatre / community	€4,040	€6,100	€1,500  Very strong application.
	<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>				<b>€40,110</b>		
	<b>TOTAL AWARDS</b>						<b>€21,378</b>