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County Hall John Street Kilkenny
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Creating Sustainable Communities and Places



8th February 2022

TO: An Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Kilkenny County Council,

Re: Arts Act Grants 2022

A Chara,

The Elected Members provided an allocation of €22,000 in the 2022 budget for the assignment of the Arts Grants in 2022.

This 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, dance and Multi- disciplinary events.

The Arts Office advertised the 2022 Arts Grants process in December 2021 with a deadline for receipt of applications of 24th January 2022. 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 25 applications were received to a total value of €32,028 to assist with the assessment of the applications an assessment panel was convened on 7th February 2022 to assess the grant applications. The assessment panel included:

- Joanna Cunningham, Director Watergate Theatre
- Carrie Lynam, Project developer and manager
- Mary Butler, Arts Officer was present

I recommend that the grants as outlined under the Arts Act Grant are approved by the members as circulated.

Mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary J. Mulholland', is written over a horizontal line.

Mary J. Mulholland,
Director of Services

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Organisation Name	Project	Discipline	Amount Sought	Recommendation
John Masterson	The technical aspects of the completion of his psychological memoir <i>the Column I Never Wrote</i>	Literature	€1000	€1,000
KCAT Arts Centre – Learning Dept Alice Bennett	Research into sustainable and ecologically minded arts practises for teaching and learning	Visual arts	€1000	€1,000
Darren Donohue	To support the publication of a debut poetry collection with Turas Press	Literature	€900	€900
Bobbie (Roberta) Gene Carey	Funds for recording a CD titled “Blue and Beyond” an interpretation of the music of Joni Mitchell	Music	€1000	Not recommended
Castlecomer Community School	Production of school musical ‘All Shock Up’	Music/Theatre/Drama	€1000	Not recommended
Windgap Community Development CLG	Poet in Residence in Community Centre/School – culminating in Poetry Trail along our village loop walk -to be launched on Poetry day Ireland (28.4.22)	Literature	€3200	€3,200
Clogh Writers	Writing workshops to learn editing skills in prose and poetry. Revisit some past work with a view to a new publication	Literature/multidisciplinary (visual & sound)	€1500	€1,000
South Midlands Branch of the Irish Patchwork Society	Financial assistance to hold a virtual quilting workshop/lecture for our members	Other (patchwork, quilting, needlework)	€560	€560

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Niamh Moroney	To document speak like no other one in particular in a fashion that may attract other Belgian performers and producers to present work in KK and to create greater visibility for this show in order to promote our premiere in Kilkenny in Aug 2022	Theatre/drama/multi media	€1968	1,100
Friends of the Sofa Sessions Willy Byrne	Funding for the provision of jazz music to the community in Kilkenny City and nationally	Multidisciplinary	€3000	Not recommended
Mary Burke	4 th year graduate student of a BA in Visual arts. Working towards an exhibition The Shroud of Nature. Funding towards working on this body of work to hold an exhibition in Co. KK in Oct/Nov	Visual Arts	€960	Not recommended
TADA! Theatre School Gillian Grattan	Development of a monologue show, to be rehearsed and performed by children at each venue in Graig, Inistioge & Thomastown, the proceeds of which will be donated to a chosen local charity	Theatre/Drama	€1380	€1,380
Lake Productions Kilkenny	A theatre production of The King's of the Kilburn High Road, to be staged at the Concert Hall, Thomastown Co KK	Theatre/drama	€15620	€1,000
Paula Leyden	To collate a series of poems written over the past year into a collection hopefully for publication	Literature	€400	€400
Paulstown Development Association John Hennessy Chair Ann Marie Byrne Sec	We wish to hold a weekend for local to see what talents our community has to offer	Multidisciplinary VA, Music, Dance basket making, steel work, jewellery, baking, condiment etc	€680	Not recommended

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Brendan Casey	Create poetry that explores the intersection between visual art and language and looks to move poetry into the public sphere	Literature	€1000	€1,000
Dreamstuff Youth Theatre	A production of 'Fail, An Epic. Or 'An Epic Fail' Jody O'Neil a youth-led play about climate action and justice	Theatre/drama	€1000	€1,000
Graham Carew	I'm applying for funding to do a mural and workshops on St. Canices Community Hall	Visual Arts	€1000	€1,000
Michelle McMahon	To host a pilot printmaking workshop with a women's group, to celebrate St. Brigid and other female symbols, elevating the Devine Feminine	Visual Arts	€960	€960
Kilkenny Uilleann Pipers Group David Tuohy	Preservation of Kilkenny's rich musical heritage through piping/reed-making classes from beginners to advance with master piper sand reed makers	Music	€1000	€1,000
Angela Doheny	I would like to apply to KCAT Arts Centre for funding to attend open studio on Fridays starting in Sept 2022	Visual Arts	€700	Not recommended
Christine Scarry, red Alchemy theatre Co & Voice Studio	To help fund the creation of the inaugural Stephen Sondheim Festival – a two-day event at the Watergate Theatre in July	Theatre/drama	€3500	€3,500
Task & The Recovery Project Susan Fahy Manager	We are hoping to create some life size figurative pieces from wire mesh to place in our recovery garden in the grounds of the auxiliary hospital, Wolfe Tone St. some of our studio artists/participants in the recovery project will create these pieces on site and the figures will be based	Visual Arts	€600	Not recommended

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	on the history of the building/surrounding area			
Trasna Productions	Creating 3 residences in the new Powerhouse Gallery and incubation space in Callan. These residencies will support inclusive arts development	VA/music/theatre/drama/literature/music, multimedia/film/dance	€1000	€1,000
Thomastown Creative Arts Festival Nancy Paton	Market the Thomastown Creative Arts festival to promote the arts and art practices to the public	Visual arts	€1000	1,000
25 applications	Total Project Cost €132,395	Total Amt Sought	€32,028	€22,000