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Creating Sustainable Communities and Places

8th February 2023

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

RE: ARTS ACT GRANTS 2023

A Chara,

In approving the 2021 Budget Elected Members have provided an allocation in the amount of €22,000 for the assignment of the Arts Grants in 2023.

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 2023 Arts Grants process in December 2022 with a deadline for receipt of applications of 30th January, 2023. 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 36 applications were received to a total value of €60,945 to assist with the assessment of the applications an assessment panel was convened on 7th February, 2023 to assess the grant applications. The assessment panel included:

- Lindsey Butler, community Development officer
- 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,

**Mary J. Mulholland,
Director of Services**

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| ORGANISATION / NAME | PROJECT | DISCIPLINE | AMOUNT SOUGHT | RECOMMENDATION |
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| Kilkenny Uilleann Pipers Group | Preservation of Kilkenny's rich musical heritage through uilleann piping/reed-making classes (Beginners to advanced) with master pipers and reed-makers | Music | €1000 | €800 |
| Kilkenny Writers Anonymous | 3 open mic events to share local literary works in KK City during KAF 2023 | Literature | €1330 | €1,000 |
| Robert Dunne | To contribute to the associated costs of developing a new body of work and experiment with strategies to make the presentation of work more engaging | Visual Arts | €904.00 | €700 |
| TADA! Theatre | To create a film documentary exploring children's insights in 2023 and what life is like. The video will be held for one year in a time capsule. | Theatre | €1680 | €1,000 |
| Poetry by the Barrow | To host Poetry by the Barrow | Literature | €1160 | Not recommended |
| Jack McHugh | The production of a 5-6 track EP of my own songs on physical CD's and also uploaded online | Music | €828 | €500 |
| Lulu Sinnott | One -to-one mentoring with Moyra Donaldson, Irish Writers Centre | Literature | €716 | Not recommended |
| Castlecomer Community School | Production of school musical, running 3 nights in March incl 100 TY students | Visual Arts | €1500 | Not recommended |
| Mary Conroy | Time to revise and reflect on research and documentation of a recent | Multidisciplinary | €500 | €500 |

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| | project for development of a new artist publication (has booked a residency in TG herself) | | | |
| Clogh Writers | To organise writing workshops and work toward a new publication, to promote and encourage the arts in the local community | Literature | €2000 | €500 |
| Lake Productions Theatre | A Theatre production of Moll by JB Keane to be staged at the Concert Hall, Thomastown | Theatre | €1500 | €1,000 |
| SOS Kilkenny CLG | To facilitate opportunities for people with disability to work towards individual artistic goals and group projects | Visual arts | €3414.83 | Not recommended |
| Brown Mountain Diamond | To share our work to date and plans for the future through an open event for the general public and artists | Visual Arts | €620 | €500 |
| The Kilkenny Choir | This year, our first year back post covid we will be performing two concerts with professional musicians and soloists which has led to additional expense over and above what was required in previous years | Music | €5000 | Not recommended |
| Christopher Bissett | Visual Art Murals | Visual arts | €1212.21 | Not recommended |
| Loreto Secondary School | To help aid fund a collaboration project between a working graffiti artist and senior level art students to | Visual Arts | €1000 | Not recommended |

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| | enhance their understanding of public art from design to realisation | | | |
| Workhouse Union CLG | To support a series of intercultural print-making workshops as part of Workhouse Union's programme Pattern Makers | Visual arts | €2000 | €1,500 |
| Kilkenny Musical Society | Funding towards 50 th anniversary show, Magical Theatre running for 7 nights in the Watergate October 2023. | Multidisciplinary music dance, theatre/drama | €5000 | €900 |
| Eimear Lawlor | Get my 2 nd novel professionally edited. Also, will engage someone to do a publicity drive on the various social media platforms | Literature | €1000 | €1,000 |
| Darren Caffrey | Seeking to secure part funding to attend a 6 wk course at the Irish Writer's Centre, Dublin | Literature | €315 | Not recommended. |
| The Historical Harp Society of Ireland | For Scoil na gClairsearch – Festival of Early Irish Harp 7 -13 July 2023. 50 events, concerts, talks, workshops, interviews, player sessions | Music | €5843 | €2,000 |
| Siobhan Armstrong | Harpist/singer collaboration time to prepare for a CD – Songs of the Irish Harpers – reconstructed for the first time in 230+ years | Music | €1224 | €900 |
| St. Patricks Brass & Reed Band & Junior Band | To continue providing tuition for people and to host a concert in April at St. Patricks Church/host an open day to help recruit some new students | Music | €1000 | €500 |

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| Sadhbh Ni Chasaide /:burnchurch | To cover costs of recording & mastering songs by the band Burnchurch, so we can produce and release an E.P. | Music | €1000 | €800 |
| John Treacy | Funding for the creating/production of a truly collaborative visual experience in the form of a music video, involving multiple organisations and charities | Literature/music | €1000 | Not recommended. |
| KOBARA | Recording and promotion of original music material | Visual arts | €1000 | Not recommended |
| Barnstorm Theatre Company | Bringing our outdated website into a current mobile responsible and accessible space where the audience can also directly book shows. | Theatre/Drama/young audiences | €1000 | Not recommended. |
| Christine Scarry – Red Alchemy theatre Company & Voice Studio | To develop and grow The Sondheim Festival, promoting his works to audiences, practitioners, students & hobbyists to enhance the arts practices and cultural offering of Kilkenny | Theatre/Drama/Music | €5000 | €2,000 |
| Rachel Botha | This project aims to work with artists to develop a strategic art programme that engages the public of Kilkenny in a meaningful way | Visual Arts | €1000 | €1,000 |
| Mary Doyle Burke | To create an installation, including 3 hybrid artworks and a digital work and engage in a workshop with local community | Visual arts | €800 | €500 |
| TASK Training & Support/ The Recovery Project & Garden | Our art group would like to work with Graham Carew, mural artist, to create | Visual Arts | €1500 | Not recommended |

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| | a mural reflecting growth, creative expression in the grounds of our garden | | | |
| Keep Her Lit | Run set-dancing workshops & community Ceili at Keep Her Lit Festival 2023 to promote & develop a deeper knowledge & appreciation of this traditional artform amongst our audiences | Music/dance | €3000 | €900 |
| Michelle McMahon | To build on success of Brat Bride Project by creating fabric for a Brigid's Cloak from 60+ lino images with past participants | Visual arts | €900 | €900 |
| Graham Carew | To do a mural in collaboration with the Fr. McGrath Centre and local community | Visual arts | €1500 | €800 |
| Rachel Burke | Weekend artist studio opening – display of artworks/works in progress, masterclass workshops, demonstrations and artist talks | Visual arts | €1000 | €450 |
| Thomastown Creative Arts Festival | Develop & produce marketing material for the TCAF, stimulating public interest, knowledge, and appreciation of the arts | Visual Arts | €1500 | €1,350 |
| | | Totals | €60,945.14 | 22,000 |

