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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
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 50th anniversary show, Magical Theatre running for 7 nights in the Watergate October 2023.	Multidisciplinary music dance, theatre/drama	€5000	€900
Eimear Lawlor	Get my 2nd 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 t 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**