

Fingal County Council

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Fingal Local Community Development Committee approves €64,500 funding to Community Groups



The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved Community Facilities Funding of €64,500 to 58 community groups.

The vast majority of grants approved by the Fingal LCDC were for €1,000 with a limited number receiving €2,500 including three Men's Sheds from Swords, Balbriggan and Portmarnock; Balbriggan Youth Service and Mountview Family Resource Centre.

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, praised the scheme and added: "I am delighted to see this level of funding being given to such a diverse selection of community groups. From Mens' Sheds to Youth Centres, the funding will contribute to benefiting Fingal citizens of all ages and backgrounds. The voluntary community groups and the volunteers who run them do tremendous work across the county and their work is much appreciated."

The Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: "The list of groups being funded shows the diversity that exists within our communities and highlights the fantastic work they do to positively contribute to their communities."

The Capital Grants scheme was launched in March by the Minister of State for Communities and the National Drugs Strategy, Catherine Byrne TD, who said at the time: "By making funding available through programmes like this, the Government is showing its belief in the value of communities, the importance of voluntary community groups and the hard work of their volunteers throughout the country."

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (now the Department of Rural and Community Development) allocated €2 million overall for this Scheme. The funding is to be used for small scale capital expenditure to help grass roots community groups to get projects underway or take the next step towards completion. The initial scheme is running from June to December 2017.

The Scheme is administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) under the remit of the Local Authorities such as Fingal County Council.

Dr. Pat O'Connor, Chair of Fingal LCDC, said: "The funding will help community groups complete small scale capital expenditure projects which will enhance communities further, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at a local level."

Projects which have been approved for funding are closely aligned with strategic objectives and actions from the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021.

The scheme, which is set to be repeated in 2018, was heavily oversubscribed with 125 applications in total from all aspects of community development.

The Fingal LCDC consists of 19 members and includes three councillors among a broad representation of public and private interests including the business, local development, education, enterprise, agriculture, voluntary sectors.

The grants awarded are as follows:

Group Name	Amount
Baldoyle Forum CLG	€700.00
Swords Men's Shed	€2,500.00
Donabate Portrane Community Centre	€1,000.00
Huntstown Community Centre	€1,000.00
Ongar Community Centre	€1,000.00
Tyrrelstown Community Centre CLG	€883.14
Fingal Orienteers	€1,000.00
Blanchardstown Active Retirement Association	€1,000.00
Finglas Responders	€1,000.00
Genesis Psychotherapy & Family Therapy GLG	€1,000.00
MIND - Ireland	€1,000.00
I-Smile International	€1,000.00
Flemington Community Centre	€800.00
St Luke's Community Choir	€1,000.00

Portmarnock Sports & Leisure Club	€1,538.75
Indian Family Club	€1,000.00
Mountview Family Resource Centre	€2,500.00
Balbriggan Men's Shed	€2,500.00
Donabate Portrane Dramatic Society	€1,000.00
Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre	€722.31
Lusk Community Council	€1,000.00
Castleknock Community Centre	€1,000.00
River Valley & Rathingle Residents Association	€850.00
Balbriggan Enterprise Development Group	€980.00
Malahide Historical Society	€1,000.00
Foróige Phibblestown Youth Café	€1,000.00
Fingal Counselling Service	€996.00
Fingal Rowing Club	€1,000.00
Blakestown & Mountview Youth Initiative	€1,000.00
Foróige WEB Garda Youth Diversion Project	€1,000.00
Remember Us Special Needs Group	€1,000.00
Foróige Balbriggan Youth Service	€2,500.00
Blakestown Community Crèche	€1,000.00
Garristown Community Council	€982.80
Castleknock Cricket Club	€1,000.00
Huntstown Community Youth Project	€1,000.00
Baldoyle Family Resource Service Ltd	€1,000.00
Foróige Computer Clubhouse Blanchardstown	€1,000.00
Owls - The Children's Nature Community Group	€828.00
Fingal Horticultural Society	€1,000.00
Skerries Sea Scouts	€1,000.00
Blanchardstown Brass Band	€1,000.00
Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Eireann, Port Mearnóg	€1,000.00

Santry Community Garden	€1,000.00
Whitestown Estate Management	€1,000.00
Men's Group c/o Mountview Family Resource Centre	€719.00
Balbriggan Community Playground Group	€1,000.00
Sophia Housing Assoc	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Integration Forum	€1,000.00
Portmarnock & District Men's Shed	€2,500.00
St Mochta's Residents Association	€1,000.00
Fingal Youth Orchestra	€1,000.00
Black Raven Pipe Band	€1,000.00
Skerries Theatre Group	€1,000.00
Cairde Balbriggan	€1,000.00
Balbriggan Tidy Towns Association	€1,000.00
Round Towers GAA Lusk	€1,000.00
Blakestown Drive Community Group	€1,000.00
Total	€64,500.00

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