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**Kilkenny County Council**

County Hall John Street Kilkenny  
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Creating Sustainable Communities and Places



8<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Mary J. Mulholland,  
Director of Services

**KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS ACT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS 2022**

| <b>Organisation Name</b>                                   | <b>Project</b>   | <b>Discipline</b>                             | <b>Amount Sought</b> | <b>Recommendation</b> |
|--|--|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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<br>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)<br>Gene Carey                             | Funds for recording a CD titled “Blue and Beyond” an interpretation of the music of Joni Mitchell  | Music   | €1000                | Not recommended       |
| Castlecomer<br>Community<br>School                         | Production of school musical ‘All Shock Up’  | Music/Theatre/Drama                           | €1000                | Not recommended       |
| Windgap<br>Community<br>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<br>Branch of the Irish<br>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<br>Sessions Willy<br>Byrne   | Funding for the provision of jazz music to the community in Kilkenny City and nationally   | Multidisciplinary   | €3000  | Not recommended |
| Mary Burke   | 4 <sup>th</sup> 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<br>School<br>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<br>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<br>Development<br>Association John<br>Hennessy Chair<br>Ann Marie Byrne<br>Sec | We wish to hold a weekend for local to see what talents our community has to offer   | Multidisciplinary V.A, Music, Dance<br>basket making, steel work, jewellery,<br>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<br>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,<br>red Alchemy<br>theatre Co &<br>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<br>Recovery Project<br>Susan Fahy<br>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 residencies 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          |
| <b>25 applications</b>                        | <b>Total Project Cost €132,395</b>   | <b>Total Amt Sought</b>  | <b>€32,028</b> | <b>€22,000</b> |