



11th February 2019

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

Kilkenny County Council advertised the 2019 Arts Act Grants in December 2018; the closing date for receipt of applications was the 21st of January 2019.

Under the Arts Act 2003 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 interpretive expressions (traditional or contemporary) in whatever form and includes in particular visual arts, theatre, literature, music, film, dance and multi-disciplinary events.

The following represent the categories of applicants to which grant allocations may 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 27 applications were received to a total value of €36,724.47. To assist with the assessment of the applications an assessment panel was convened on the 5th February 2019 to assess the grant applications. The assessment panel included:

- Sheila Jordan, Community Arts Development Worker
- Sinead Dowling, Arts Officer, Carlow County Council
- Mary Butler, Arts Officer

Having reviewed the applications and the panel's assessment, I recommend that a total of 18 grant awards be made, as set out on the table attached.

Mary J Mulholland

Director of Services

	Applicant	Nature of Application	Discipline	Amount Sought	Full Project Cost	Recommendation
1	Daithi Holohan	Granted an exhibition space in the Watergate Theatre during Kilkenny Arts Festival 2019 and need support to present the show framing and publicity. An exhibition of all new work.	Visual Arts	€1,600	€2,000	€800 Funding awarded: To cover framing and materials
2.	Music In Kilkenny	The Arts Act Grant will be used to ensure that all concerts planned for 2019 can take place. Paying concert fees to musicians and to cover travel and accommodation expenses.	Music	€2,000	€43,500	€2,000 Very strong application. Fulfils all AAG criteria
3.	Kilkenny Uilleann Pipers	To provide 9 piping classes, 1 reed-making class and 3 promotional talks in local schools	Music	€1,300	€3,850	€1,000 Strong application Fulfils all AAG criteria
4	Orlaith Treacy	To curate and facilitate a thought-provoking and practical course and conference on the Art of Invitation in Kilkenny in Nov 2019.	Multi disciplinary – visual art, theatre, music and spoken word	€2000	€11,275	€1,500 Strong application Fulfils all AAG criteria
5	Patrick Rafter	To give workshops/master classes to schools in Kilkenny thus giving insight and education to classical music at the highest level	Music	€1,543.20	€1,929	Not recommended In receipt of an Art Links bursary
6	Kilkenny Photographic Society	A photographic competition for transition year students in Kilkenny City & County	Visual Arts	€600	€1,200	€150 awarded: Towards marketing, publicity and mounting. AAG cannot be used to purchase prizes

7	Seamus Meaney Photography	To help finance a photography exhibition during Arts Week 2019 i.e. framing , prints etc	Other Photography Exhibition	€500	€718	€200 Supporting the artists professional development
3	Clogh Writers	To help finance the provision of writing workshops for the group and work towards a new publication of writings	Multi disciplinary – Literature, visual arts and multimedia	€2,000	€3,000	€800 Funding awarded: to pay for writer fees and associated costs i.e. travel and accommodation
1	St. Patricks Brass & Reed Band (Junior)	To provide funding for music, instruments and uniforms to continue the work of promoting musicianship within Kilkenny City	Music	€1,000	€4,500	€500 Funding awarded towards classes and not instruments and uniforms
10	What's on Tom? Productions	Production of a new theatre show of six short new plays using the theme –SHAME	Theatre/ Drama	€850	€3,160	Not recommended In receipt of an Art Links award
11	Thomas Duffy	To fund one to one master classes in Afro Brazilian percussion	Multidisciplinary – Music & visual art	€903.11	€1,138.93	€900 Very strong application. Fulfils all AAG criteria
12	Kilkenny Musical Society	To help towards the cost of staging our 46 th annual production "Titanic" at the Watergate Theatre in April 2019	Multidisciplinary Theatre, Drama, music, dance	€1,500	€57,600	€1,000 To support the cost of their latest production
13	Blackstack Studio	To provide a regular, affordable and non-toxic Open Access print facility in the Kilkenny area	Visual arts	€881	€1,486	€880. Good application. Fulfils all AAG criteria

14	Liselott Olofsson	To learn how to use equipment in the Fablab in Limerick and use 3D printing/laser cutting to complete an installation	Visual Arts	€1,000	€3,325	€1,000 Very strong application Fulfil all AAG criteria
15	KCAT Arts Centre	Printing costs support towards a publication on the KCAT Studio Engagement Project curated by Catherine Marshall which will accompany the nationwide Engagement Tour starting in 2019.	Visual Arts	€1,900	€9,145	€1,500 Strong proposal - Fulfil AAG criteria
16	Kilkenny ICA Federation	Funding for exhibition themed workshops to produce artworks for KAF 2019 at Cillin Hill – Art at the Mart”	Visual Arts	€709.16	€886.45	Not recommended Insufficient information given to support the proposal
17	Thomastown Creative Arts Festival	Marketing the annual Thomastown Creative Arts Festival to promote artistic diversity, culture and support a creative environment	Visual Arts – Music	€1,000	€2,920	€800 Strong application. Fulfil AAG criteria. Very active arts community.
18	Andrius Astrauskas	I am applying for funds to successfully produce sculptures with the purpose of inspiration, thought provocation and promotion of Arts in Kilkenny	Visual Arts	€750	€1,001	Not recommended Unsuccessful in the competitive process. Proposal lacked clarity
19	AKA Festival	Aka are applying for a grant to cover some of the costs of the 2019 print materials.	Mixed	€1,200	€2,400	Not recommended Weak application
20	Michelle Treacy	I want to expand and develop my hat making skills,	Millinery	€5,702	€7,202	Not recommended

		learn new millinery techniques to offer a more unique product.				Application ineligible as it is commercial. Advice will be given to approach the DCCOI for support
21	Synergy Collective-Open Circle	The group are interested in developing a pop up project 'Open Home'- (Céad Mile Fáilte) – (working name) in real size, the creation of which would involve some financial investment.	Visual Art	€1,000	€1,503	Not recommended Proposal lacked clarity and was over ambitious. Recommend that the group seek support and re-apply next year
22	The Kilkenny Art Gallery Pop-Up	To provide an exhibition venue for the month of July 19 to show artwork of a minimum of 20 Kilkenny artists.	Visual Art	€1,000	€2,750	Not recommended Insufficient details given to support the proposal
23	Tia Vellani & Eoghan O Drisceoil	A collaborative project between a visual artist and an artist who proposes to represent paintings through music.	Visual Art/Music	€2,000	€2,400	Not recommended
24	TASK	Two artists from the supported studio space at the Auxiliary propose to do a project called The Suitcase Project- Legacies.	Visual Art	€360	€1,800	€360 Application fulfils the AAG criteria
25	Cult Theatre	Cult Theatres fifth theatrical production in Kilkenny will be Jean Paul Sartre's seminal piece 'No Exit' performed in the Watergate theatre on the 26 th & 27 th July.	Theatre/Drama	€999	€2,599	€500 Good application, fulfils AAG criteria

26	Historical Harp Society	Three concerts and three talks as part of Scoil na gClairseach- Festival of Early Irish Harp 2019	Music	€1,500	€40,270	€1,000 Very strong application
27	Carrie Lynam	I am to undertake a number of short courses in specific areas of photographic practice and mentoring with a professional.	Visual Art	€927	€1,337	€927 Very strong application
	TOTAL OF APPLICATIONS				€36,724.47	
	TOTAL AWARDS					€15,817