B6 Scheme 2024

General

Projects funded under the B6 subhead meet a specific cultural need and support the high level goal of the Department in relation to supporting and developing engagement with and in the arts, culture and creativity by individuals and communities, enriching lives through cultural and creative activity and to drive a more vibrant and diverse Night-Time Economy.

The projects make a very important contribution to the development and promotion of Ireland's cultural tourism offering, to the benefit of both the domestic and foreign tourist and represent an important component of the delivery of the cultural tourism commitments in the Programme for Government.

Funding for all bodies and projects the B6 scheme are subject to available funding and Ministerial approval. The provision of previous funding does not guarantee future funding.

Category A Institutions in receipt of annual allocations

The institutions
The Department is committed to providing annual funding to certain cultural institutions that hold collections of moveable cultural heritage of national importance, or collections that are unique in the country and relate to matters of national interest, or that relate to international culture; these institutions are open to the public and their collections are accessible to the public.

Funding for each institution within this scheme will be subject to the approval of the Minister annually.

Method of payment
Grants to organisations are paid in instalments as agreed and specified in the Service Level Agreement, and based on operational costs incurred and expended prior to the awarding of the grant instalment. Terms and conditions attached grants are governed by the signed Agreement between the Department and the individual organisations.

Provision of funding is also dependant on the following:

- Satisfactory evidence of compliance with the performance indicators set down by the Department for the individual institution as stated in the Service Level Agreement;
- Production of the previous year's annual report and audited accounts;
- Submission of an up-to-date Tax Clearance Certificate; and
- Any other terms and conditions as outlined in the Letter of Offer

In addition, the Department will conduct regular liaison visits to the institutions as required.

Requirements for inclusion of additional institutions in Category A

Such Institutions are required to:

- Hold a unique collection of national importance or a unique international collection of importance nationally, or collections, that are unique in the country, and relate to matters of national interest or international culture
  or
  Meet a specific unmet cultural need;
- Allow admission to the public and their collections should be accessible to the public;
- Formal agreement by the Minister that the organisations meets a specific cultural need and supports the high level goal of the Department in relation to enhancing access to the arts, culture and film sectors and recognising the social and economic role of these sectors in Ireland.

In addition, the Department would need to be satisfied as to the management of the organisation and that funding is available.

Note:
Given the constraints on B6 current funding, it is not proposed to add additional institutions to this category for the time being.

Category B Organisations & projects in receipt of annual allocations
The Department is committed to providing annual funding to certain cultural organisations that play a core role in the preservation and/ or development of Ireland's cultural offering.

Grants to organisations in Category B are paid in instalments or as agreed and specified in the Letter of Offer, and based on operational costs incurred and expended prior to the awarding of the grant instalment. Terms and conditions attached to the grant are governed by a signed Service Level agreement between the Department and the individual organisations.

Provision of funding is also dependant on the following:

- Satisfactory evidence of compliance with the performance indicators set down by the Department for the individual organisation, as stated in the Service Level Agreement;
- Production of the previous year's annual report and audited accounts, or equivalent, where appropriate;
- Submission of an up-to-date Tax Clearance Certificate; and

- Any other terms and conditions as outlined in Service Level Agreement

Category C – Schemes & programmes (inc. Creative Ireland)
All schemes are subject to an application process and assessed by a committee on a competitive basis.

The Schemes included in this category are:

i. *Regional Museum Exhibition Scheme* – this scheme aims to assist museums to hold exhibitions and the introduction of new permanent exhibition fixtures such as new panelling, translations of existing panelling, signage and interpretive fittings. This scheme is separate from projects funded under Arts and Culture Capital Schemes but is currently a capital-based scheme.

ii. *Mobility of Collections Scheme* – this scheme provides for transport, insurance and some current costs towards exhibiting items form the National Collection to appropriate institutions around the country.

iii. *Cooperation with Northern Ireland Scheme* - Projects funded under this Category will seek to enhance, celebrate, commemorate or promote the artistic, musical, film and cultural heritage of the island of Ireland on a North/South basis. . Awards under the Scheme are cash limited to a maximum of €15,000 in order to ensure that projects are self-contained and achievable within the timeframe applied.

iv. *Small Local Festival and Summer Schools Scheme* - Projects funded under this category include small-scale local festivals, summer schools and other such similar events that support the aims and objectives of funding under this sub head.

v. *Creative Ireland Programme* - This project is managed by the Creative Ireland Programme office, who will apply relevant criteria for projects and organisations funded. The Creative Children Plan is also accounted for under this category.

Method of payment
- Payment in arrears on receipt of paid invoice (satisfactory proof of payment to include cheque number, date of payment and relevant bank statements) or in accordance with terms of contract/service level agreement in respect of ii) above;
- Production of up to date Tax Clearance Certificate where applicable; and
- Any other conditions as outlined in the service level agreement.

Category D International commitments & projects

Funding proposals considered under this category include the following:

- Funding of EU commitments
- UN commitments
- Council of Europe commitments
- Projects arising through international designations (e.g. UNESCO City of Film, European Capital of Culture, UNESCO City of Literature)
- Other International Commitments

Payments are made on receipt of invoices. Additional commitments are subject to agreement by the Minister.

Category E Cultural projects

The projects:
Projects funded under this category include: digitisation, reproduction, translation and/or publication of historical documents and/or records and research, or unique/significant events not covered by other schemes

Method of payment

- Payment by instalment or on receipt of matured invoices as set out in service level agreement, where applicable;
- Contract to set out deliverables and time line;
- Final payment to be dependent upon completion of the project;
- Where contract does not set out payment schedule, payment is made in arrears on receipt of paid invoices;
- An up to date Tax Clearance Certificate is required; and
- Any other conditions as outlined in the service level agreement.

Projects/events are adopted following examination of proposals submitted directly to the Department for consideration. The inclusion of any project/event is subject to approval by the Minister.

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