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**To the Chairperson and Members of
the Central Area Committee**

NORTH EAST INNER CITY PROGRAMME OFFICE REPORT

2019 FUNDING

Expenditure of the €6.5 million allocation to the north east inner city for 2019, under the Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme, will be overseen by the NEIC Programme Implementation Board and five Sub-Groups. While the bulk of this funding will be approved for strategic priorities identified by the Sub-Groups within their respective areas of remit i.e.

1. Tackling Crime and Drugs;
2. Education, Training and Employment;
3. Creating an Integrated System of Social Services;
4. Improving the Physical Landscape; and
5. Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services.

the Programme Implementation Board is also open to consideration of proposals from community-based groups if such proposals can clearly demonstrate potential to contribute to implementation of the recommendations set out in the [Mulvey Report – Dublin North East Inner City – Creating a Brighter Future](#) in new, innovative and collaborative ways.

The most appropriate route for submission of such proposals is via the North Inner City Community Coalition representatives on the Programme Implementation Board (Fergus McCabe and Noel Wardick). Alternatively, proposals can be e-mailed directly to the NEIC Programme Office neic@dublincity.ie or submitted in hard copy marked for the attention of Linda Roe / Michael O’Riordan, NEIC Programme Office, C/O Dublin City Council Central Area Office, 51-53 Seán McDermott Street Lower. Proposals will then be forwarded to the relevant Sub-Group for consideration.

A meeting of the Budget Sub-Group was held on 23rd January 2019 and the first round projects approved by the Board for 2019 funding are as set out on Appendix A. Total allocation of €2.642M approved to date.

Measuring the Impact of the North East Inner City Initiative

In December 2018 the Programme Office publicly invited tenders from suitably qualified and experienced research organisations to produce a report setting out recommendations and indicators on how best to evaluate the impact of NEIC Initiative.

The RFT required applicants to set out, in practical terms, and report on the various options available to the NEIC Programme Office to determine and evaluate how the Initiative is impacting on the wider community, to detail the type and level of evaluation recommended as well as estimated associated timelines and costs. This report will form the basis for the research phase which will be tendered separately in 2019. The closing date for submissions was 22nd January 2019 and the tender submissions are currently being evaluated.

Drugs Related Intimidation (DRI)

Arising from the recommendations of the Drugs Related Intimidation conference 'Lives Without Fear – What Works', which took place on the 18th June 2018 in Croke Park, the Programme Implementation Board has approved the appointment of a dedicated resource to focus on a clear action plan to tackle drugs related intimidation in the North East Inner City. The role will involve greater coordination between the various statutory and voluntary agencies who are currently working on DRI, including the gathering of best practice, to inform the drawing up of the action plan. The project, which will be overseen by a multi-agency steering group, will be the subject a tender process to be advertised in the coming weeks.

The Dublin North Central Divisional Drugs Unit has recently acquired NEIC funded surveillance vehicles and other equipment and a competition will be held shortly to fill positions vacated by recent promotions / transfers. In addition, following completion of statutory processes Phase II of the Garda CCTV project, providing monitoring at an additional 8 locations will be delivered by end Q1.

DCYA Executive Leadership Programme

This University of Limerick Programme which commenced in November 2018 has now been completed. The Programme, designed for leaders in human and social services in Dublin's North East Inner City, aimed to link the latest research and thinking about how to improve social programmes to the collective planning and implementation expertise of participants. The Programme is being viewed as highly successful in cultivating leaders across all the key sectors in the NEIC. The 22 participants developed 3 proposals to be progressed in 2019. 1) Drug dealing in Liberty Park, 2) Develop a leadership programme, known as the Elders and enhance a sense of community spirit in the NEIC, 3) Create a new way of working. The three groups from the Leadership Programme will come together to present to the subgroups/PIB in the coming weeks.

Change for Life Programme – In Association with Operation Transformation



The North East Inner City Programme Office in partnership with a range of stakeholders is co-ordinating the Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnerships 'Change for Life' Programme in the local area. The partnership has seen Dublin City Council, Local Schools, the HSE, DCU, ICON and a host of sporting bodies deliver a wide range of activities for adults in the area including Dance, Yoga, Boot camps, Aquafit, Walking Groups, Couch to 5k, Fitness Classes, Social sports programmes, Parkrun and more.

The Programme was launched in O'Connell's School on the 17th January. There has been a huge response to date with over 350 local people signing up. The programme will run over 6 weeks and aims to lead participants towards partaking in long-term sustainable activities.

The Programme Office is working closely with Operation Transformation. The TV show recorded a feature piece to note the success of the programme in the north east inner city

area and to particularly highlight the positive leadership being carried out by local women in the area.

Community Events

Following the approval by the Programme Implementation Board of a funding allocation for 2019 planning will proceed to deliver a series of local community events in 2019 similar to 2018.

This has already commenced with the celebration of the launch of the Guild St. Luke Kelly statue held at St. Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre.



Hundreds of locals enjoyed refreshments and entertainment in the Centre after the unveiling ceremony which featured a song performance by local school children wearing orange wigs.

The Luke Kelly song book project was funded by NEIC under the arts projects heading 2018. The image featured on the front page of the Irish Times on Thursday 31st January.

Chinese New Year Celebration at Hill Street Family Resource Centre

The annual Chinese New Year Community Celebration, hosted by Hill Street Family Resource Centre in partnership with the North East Inner City Initiative, will take place on Saturday 9th February from 14.00-19.00. North Inner City's Hill Street will be transformed into a Chinese Wonderland, hosting a wide range of entertainment, as well as traditional Chinese workshops and performances, over the course of the afternoon. This local event is part of the citywide Dublin Chinese New Year Festival. This year's celebration is the Year of the Pig 2019: a year of fortune and luck !



Lord Mayor of Dublin Nial Ring pictured at the launch of Hill St. Chinese New Year Celebration

Other event highlights currently being planned for the north east inner city include collaborations with the Five Lamps Arts Festival 3rd – 7th April 2019 and Gospel Rising Festival 2019 to take place on 17th – 19th May <http://gospelrising.com//>.

If any further information is required in relation to the above projects please contact the Programme Office directly neic@dublincity.ie. . General information is available on www.neic.ie

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APPENDIX 1
NEIC Initiative – 2019 Funding Proposals Approved to date

Department of Rural & Community Development Community Enhancement Programme (formerly RAPID) Allocation €2.642M (of €6.5M)	
Sub-Group 1 Tackling Crime and Drugs	
Anna Liffey Drug Project ACMT Project (to end 2019)	155,000
Garda Surveillance Vehicles and Equipment	50,000
Drugs Related Intimidation RFT	100,000
Sub-Total	€305,000
Sub-Group 2 Education Training & Employment	
Career LEAP	36,480
JUST	7,770
Sub-Total	€44,250
Sub-Group 3 - Creating an Integrated System of Social Services	
Youth Training Bursary (Inner City Renewal Group)	10,000
Non-violent Resistance Training	4,500
Afterschools Research (YPAR)	15,840
Youth Leadership Training (YPAR)	6,600
Mens Health & Wellbeing Programme (Larkin Unemployed Centre)	44,760
Increase YPAR Capacity by 2.5 days a week	51,000
Sub-Total	€132,700
Sub-Group 4 – Improving the Physical Landscape *	
Community Events	300,000
Sport & Wellbeing Programmes	170,000
Arts Projects (incl. Street Art)	100,000
The Green Ribbon	150,000
Public Domain Improvements	150,000
Sub-Total	€870,000
Sub-Group 5 Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Services	
Homeless Case Management Team	390,000
Drug & Alcohol Response Team	346,000
Residential Stabilisation Programme	430,000
NEIC Co-Ordinator	70,000
Monitoring and Evaluation	55,000
Sub-Total	€1,291,000
TOTAL	€2,642,950

** Note: Sports & Wellbeing; Arts and Community Events projects fall within the remit of Sub-Group 4 and will be managed by Dublin City Council*