

# **Report to Cork City Development Board**

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1. I wish to bring the following items to the notice of the Board:
  - a) Cork City Council have requested expressions of interest for the provision of a wireless zone in the City Centre
  - b) Cork City and Cork County Development Boards have requested expressions of interest for the completion of a feasibility study on a Resource Centre for Youth Work.
  - c) Cork City Council has released a report on “An Economic Assessment of Contribution of Tourism to Cork City and its Hinterland”
  - d) Details of awards under the Dormant Accounts Grants Scheme for RAPID Areas (see attached)
  - e) INFORMATION PARTNERSHIP two nominees from the Community and Voluntary Sector have joined the Information Partnership working group at its last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005. The group is due to meet again on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2005. A report will issue with recommendations to the City Development Board on completion.
  - f) COMMONGROUND PROJECT 1,000 brochures are being printed this week to publicise the work of Commonground. The project group will shortly be preparing a schedule of information meetings to broaden consultation on Commonground. A meeting has already taken place with the Department of Social and Family Affairs.
  - g) SOCIAL INCLUSION MEASURES WEBSITE the Cork Local Drugs Task Force and the Regional Office of the Department of Education and Science have been added to the Social Inclusion Measures website. Agency review meetings on the SIM process are occurring at present. A network event of Agency nominees is due to take place in January 2005. At 28<sup>th</sup> September 2004, the website had received 136 updates.
  - h) NEWCOMERS’ GUIDE due back from printers on 25<sup>th</sup> November. 25,000 copies (10,000 English, 5,000 each in French, Russian and Romanian). Will be distributed free of charge throughout the city. Full text in all language versions will be included in revamped City Council website going live at end of November. Official launch in end Nov/early Dec.

- i) **LIFELONG LEARNING FESTIVAL** committee now working on the 2005 festival, which will take place from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April 2005. Tina Neylon, festival co-ordinator, back in post (part time initially, becoming full time in January).
  
- j) **DISCOVERY 2005** a major interactive science, technology and engineering exhibition aimed primarily at children (also their parents and general public) will take place in City Hall from 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> March 2005. Grant of over €25k from Discover Science and Engineering Programme (FORFAS) - balance being raised locally. Total cost over €50k. Will include exhibits from Cork students participating in January 2005 Young scientist competition, plus range of interactive exhibits hired in from specialist museums, LEONARDO exhibition from the Ark Cultural Centre for Children, appropriate interactive displays from industry, state bodies (eg hopefully Garda fingerprinting and DNA testing), 3<sup>rd</sup> level R&D , plus workshops (eg robot making). Pfizer science bus (DCU) will tour local schools that week. Have appointed a person to organise the event - starts in a few weeks. Free entrance - schedule school visits during the day and open to public at least one evening.
  
- k) **SOUTHERN INTEGRATED RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP** three reports in process of being sent to City Monitoring GROUP

**Grants Approved by the Dormant Accounts Fund Disbursements Board**

The Dormant Accounts Fund Disbursements Board today announced the next list of grants approved totalling approximately €7.2 million. This funding is directed towards programmes and projects that assist the most disadvantaged in society, namely: those affected by social and economic disadvantage; those affected by educational disadvantage; and persons with a disability.

On 24 June 2004, the Government announced that the total value of programmes and projects, which the Board could approve, would be increased from €30 million to €60 million. Accordingly, the Board will continue to approve programmes and projects up to a total of €60 million over the coming months following the evaluation of applications by Area Development Management Ltd. (ADM). Drawdown of the amounts approved by the Board is subject to legal contractual agreements with ADM on behalf of the Board.

Under the Board's Disbursement Plan, a minimum of 52.5% of Dormant Accounts funding in 2004 has been earmarked for RAPID, Drugs Task Force and CLÁR areas. Accordingly, the large number of approved proposals located in these areas has been specified in the table below.

More detailed information regarding the scheme and various publications are available on [www.dormantaccounts.ie](http://www.dormantaccounts.ie) or [www.adm.ie](http://www.adm.ie).



Group/Organisation Name & Address	Grant (€)	Proposal Description	Funding Category	Area
Ogra Chorcai Ltd, Cork City	€200,775	refurbishment of a building	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Comhar Chathair Chorcai, Mallow Rd, Cork City	€10,750	creating awareness of the work of carers	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
The Traveller Visibilty Group, The Glen, Cork City	€5,580	providing supports for the Farranree Traveller Womens Health and Social Group	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
St Brendan's The Glen Snr Citizens, Cork City	€30,000	providing support services and activites for the elderly in the Glen and surrounding areas	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID
Togher Wednesday Social Group, Co Cork	€4,000	producing a regular News Letter	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Cork Threshold Housing Advice Service,	€174,303	extending the existing service to homeless persons	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Parasuicide Intervention Study Group, Wilton, Cork City	€6,900	an evaluation of a large-scale intervention programme for parasuicide	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID, CLÁR & DTF
Farranree Alcohol and Drugs Awareness Project, Farranree, Cork City	€21,180	developing computer services and recreational facility	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Mahon Resource Centre Ltd, Cork City	€41,205	completing the construction and equipping of a purpose-built Family Resource Centre.	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Mayfield Community Arts Centre Newbury House, Mayfield, Cork City	€45,000	part funding extension of premises	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Churchfield Community Trust, Cork City	€172,520	further extending the services and support offered to young men within the project and to those who leave and move on to work	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Gurranabraher Churchfield Development Group, Gurranabraher, Cork	€485,000	development an refurbishment of Gurranabraher Churchfield community facility	Social & Economic Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
Togher Family Centre, Togher, Co Cork	€3,447	making the centre wheelchair accessible and purchase a wheelchair	Persons with a Disability	RAPID & DTF
Togher Family Centre After Schools Activity Programme, Togher, Cork City	€29,620	employing a part-time project worker to work in the After Schools Activities Programme	Educational Disadvantage	RAPID & DTF
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>c. €1,420,000</b>	<b>8.26%</b>		

