



Press Release

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Fingal Local Community Development Committee approves €64,500 funding for urban disadvantaged areas

The Fingal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) approved RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) funding of €64,500 to nine community groups.

Grants approved by the Fingal LCDC ranged from €1,500 to €37,000. The RAPID Scheme aims to improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas. Groups to receive funding are based in Balbriggan and the Dublin 15 area.

The projects include the provision of a new hub to cater for children and young adults attached to Mulhuddart Community Centre and support for Youth Services in Balbriggan through its Foroige clubs.

The Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “I am very happy to see that this funding has been allocated across a diverse range of well-deserving groups who offer valuable services and resources to many Fingal residents. The funding offers a great opportunity to implement projects that will improve the quality of life for many people while developing sustainable communities.”

Mayor of Fingal Mary McCamley praised the scheme and added: “I am delighted that the LCDC has distributed the funding across these nine groups. The grant given to Mulhuddart Community Centre will make a huge difference for many people’s lives. I have lived in Mulhuddart for the last twelve years and have seen first-hand the services provided here so further funding is greatly appreciated. I’m sure this will also contribute to providing a dedicated space for residents to engage with one another, their community and their council. ”

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring, TD announced the launch of the RAPID scheme in November 2017 which sees €2 million being distributed nationally across Local Authority areas.

The Scheme is administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) under the remit of the Local Authorities such as Fingal County Council.

Dr. Pat O’Connor, Chair of Fingal LCDC said “The funding will help community groups complete projects and develop their services further in urban areas across Fingal.

Projects approved for funding are closely aligned with with the strategic objectives and actions from the Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan 2016 – 2021.

The scheme, which is set to be repeated in 2018, was heavily oversubscribed with 27 applications in total from all aspects of local and community development.

The Fingal LCDC consists of 19 members and includes three councillors among a broad representation of public and private interests including the business, local development, education, enterprise, agriculture, voluntary sectors.

The list of approved projects is as follows:

Project Group:	Funding Approved:
Mulhuddart Community Centre CLG	€37,000.00
Balbriggan Meals Ltd	€2,300.00
92.5 Phoenix FM	€7,870.00
Fingal Travellers Primary Health Care	€4,000.00
Remember Us	€2,405.00

Web Garda Youth Diversion Project	€1,500.00
Diswellstown Community and Recreation Centre CLG	€2,425.00
Foroige Youth Service Balbriggan	€5,000.00
Irish Vikings Balbriggan Basketball Club	€2,000.00
Total:	€64,500.00

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