

# Community Recognition Fund Local Community Development Committee

## November 2023 Update

### Introduction and Background

The Community Recognition Fund 2023 aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

A range of projects were proposed for each of Galway city's 3 Electoral Areas in proportion to the number of Ukrainian families accommodated in each area. Each area will benefit from the provision and enhancement of sporting, recreational and cultural facilities including accessibility and community safety. The projects are spread across the city to achieve maximum benefit and impact.

Details of proposed projects were discussed at Ukrainian Community Response in February and the list of potential projects was agreed with the Galway City LCDC on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. In May 2023, Galway City Council received funding of €1,911,918 from the Department of Rural and Community Development with €1,816,322 of this in respect of 15 projects submitted.

<b>Total Project Costs:</b>	<b>€1,816,322</b>
<b>Local Authority Costs (Max. 5%):</b>	<b>€95,596</b>
<b>Overall Amount Sought</b>	<b>€1,911,918</b>

### Project Update November 2023

#### Complete:

A number of projects have been completed and funds drawn down on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023. These included Lighting Installation at Claddagh Pitches, South Park and purchase of audio-visual equipment for the Galway Museum and boxing ring refurbishment for the Westside Boxing Centre.



## **Underway:**

**Saint Nicholas Collegiate Church** have been awarded 50% grant in advance for the new lighting system and wellness garden/oasis and are currently at design stage with specialist architect/conservation. Works to commence Q1 2024

**Corrib Park** lighting provision is complete, and remainder of works are being scoped in terms of planning (Part 8) and assessment of current facilities with completion in 2024.

**Box-up Kits** 13 locations across the city – Multi LA tender underway. Anticipated delivery Dec 2023 and installation in Q1 2024.

**Galway Westend Access for All** ramps being pursued with local businesses.

**Black Box Theatre** installation of new ramp. Design stage complete. Procurement ongoing. Anticipated completion date January 2024.

**Glen Oaks / Drom Chaoin** Clean-up of old playground complete. Light landscaping planned for Spring. Scope of works review following community engagement.



## **Tender / Planning:**

**O'Sullivan Park, Mervue** – currently engaging with service provider on scope of works and SMART technology options for bollard lighting. Works to commence Q1 2024

**Westside Running Track** lighting provision. Ecologist survey complete. Project delayed due to planning issues to be resolved.

**Salthill** Installation of power supply to facilitate community events delayed due to location design complications.

## **Commencing in 2024:**

**Leisureland** Refurbishment & Energy efficiency works anticipated start Jan 2024 with 9 month construction. Project Management Consultant appointed.

**Crestwood** upgrade and refurbishment of community facility and development of Astro pitch.

**The Manse, Nuns Island** refurbishment of the cultural centre. Project due to commence early 2024. Project Management Consultant appointed. Tender procedure ongoing and tender assessment due to be finalised by end of November.

All projects must be complete by November 2024.

Should circumstances change over the course of the project delivery and some of the projects are no longer deliverable, the local authority can notify the Department and seek written approval of any amendments or reallocation of monies to another of the previously approved projects.