Fingal County Council

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Fingal County Council granted €64,000 funding for disadvantaged urban areas



Fingal County Council has been granted €64,000 of funding for disadvantaged urban areas as part of the RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investment and Development) Scheme 2017.

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

The objective of the RAPID Scheme is to improve the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas and address the social and economic issues brought about by disadvantage. The funding will be used to support projects that create tangible benefits for affected communities in Fingal.

Mayor of Fingal Mary McCamley welcomed the scheme saying: "I look forward to seeing the progress that can be made in tackling the problems that arise as a result of urban disadvantage.

We see that some areas of Fingal have less services and resources than others and this funding will contribute to addressing this to allow residents of urban areas access greater opportunities within their own communities."

The Scheme is being administered by Fingal's <u>Local Community Development Committee</u> (LCDC) who will allocate the funding to the most suitable communities.

Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid said: "I am confident that the LCDC will distribute this funding on behalf of Fingal County Council to the most deserving groups in the urban areas across the county. This funding offers a great opportunity to underpin our work in developing sustainable communities and offering residents the resources and supports that will improve their quality of life."

Locally based community and voluntary groups in disadvantaged urban areas, including provincial towns, as well as projects aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in disadvantaged urban areas will be considered eligible to apply. Capital projects <u>only</u> will be considered.

Applications which comply with the strategic themes outlined in the <u>Fingal Local Economic and Community Plan</u> (LECP) will receive priority.

The closing date for the scheme is 24th November 2017 at 5pm. Applications can be submitted by post to Fingal LCDC, Fingal County Council, Swords, Co.Dublin, K67 X8Y2 or email to LCDC@fingal.ie

For application forms and guidelines please see here

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