

## Guidelines

### PURPOSE

The Professional Artists Support Scheme is designed to assist artists working in all art mediums (i.e. visual art, literature, dance, film, digital media, sculpture, drama)

### WHAT WE WILL FUND

**Artists may only apply under one category.**

#### **Category A. Continuing Professional Development:** - Maximum Grant: €500

Further training, mentoring, attendance at workshops, travel grants within Ireland and abroad. Tyrone Guthrie Residency applications are max two- week per individual (dependent on number of applications received). Applicant will need to supply evidence of invitation from Tyrone Guthrie Centre or another nationally recognised residency to be considered for funding.

#### **Category B. Creation of New Works and Research Grant in any genre:** - Maximum Grant: €1000.00

Research and development, and or production costs for the development of new works. A detailed proposal will be required

#### **Category C. Audience Initiatives:** - Maximum Grant: €1000.00

Audience research, documenting and recording development assistance publication and exhibition assistance, arts practice development in conjunction with arts or community groups

#### **Category D: Materials Assistance:** - Maximum grant €300.00

Materials will be considered for any art form for the development of new work, applicant will need to demonstrate reason for application

#### To Note:

We may consider additional funding but only under exceptional circumstances and if budget allows. Covid 19:- Artist applying should consider and present alternative proposals (a plan b) in the event their initial proposal cannot be undertaken. We will also consider proposals and purchase of equipment / software that will specifically aid the artist in delivering their work to online participants/audience, under category C. The purchase of mobile phones will not be considered.

### ELIGIBILITY

**Who can apply** - Professional Artists\* at any stage in their career, born, who have spent their formative lives in Offaly or are currently living in Offaly. The artist is required to be on our Offaly Artist Database. The database is free and is not shared with any third party. **All applicants must ensure they have a valid Tax Clearance number and access number** if working within the community you are required to have public liability insurance and if working with children you are required to have child safeguarding training and child safeguarding policy/statement.

#### **Definition of Professional Artist**

\*'A Professional Artist can be defined as someone for whom their art form is their whole-time occupation **or** who holds a third level qualification in their field of practice **or** has been paid and advertised as a solo or leading performer/exhibitor in a state funded institution **or** has been published or produced by a recognised publisher or theatre/film company or venue **or** is recognised as a professional by his/her peers and received recognition in the form of commendations, rewards, awards, grants, appointments to panels, etc.



### INELIGIBILITY

- Incomplete /late proposals, budgets and applications
- Education awards
- capital costs & purchase of mobile phones
- Application /activities for charity fund-raising purpose, for participation in a competition, trade stands or for primarily profit-making purposes.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Track record or potential in artistic ambition/innovation - 15
- Quality and artistic merit of the proposal - 25
- Potential impact on individual's artistic /career development - 25
- Competitive context and available resources - 20
- Applicants contribution to and impact on the arts in Offaly - 15

### HOW TO APPLY

**CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023 @ 3PM**

This is an online only application through Submit.com. Opens Monday 21 November at 10am. No hard copies or emails.

**Link to online application is: <https://submit.link/1d7>**

### FILLING OUT THE FORM

You will be asked to fill in your contact details and upload **one PDF document** that must contain the following in order.

- A CV
- Proposal
- A detailed budget
- Quotes/Letter
- Links to Work or photos of Work

### NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. Please **DO** give yourself plenty of time to upload and complete the online application.
2. Applications will only be accepted from individual professional artists as per our eligibility requirements – not groups or organisations.
3. Proposals must be typed to include an indication of the concept and rationale, a clear budget and samples of the artist's work.
4. Only one application per individual artist will be accepted under one of the categories of this scheme.
5. This award is not an education bursary.
6. The award will be made in the context of a competitive assessment, the purpose of the award and selection criteria, and available resources.
7. The award is for and relating to the calendar year 2023, it must not start prior to approval and if awarded drawdown must be prior to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
8. For further queries please contact [arts@offalycoco.ie](mailto:arts@offalycoco.ie)

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