

Galway City Arts Grants 2024



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Community, Voluntary, and Amateur Organisations
2024.**

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New Directions: Strategic Plan for the Arts 2021 -2026

Introduction

Galway City Council Arts Office manages and coordinates local public investment in the Arts. Galway City Council is committed to supporting a sustainable, healthy and diverse arts landscape in Galway City.

Galway City Council's **New Directions: Strategic Plan for the Arts 2021-2026**, was adopted by the Elected Members of Galway City Council in May 2021. This policy document (itself informed by the Cultural Strategy Framework; **Everybody Matters 2016-2025**) forms the basis of the work of the Arts Office.

An important finding during the research and consultation process to inform the Arts Plan is the need to continue to develop a more differentiated approach to support professional arts organisations and community, voluntary & amateur organisations.

Budget

- In November 2023, Galway City Council committed €400,000 to support Galway City's Professional Arts organisations and Community, Voluntary & Amateur organisations (CVA) for 2024.
- Galway City Council also adopted budget allocations to support Arts Office Expenditure; Culture Night; Music Generation, the WRAP fund; Band Grants; and Cultural Strategy Implementation.
- Galway City Arts Office is in receipt of annual funding from The Arts Council and is involved in programmes and projects funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (with the Percent for Art Scheme) Creative Ireland, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

The budget allocation of €400,000 for 2024 has not increased since 2023. As a result, the overall value of Arts Organisations grant scheme is reduced year on year. This is coupled with other factors including organisations transitioning from CVA to professional, organisations requesting larger amounts to support ambitious programming and an increasingly challenging arts landscape

nationally. Recommending levels of funding similar to those awarded in 2023 has challenged the Arts Office significantly, with a number of returning applicants who did not apply in recent years due to pandemic-related breaks in their activities.

This year, however, to mitigate these constraints on funding, the Arts Office and the Economic, Tourism and Culture Section will engage with arts organisation through the following supplementary measures –

- Pilot project partnerships to support projects of merit that are not eligible with the parameters of the Professional and CVA award schemes.
- Open Call to support community-based projects via the Creative Ireland Creative Communities Programme;
- Implementation of the Cultural Partnerships Scheme as indicated in 'New Directions' – "We will use targeted investment to respond to specific challenges and opportunities that are not addressed by our open call application process. It is envisaged that from 2023 a small number of cultural organisations will be re-categorised on the basis that they make a strategic contribution to our city's multiannual programmes" 'New Directions' page 79.

Application process:

Galway City Council launched the Arts Grants scheme in December 2023 and closed applications on 22 January 2024. Launching the scheme earlier will facilitate earlier decisions for organisations.

In accordance with the Arts Act 2003, Galway City Council invited applications for funding towards projects and programmes in the city that would:

- Stimulate public interest in the arts
- Promote knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts
- Improve standards in the arts within its functional area.

Galway City Council Arts Grants Professional and CVA evaluation criteria was designed to align to the Arts Act Grant 2003 as well as strategic objectives set

out in *New Directions*. The criteria and weighting for both strands was the same, although the questions and level of detail required was significantly reduced for CVA, recognising that Professional organisations usually seek more funding, have stronger capacity to deliver and have staff who submit application as part of their employment.

Criteria and Weighting		
A	Artistic Quality and Organisational Capacity	40%
B	Alignment to New Directions and delivery on key priorities. Equality, Diversity, Inclusion	30%
C	Engagement, Audiences, & Promoting the Arts	30%

Artistic Quality and Organisational Capacity 40%

- The ambition and strength of ideas
- The degree of innovation and risk-taking including artist selection
- Opportunities for artists and/or arts professionals to develop their practice and/or to create or to be engaged in high-quality work
- The applicant's efforts to build the professional capacity of the sector
- The track record of the applicant
- Evidence of continued artistic growth and development
- Good governance practices and an excellent standard of management in the arts
- Approach to ensuring fair pay and conditions for artists
- Approach to fundraising and generating income from other sources

Alignment to New Directions and delivery on key priorities. Equality, Diversity, Inclusion 30%

- How well the application connects with the values, aims and objectives outlined in “New Directions Strategic Plan for the Arts 2021 -2026”
- Delivery of excellent artwork, events and services to those who may experience additional barriers to participating in the arts
- Programming that strengthens arts opportunities and participation
- Equality, Diversity and inclusion - How the work aspires to be inclusive of people and communities affected by marginalisation
- Irish Language - The promotion of Irish language arts, strengthening the use of the Irish language, commissioning and presentation of existing and new work in the Irish language, visibility of the Irish Language as a spoken language across artforms
- Environmental Awareness – How as arts organisations we support efforts to reduce carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Engagement, Audiences, & Promoting the Arts – 30%

- Applicant's track record in engagement
- Applicant's planned actions and measurable outcomes to deliver engagement
- How the applicant shares work with marginalised communities, neighbourhoods and districts across the city
- The applicant's proposed marketing plan
- How the applicant engages with residents and visitors to Galway City

Submissions

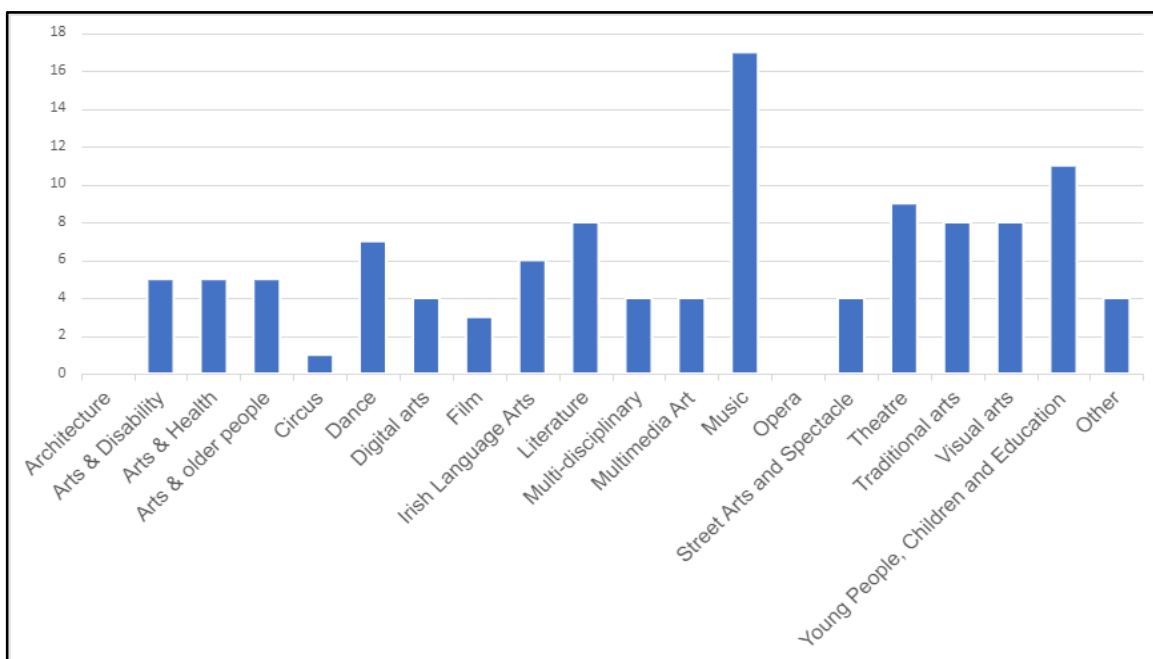
There was a total of **72** applications to the 2024 Arts Grant – **16** are ineligible or not recommended for funding. In 2023 **79** applications were submitted; **58** applicants were successful. In 2022 **65** applications were submitted; **57** applicants were successful.

Breakdown of Artforms

Applicants self-identified which artforms best describe their work. Applicants were able to choose more than one response at a time. The data below is separated by CVA, and Professional.

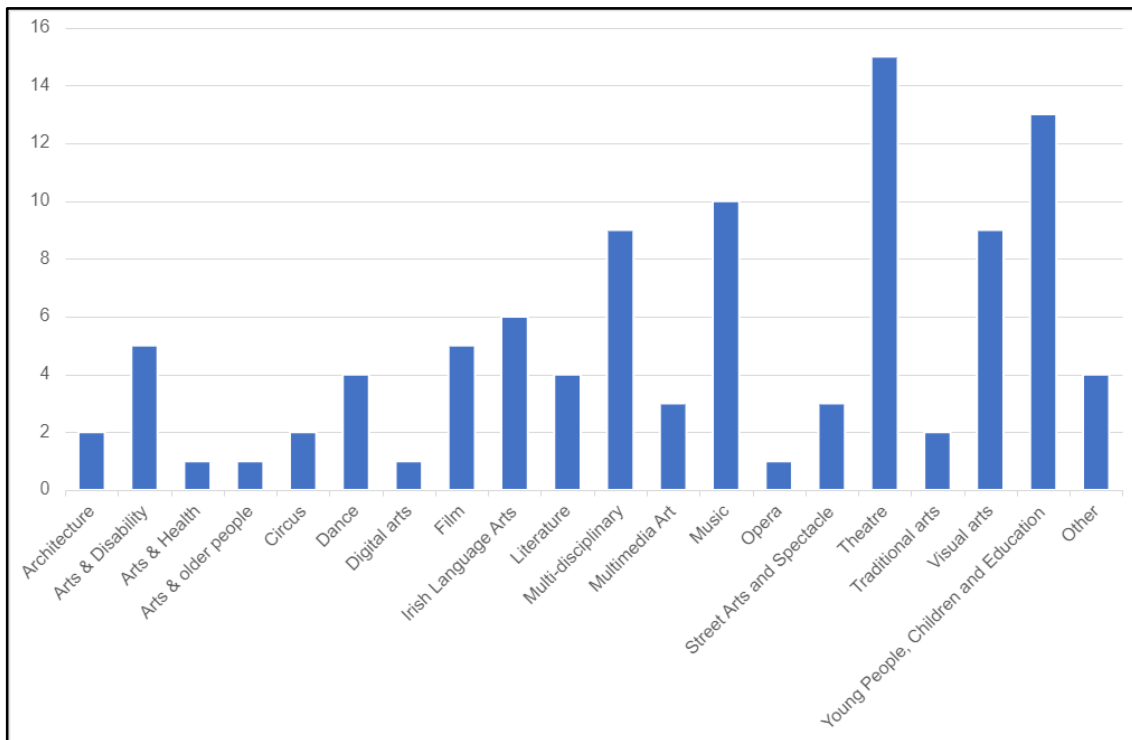
CVA Artforms

Architecture	0	Arts & Disability	5
Arts & Health	5	Arts & Older People	5
Circus	1	Dance	7
Digital Arts	4	Film	3
Irish Language Arts	6	Literature	8
Multi-Disciplinary	4	Multimedia	4
Music	17	Opera	0
Street Arts	4	Theatre	9
Traditional arts	8	Visual Arts	8
Young People	11	Other	4



Professional Artforms

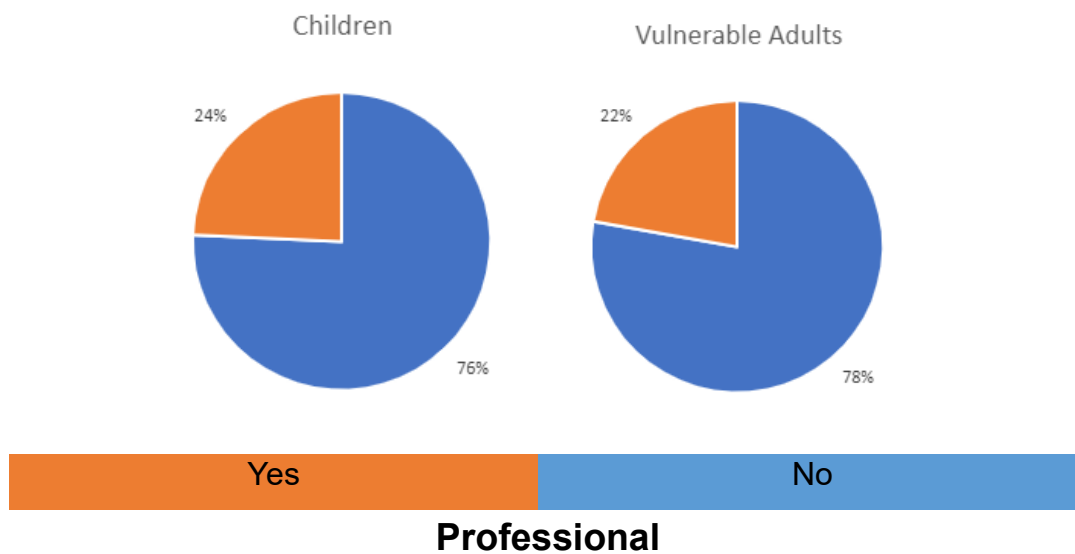
Architecture	2	Arts & Disability	5
Arts & Health	1	Arts & Older People	1
Circus	2	Dance	4
Digital Arts	1	Film	5
Irish Language Arts	6	Literature	4
Multi-Disciplinary	9	Multimedia	3
Music	10	Opera	1
Street Arts	3	Theatre	15
Traditional arts	2	Visual Arts	9
Young People	13	Other	4



Children and Vulnerable Adults

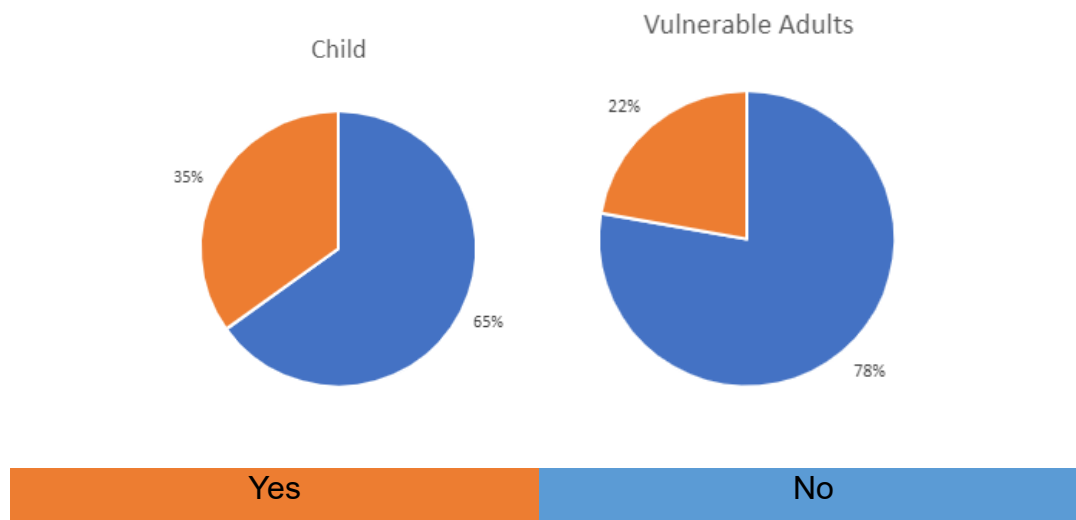
C.V.A

- **9** Applicants answered Yes when asked if their proposal involves working with Children.
- **6** Applicants answered Yes when asked if their proposal involves working with vulnerable adults.



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6 Applicants answered Yes when asked if their proposal involves working with vulnerable adults.



Evaluation

Evaluation was carried out by an Arts Advisory Committee in two stages;

1. Independent assessment; review of each application by three evaluators comprising external Arts Experts and the Arts Office. Evaluation was assessed as per criteria and weighting on page 5 of this report.

2. The Arts Advisory Committee met on 23rd February, 2024 in Council Chamber to finalise the recommendations. In attendance were:

- Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Eddie Hoare
- Dr. David Teevan, External Arts Expert
- Ms. Jane Daly, External Arts Expert
- Gary McMahon, Senior Executive Officer, Galway City Council
- Ms. Ruth Mulhern, Arts Officer, Galway City Council

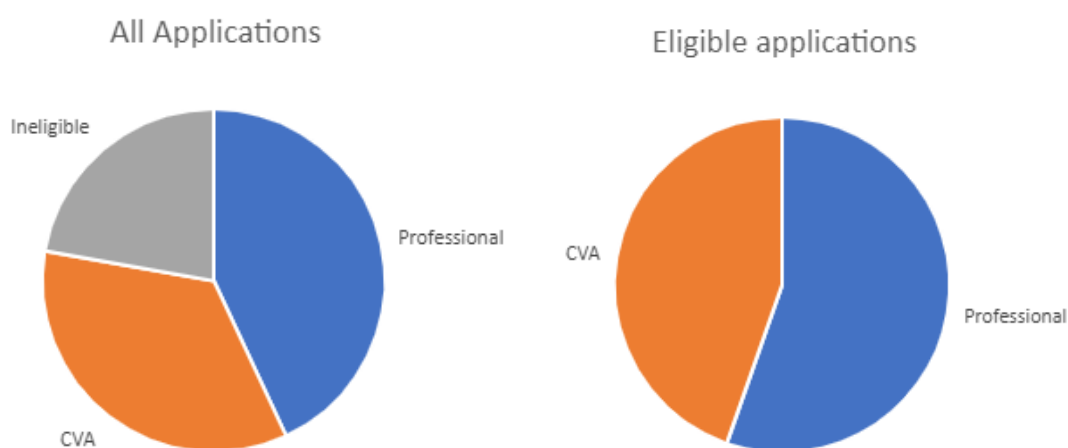
Apologies: Cllr. Niall McNelis, Chair of the Economic, Community and Cultural Development Strategic Policy Committee. Also in attendance were Arts Office staff to support meeting administration.

The committee considered the full list of applications to the scheme. Following full consideration and debate on applications, the committee propose the recommendations as set out in this report to the Mayor and Elected Members of Galway City Council.

Funding recommendations

Galway City Council received a total of 72 applications to the 2024 Arts Grant.

- **25** eligible applications for the C.V.A Strand
- **31** eligible applications for the Professional Strand
- **56** eligible applications in total
- **16** are ineligible or not recommended for funding.



- In 2023 we received **79** applications. **58** applicants were successful.
- In 2022 we received **65** applications. **57** applicants were successful.

Applications have been considered ineligible, or not recommended for funding for a variety of reasons:

- **9** incomplete applications
- **1** not resident in Galway City
- **6** applications that are not eligible with the parameters of the Professional and CVA award schemes or are from newly established organisations that could benefit initially from engagement with the Arts Office

Observations from Arts Advisory Committee:

The Arts community in Galway City and its suburbs demonstrates a rich cultural landscape and enviable creative community, enhancing the Galway's national and international reputation.

Strengths:

- The diversity and quality is reflected in the applications received for Professional and CVA Arts Grants.
- The Arts Grants are important for the development of the sector. For smaller organisations, the grants contribute considerably to their sustainability.
- Submissions to the scheme are from nationally and internationally recognised cultural providers that are vitally important to Galway City Council's strategic objective of supporting Galway as a Creative City.
- It has been positive to see organisations working and presenting as Gaeilge.
- It is positive to see new organisations coming forward to seek funding and engaging with City Council processes; there is an opportunity to support these stakeholders with soft supports initially.
- It is evident from the range of organisations operating in Galway City that the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries contribute significantly to the local economy as well as generating employment in Galway City.

Challenges and Threats:

- Finance: overheads are rising, they pose a big challenge to the art sector's sustainability despite a budget of €400,000. Expenses such as rental, utilities and insurance strain resources and impact on delivery of

arts programmes to the public. Further investment is required to support new talent and local initiatives and crucially, ensure the City stays culturally vibrant.

- **Infrastructure:** The lack of quality, permanent cultural infrastructure is relevant to the organisations as they sometimes use their local Arts funding to develop 'meanwhile use' or temporary spaces. The lack of dedicated Arts space hampers the sector's growth as space providers struggle to meet overheads and plan without security of tenure.
- **Instability** inhibits artistic communities and hinders long-term planning. Investment is crucial for sustaining Galway's status as a Creative City

Opportunities:

- **Communicating the breadth and variety** of Arts, Culture and Creative Industries in Galway City and raising awareness of activity, programmes and opportunities for both audiences and participants.
- **Children and young people:** The focus should be on spaces for youth. We need to plan for arts facilities that focus on children and youth.
- **Dance focus:** Planning for dance facilities and resourcing for dance as an artform is recommended.
- **Support for emerging creative professionals:** A strategic approach is needed to establish viable careers in the arts including mentoring, investing in pathways for career development including underrepresented communities. This can be developed through Creative Practitioners funding.
- **Nurturing a locally distinct arts ecology:** that supports development of initiatives that embrace Gaeilge and traditional arts, we have already led with this consideration in Galway City's Culture Night programme.
- **Community & Voluntary Sector:** Their contribution to the arts is valuable. Strategic investment and support are essential to nurture this sector, focusing on seldom-heard communities.

Applications

This is a breakdown of the financial request from each applicant, their previous request and award from 2023 and finally, the recommendation for 2024.

Community, Voluntary, Amateur (CVA)

Name	About	2023 Ask	2023 Award	2024 Ask	2024 Recommended Award
Club Shine Community Youth Variety Club	This April we will be staging our 10th show, "TEN", in the Town Hall Theatre. because it's our 10th, we are hoping to have it a bit bigger and brighter!! This year we are also hoping to stage a second show with increased number of performers	€1,500	€600	€1,000	€1,000
Cois Cladaigh	Cois Cladaigh's vision is to continue to present choral music to Galway and wider audiences and to make it accessible to all. This is achieved, in part, by keeping our concert entry fees reasonably priced and continue to perform in concerts which are free to attend.	€4,000	€1,200	€4,000	€1,450

Crannóg magazine	The publication in 2023 of two issues of Crannóg, spring and autumn, in print to promote the work of Irish and international fiction writers and poets, along with the mentoring of writers at Galway Writers' Workshop.	€3,000	€2,000	€7,735	€2,000
Forge Clay Studio	Workshop for Bealtaine: Community Engagement, stimulating public interest in Ceramic Art. Continue improving the standards of Ceramic Art in Galway with upkeep/maintenance of Studio, session with Tara O'Conner (applying for funding as an organisation), Visit to Ceramic Ireland Member's Exhibition.	n/a	n/a	€3,800	€2,000
Eastside Community Drama	We wish to continue to produce high performance artistic drama during 2024. It should be noted that we are a community group open to all people. We strive to make professional drama a reality for local community people. This project is community based and community led.	€2,500	€2,000	€3,500	€2,000
Galway African Diaspora-Ireland	Afro Music Nights in The Ol' 55 Bar on Prospect Hill featuring a variety of African DJs living in Galway city and African Dance classes in public spaces around the city for all to participate in!	€2,000	€1,000	€4,200	€1,500

Galway Baroque Singers	Choral concert towards the end of the year with choir, soloists and small orchestra	€5,000	€1,400	€5,000	€1,000
Galway Baytones	-In May, we host “Foliephonies” from Paris, an acapella group of 26 -Recording, editing, production of songs from our repertoire for online use and release of CD -Purchase sheet music for new additions to our repertoire	€3,500	€1,000	€1,400	€1,000
Galway Cathedral Recitals	We present our 31st annual international concert series in July and August 2024. Highlights include a symphonic performance by orchestra and organ, a recital for baritone voice and organ, and virtuoso performances by organists from South Korea, Germany and Ireland.	€2,500	€1,500	€5,000	€1,500
Galway Choral Association	GCA continues to provide open community access to choral singers/audiences - in Jan'24 we performed a highly successful concert with 300 people attending Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle in Galway Cathedral. Another concert is planned for June and grant funds will be used to support both.	€2,100	€1,000	€2,000	€1,000

Galway Film Society	Galway Film Society brings award-winning international arthouse films to Galway. It engages multicultural Galway residents in Intercultural Community Event Cinema. It provides a platform for emerging locally based and Irish language short filmmakers. GFS nurtures appreciation of film and diversity.	€13,500	€3,000	€5,000	€3,000
Galway Mental Health Association	The GMHA seeks support to launch a community -centered projects fostering mental well-being through accessible art activities. Our inclusive program aims to engage diverse individuals, promoting creativity and connection for positive mental health impact within Galway Community.	n/a	n/a	€2,479	€1,000
Galway Musical Society	To enable Galway Musical Society to produce the musical "Oliver!" in the Town Hall Theatre in April 2024. A cast of over 50 adults and children will rehearse from Jan to April learning dance routines, vocal harmonies and acting skills to entertain Galway audiences with this wonderful musical.	€5,000	€500	€5,000	€1,500
Galway Uke Fest	The Galway Uke Fest is a global ukulele destination celebrated for its inclusive approach and commitment to year-round workshops. Attracting over 500 ukulele players, the festival features concerts, workshops, competitions, pop up performances and relaxed play-alongs. And the iconic annual flashmob!	€5,000	€500	€3,000	€1,000

Galway Youth Orchestra	As GYO is still trying you rebuild numbers of players which dropped from 86 before COVID to 32 immediately after our return to rehearsals we are anxious to publically advertise our auditions to that end we apply for 2000 euro to spend on local papers and radio and posters and leaflets.	€3,000	€1,000	€2,000	€1,000
Knocknacarra Amateur Theatre Society	Kats are applying for an art grant for 2024 to offset a major production in Galway Townhall in April 20 24, and a supper theatre in November 20 24. they also hope to expand their activities by employing Drama trainers to facilitate workshops.	€2,000	€500	€1,500	€500
Red Bird Youth Collective	'Exploring the City' sees Red Bird work with Ruby Wallis through a range of material, using multilayered and experimental responses through photography, video, sound recording, collage and cyanotype print, and with Vicky Smith with textiles and experimental sculpture, to be exhibited in May 2024.	€3,000	€1,500	€3,000	€1,200
Renmore Pantomime Society CLG	Our aim is to produce a high quality Pantomime during the Christmas period Dec '24 to Jan '25 to provide entertainment to audiences from Galway and beyond.	€4,000	€1,000	€4,000	€1,000

Skylight 47	Funding towards production costs of Issues 18 and 19 of Skylight 47. With our limited funding, prose article contributors (reviews, comment pieces, masterclasses) are still only paid an honorarium. We would like to be in a position to pay all our contributors a fair, realistic fee.	€3,370	€900	€2,500	€900
St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church	St. Nicholas' Schola Cantorum aims to provide, through creative expression of the voice, a culturally diverse way for the children of Galway to be involved in and flourish in community through musical education with initiatives that offer a means of dealing with anxiety, stress and social isolation.	€9,500	€1,200	€3,500	€1,200
The Galway Cartoon Festival	The Galway Cartoon Festival invites great cartoonists to come and draw with the Galway public, and shows jokes about today's world from all around that world. There will be fun ways to learn about art, and a chance to draw with some of the greatest in the business.	€6,450	€1,000	€8,000	€1,000

Western branch of Irish Patchwork Society	<p>1. Bring the artform to a wider audience. It is important to highlight the craft</p> <p>2. Encourage more people to consider taking up this craft</p> <p>3. Provide Learning and creative advancement opportunities for our new and existing members - building their skills to produce quality work.</p>	€900	€450	€1,000	€500
Westside Arts Festival	Westside Arts Festival is an annual community event which has been running for almost 20 years. People of all ages and abilities from all walks of life come to take part in 5 fun-filled days of workshops, exhibitions, music, and drama hosted by artists, performers and facilitators from near and far.	€7,500	€5,000	€7,800	€6,000
Youth Ballet West	<p>There is nothing more important in this world than Connection.</p> <p>This piece will explore the connections that young people make & break throughout their life through the imagery of Strings.</p> <p>Strings that bind them; strings that keep them safe; strings they want to protect & those they want to sever.</p>	€2,500	€1,750	€3,220	€1,750
Total Proposed Award:					€36,000

Professional

Name	About	2023 Ask	2023 Award	2024 Ask	2024 Recommended Award
126 Artist-Run Gallery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expand our contemporary art initiatives by curating exhibitions/events and collaborating with partners - Nurture emerging talent through residencies, provide affordable studio spaces, and enhance accessibility - Foster a vibrant arts community and enrich public engagement 	€25,480	€11,000	€22,000	€11,000
Architecture at the Edge	Architecture at the Edge are planning an expanded series of architecture related talks, film screenings, workshops & exhibitions throughout 2024. Our vision is that it will be a catalyst for a future of increased participation and to further establish it a strong cultural voice for Architecture.	€15,000	€4,000	€15,000	€4,000

Arts Alive Galway Brothers of Charity Services	In 2024 Arts Alive Galway is developing exhibitions, productions and public art in collaboration with a variety of professional artists. The projects aim to emphasise inclusivity and accessibility, aspiring to break down barriers and inspire an inclusive arts scene in Galway	€10,000	€3,000	€5,000	€2,500
Artspace Studios	Artspace Studios will continue to provide affordable studios & a supportive place of work for artists in our Galway City premises. Our Board & Administrator will create engagement opportunities through organising curator visits, a short-term graduate residency & member workshops.	€15,000	€10,500	€12,500	€10,500
Baboró International Arts Festival for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Curate international festival to reflect diversity of Ireland today & inspire children from across Galway - Showcase excellent Irish & international work for children with additional needs - Deliver engaging arts-in-education projects & continue Children's Panel to inform our festival & operations 	€30,000	€20,000	€28,000	€20,000

Blue Teapot Theatre Company	New co-production between Theatre Lovett and Blue Teapot. Echo & Narcissus premieres in Blue Teapot Theatre July 2024. Creative team includes Blue Teapot's ensemble, actor Louis Lovett, director Muireann Ahern and collaborators Kevin Coquelard, Nico Brown, Dunk Murphy and Sarah Jane Shiels.	€5,000	€5,000	€10,000	€5,000
Branar Dramaíocht	In 2024, Branar intends to premiere 3 new live shows; Ballad of a Bandit by Miquel Barcelo, Fuaimrian Live by Mary Murphy and Tom Lane, performed by Clare Barrett and the Contempo Quartet, Home/ Baile performed by Little John Nee and cellist Neil Martin.	€25,112	€8,000	€24,250	€8,000
Brú Theatre	We will spend time with collaborators developing an Irish language site specific, large scale, multidisciplinary performance of Scothscéalta by Pádraic Ó'Conaire in Galway City. We'll offer a comprehensive theatre professional development programme Brú School to Galway based artists through 2024	€5,500	€2,250	€5,750	€3,000

Cúirt International Festival of Literature	Cúirt will deliver its annual festival celebrating leading Irish and international writers coming together to tell stories, share perspectives and celebrate writing in the city of Galway. We believe in programming innovatively, inclusively and ensuring the sustainability for the future.	€15,000	€15,000	€20,000	€15,000
Decadent Theatre Company DAC	in 2024 Decadent Theatre will 1. The World premiere of a new play by Marina Carr- The Map of Argentina at the 2024 Galway International Arts Festival 2. New production of the neglected Conor McPherson classic - Shining City at Galway Townhall Theatre 3. Develop work by John O Connell & Donal Ryan	€6,000	€4,000	€8,000	€4,000
Druid Performing Arts CLG	Druid will present Samuel Beckett's Endgame at the Town Hall Theatre as part of Galway International Arts Festival 2024. Directed by Garry Hynes, this production follows the company's acclaimed 2016 production of Beckett's Waiting for Godot ('the best work made of the play in years' The Stage).	€35,000	€28,000	€40,000	€28,000

Engage Art Studios	Maintain provision of well-established studios & high-quality visual arts workspace Provision of edu. prog. hosted by established,skilled arts practitioners w/ focus on various artforms. Deliver diverse & outstanding visual arts programme in collaboration with like-minded organisations & individuals.	€20,000	€13,500	€20,000	€13,500
Eva's Echo Theatre Company	To stage a work in progress of 'Ruffled Feathers' by Rena Bryson as part of the Galway Theatre Festival 2024. This project will support the artistic practice of all artists involved while developing the new play into a full-scale production.	€6,580	€1,000	€2,362	€1,000
Fibin sa Taibhdhearc	Léireoidh clár na Taibhdheirce 2024 na haidhmeanna atá ag 'Treoracha Nua Plean Straitéiseach do na Ealaíona', le béim ar pháistí, an pobal, grúpaí drámaíochta áitiúil agus muid ag tóraíocht saibhreas na healaíona, chlár leathan, éagsúlacht agus léiriúcháin nua tarraingteach.	€26,100	€4,250	€30,500	€5,000

Galway Arts Centre	Galway Arts Centre aims to inspire new ideas and ways of seeing the world, supporting work that reflects the complexity and diversity of Irish society, by presenting a year-round programme of art exhibitions, events, talks, youth arts, residencies and professional development opportunities.	€50,000	€35,000	€50,000	€35,000
Galway Community Circus	In 2024 we will deliver on artistic excellence, educational innovation & evidenced wellbeing impact for Galway audiences and better EDI outcomes for Galway Arts Sector. Our program has 3 strands; Youth Circus, Community Partnership Programs & Artform Development w/ local, national & intl. partners.	€20,000	€10,000	€14,000	€10,000
Galway Dance	Run a professional dance residency programme; including fair pay to artists, time & space to create/develop work. Run professional development workshops & new diverse classes in Galway City to include Kundle Cru. Continue to cultivate relationships with our venue partners to present dance performances.	€10,000	€6,500	€9,000	€7,500

Galway Early Music Festival / Resurgam CLG	In its new role as administrator of Galway Early Music Festival, Resurgam plans to “open wide early music” with community-facing and participative vocal & instrumental music events embedded in its 2024 festival, led by artists from Resurgam & the English Cornett & Sackbut Ensemble.	€20,000	€5,200	€8,000	€6,000
Galway Film Fleadh	Galway Film Fleadh will present a programme of high quality films and events, provide a platform for indigenous Irish film alongside international cultural cinema and support film artists in the development/presentation of their work with partners locally, internationally and nationally.	€30,000	€19,000	€25,000	€19,000
Galway International Arts Festival	GIAF, working with a range of artists and arts organisation, will produce and present a programme of Irish and international work of the highest quality across various art forms over two weeks in July that looks to create the best possible arts experience for the largest amount of people possible.	€70,000	€46,000	€70,000	€46,000

Galway Music Residency	GMR will deliver a diverse programme of quality performances & education initiatives, providing opportunities for all to discover the joy of music via meaningful interaction with inspiring musicians. GMR's 2024 programme will focus on artistic & strategic collaborations with artists & organisations.	€31,001	€26,000	€28,080	€26,000
Galway Theatre Festival	Nine day theatre Festival of innovative independent work. Run two development programmes- Síológ (develop Irish Language work) & Dramaturgy Development (develop new writing). Run with University Galway, Fishamble, An Taibhdhearc & Town Hall Theatre to support sustainable arts infrastructure in West.	€14,000	€11,000	€15,000	€11,000
Galway Youth Theatre (GYT)	GYT will facilitate 60 professional workshops for 50 young people GYT will host 20 youth and community choral workshops GYT will produce youth led projects- one act festival/ 24 hour theatre/ Showcases & theatre visits GYT will produce full scale production of Midsummer in Galway Arts Festival	€5,000	€3,000	€5,000	€3,500

Generation Fleadh	Bringing film culture to young people across Galway City and County, Generation Fleadh comprises a 5-day event featuring film screenings, workshops and an educational film programme, GEN Beyond Outreach, collaborations with festivals and events, and engagement opportunities for young people.	€6,500	€1,500	€6,500	€1,500
Luminosa Music	Luminosa plans to curate and produce a world-class concert series entitled Bláthú (flourishing). We will commission a new work by Linda Buckley, feature Irish composers and continue to programme Irish contemporary music alongside the established classical canon, reaching new audiences.	€8,500	€4,000	€7,000	€4,000
Macnas CLG	<p>A 3 day outdoor spectacle event over Halloween Bank Holiday 2024, provided free to audiences of over 100,000.</p> <p>A year round programme of music and performance workshops free and open to all Galway residents.</p> <p>Training for spectacle artists.</p>	€70,000	€24,000	€45,000	€24,000

Moonfish Theatre	<p>1. Work with Oein DeBhairduin, and an ensemble of Traveller performers, to adapt his book of Traveller folktales, 'Why the moon travels', for the stage.</p> <p>2. Conduct development workshops with BIPOC artists who speak Irish to develop a new Irish-language theatre show.</p>	€15,000	€6,000	€8,000	€6,000
Moth and Butterfly	Built on 13 years of experience, the Moth and Butterfly Flagship series is an innovative collection of 5 bi-monthly nights emerging from our annual festival. Exceptional storytellers and artists; Local, National and International will delight Galway audiences with these welcoming bespoke events.	€8,745	€1,000	€7,700	€2,000
Music for Galway	Music for Galway is a leader in the presentation of classical music. We engage national & international artists, work with the major Irish orchestras, support creativity through commissioning & presenting new work, offer programmes for young people & new audiences to connect with classical music.	€23,372	€16,000	€36,323	€16,000

Outset Gallery CLG	<p>Use funding to support the production & delivery of an ambitious visual arts program.</p> <p>Create new opportunities for Visual Artist's & Creative workers.</p> <p>Provide accessible or free Arts education and information for all through workshops, talks and events that add to the arts ecology of Galway.</p>	€11,000	€0	€8,000	€2,000
TULCA Festival of Visual Arts	TULCA Festival of Visual Arts is curated by Michele Horrigan and this year's festival theme will explore environmentalism and practices of sustainability in contemporary art. TULCA 2024 will build upon recent success and deliver high-end exhibitions and public programming across Galway City in 2024.	€30,000	€14,000	€30,000	€14,000
Total Proposed Award:					€364,000

C.V.A - Ineligible / Not recommended for funding under Arts Grants.				
Name	About	2023 Award	2024 Request	Notes
Africa united Galway	Afro beat culture is a new vibe of new generation of multicultural people who want to make vibrant culture more diverse than ever before in the world	n/a	€15,000	Limited detail. Incomplete proposal. No supporting documents submitted.
Camping Soul Food ltd	Jezahel is a celebration of Galway city culture that takes place when the sun goes down. Bringing together inter-generational dancers. The show gives us a space to laugh cry and find mutual ground on the dancefloor	n/a	€5,000	Ineligible in this funding strand due to company structure.
Clay Galway	Clay Galway proposes to organise a ceramic exhibition showcasing the wide range of creative and innovative talent of our members, following up from the highly successful 2019 group exhibition in the 'Tribeton' opened by James Harold and which generated considerable public interest.	n/a	€5,000	Lack of detail in application, the supporting material refers to earlier event in 2019.

Cruit Éireann Harp Ireland	Lá na Cruite Harp Day Galway: A celebration of harping throughout the city on Saturday 19th October 2024. Join local harpers as they explore the history, heritage and music of Ireland's ancient instrument.	n/a	€2,000	Not eligible for CVA funding. National professional organisation in receipt of Arts Council and Heritage Council funding. An alternate pilot project proposal recommended.
Galway Art Club	planning art exhibition during the summer, weekly painting sessions, organising trips to national gallery, plein air painting	€500	€1,000	Application incomplete with minimal information included for each section. Recommend meeting with Arts Office.
Galway Percy French Society	For 2024, Galway Percy French Society, rather than presenting a concert as in previous years, we are embarking on a North/south initiative, whereby we hope to invite our friends from the North Down Percy French society, located in the City of Bangor, North down, to join us in Galway in June.	€300	€1,500	No presentation of work proposed for 2024. The application was incomplete. Funding sought for members' trip.

Ghanaian Community/Ghana Union Galway	<p>Ghana Union Galway is a community-based organization located in Galway Ireland.</p> <p>Our mission is to promote unity and cultural diversity among Ghanaians living in Ireland,</p> <p>We believe that by working together and supporting one another, we can create a stronger and more prosperous community for all.</p>	n/a	€1,500	Incomplete application
Ragaire Literary Magazine	<p>Ragaire is a literary magazine based in Galway. The title 'Ragaire' is an old Irish word to describe a person who enjoys late night wandering. We are a light for those travellers, a place for writers of all stripes and creeds to bring their poems and stories.</p>	n/a	€1,500	<p>Early stage organisation comprising recent graduates.</p> <p>Recommend meeting with Arts Office team.</p>

Shining Light Galway	The play centres around a Galway family. Aisling, the daughter meets a young Zimbabwean man living in Direct Provision. They fall in love. The play dramatizes the challenges faced by the young couple as they encounter racism and stereotyping.	n/a	€25,000	Incomplete application. May be more appropriate for supports from Community/ Integration teams
Studio 8 Galway	Studio 8 Galway seeks funding to sustain its diverse artistic community, specialising in many disciplines. Our studio is dedicated to promoting emerging local artists. With funding we aim to maintain our creative space and host exhibitions and cultural events, enriching Galway's art scene.	n/a	€3,000	Ineligible; early stage organisation with governance not yet established. Recommend meeting with Arts Office team.

UHUG CLG	Exhibition-presentation of the Ukrainian heritage of the outstanding Irish botanist and master of garden and park art XVIII-XIX c. Denis McClair. The popularisation personality and professional activity. His legacy formed a link of culture and history between Ireland and Ukrainian.	n/a	€3,500	Not recommended for funding from CVA strand. May be more appropriate for supports from Community/ Integration teams
Villain Clan	VC (Villain Clan) are looking to grow the music scene in Galway so it can rival the music scene in Dublin, In 2023 we debut a good beginning to our plan, now in 2024 we want to grow that even more so that artists and creatives can grow and we want to be able to help push this growth to the country.	n/a	€1,500	Not recommended for funding. Galway City Arts Office can offer development support.

Professional - Ineligible / Not recommended for funding under Arts Grants.				
Name	About	2023 Award	2024 Ask	Notes
Claddagh Choral (Claddagh School of Music)	Claddagh Choral presents “Echoes Across Continents: A Claddagh Choral Summer Soirée” featuring Galway City Chamber Choir & the Voice of Galway. Explore the cultures of the world through song.	€0	€3,657	Ineligible due to organisation governance structure.
Guzzle	Guzzle explores narratives from a modern generation through art and food. In its third issue, the publication will delve into the concept of home and its connection to a vibrant, multicultural Irish society. This issue will showcase a pioneering photography series alongside written editorials.	€0	€10,000	Ineligible; County based applicant, also due to governance structure.
Sight Nor Sound Theatre	Sight Nor Sound Theatre hope to put on a one-act play at the 2024 Galway Theatre Festival in May. Titled The Good Crank, it is a comedy-drama depicting a flip-flop year in the life of one Kitty Clogg, a woman certain in her belief that she is never going to die.	n/a	€2,178	Sight nor Sound does not have track record with the Professional Organisation Arts grant funding stream.

The Shnug Podcast	The goal of the Shnug podcast is to shine a light on Galway city and the creatives that live here. Be they artists, musicians, writers we wish to create a platform that helps their work find a larger audience and introduce the public to all that Galway has to offer.	n/a	€2,263	Ineligible to qualify for Professional Organisation Arts Grant funding.
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