

RTE TOY SHOW APPEAL



Community
Foundation
Ireland

Changing Children's Lives **for Good.**





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RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Impact



127 projects

were given grant support across the island of Ireland



#LateLateToyShow generated

26.2 million

views on social media



1.7 million

viewers watched the *The Late Late Toy Show* from 147 countries



€3.8 million

was donated to help change children's lives



€21 million +

raised for charities to date



RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Mission Statement

Inspired by children, we work to bring the magic of *The Late Late Toy Show* to every child in Ireland. By funding essential support, health, well-being, play and creativity, we aim to change children's lives for good.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal raises funds to be shared with charities across the island of Ireland who work with children from infancy to teenagers in the following ways:

→ Ensuring basic needs

Providing holistic and practical support for children such as food, shelter and warmth who are at risk; enhanced educational support where needed.

→ Improving health and wellbeing

Promoting mental health and resilience; Increasing quality of life for children with disabilities and serious health conditions.

→ Reducing inequality through play, creativity and personal development.

Supporting creative activities which enhance personal and emotional development, resilience and wellness; Increasing access to play and recreation experiences for disadvantaged or vulnerable children and young people.



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ABTRAN who generously provided all professional call-centre services at no charge to the appeal. Thanks to all the call-centre volunteers who help process all donations made by telephone.

stripe

Stripe, our payment processing provider, facilitates online donations at a specially discounted professional rate.

Revolut

RevolutPay who enable all donations to be made to the Appeal, on a fee-free basis, and who offer all essential technical support to enable this volume of donations be possible.

RTÉ Director General Kevin Bakhurst



Incredible children are at the heart of the national event that is *The Late Late Toy Show* each year. The continued support of our audience to the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal is a testament to the kindness, compassion, and community spirit of our viewers, who have come together to support children and families across Ireland.

Since 2020, the public has donated over €21 million to help the children of Ireland overcome the additional challenges they face in their lives. One of the inspirations behind the creation of the fund was the courage and generosity of Saoirse Ruane from Kiltullagh Co Galway, who won the hearts of the nation with her appearance on *The Late Late Toy Show*. Saoirse sadly passed away in March of this year but she will be remembered as someone who made such a positive and lasting impact on us all.

Whether it is supporting families in crisis, providing comfort and safety to children who are traumatised and feel alone, or helping kids build confidence and raise their aspirations for the future through access to arts and recreation, the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal, through the many thousands of individual donations has helped to make a difference. In this we

are, as ever, grateful to our fantastic charity partner Community Foundation Ireland who receive the donations, assess all the applications, and work so hard to make sure that this money achieves the best outcomes possible.

Being there for everyone is central to RTÉ's duty to represent and connect with all of our audiences. Each year we are humbled by the impact this Appeal is having on the lives of the children of Ireland who need it most and proud of the legacy it will have for the future. The public generosity to this is an inspiration, and we are deeply grateful for every contribution. Together, we're making a lasting difference.

Kevin Bakhurst
Director-General, RTÉ

Community Foundation Ireland Denise Charlton



Young lives in every county are being transformed everyday thanks to the continuing generous response of viewers to the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal. It is a remarkable tribute to the magic of *The Late Late Toy Show* that this generosity continues even against the backdrop of a cost-of-living crisis.

Children and their families continue to benefit from the €3.8 million provided through 127 grants in the past year. Support which is needed to address increasing challenges facing children, families and communities amidst rising costs and widening inequality set against the backdrop of global political volatility and climate change.

At Community Foundation Ireland we take great pride in our partnership with the Appeal. Our commitment to viewers is to use our expertise as a grant-maker of almost 25 years to ensure the support raised is used strategically to deliver real change.

The grant-making is also informed by headline research where we partner with the Economic and Social Research Institute as well as the Children's Rights Alliance and others to identify those areas of greatest need and where the right interventions can have a lasting impact.

The figures contained in this impact report are important. They provide the assurance of the high level of governance, oversight and transparency which the Community Foundation is committed to, and which viewers can expect and deserve.

However, the figures will only ever tell part of the story. At the Community Foundation we hear back about the impact of all that work. Shelter provided to children living in violent homes, clowns and art bringing joy to hospital wards and sadly throughout this year more and more children dependent on support for food, clothing and warmth.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal enjoys a unique connectivity with viewers. That relationship is to be valued and cherished. At Community Foundation Ireland we do that by ensuring the funds entrusted to us are used in the most effective way to benefit children across the island.

**Denise Charlton is Chief Executive of
Community Foundation Ireland**

RTÉ Toy Show Appeal – 2024 Grants

Awarded from the €3.8 million raised in the 2023 RTÉ Toy Show Appeal.

Thanks to the continued generosity of the Irish public and viewers of *The Late Late Toy Show*, the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal 2023 raised over €3.8 million which has now been distributed across 127 grants.

More than 1.1 million children, young people and their families in every county on the Island of Ireland have been impacted by this funding.

Grants were provided under three main areas of support:



Addressing Essential Needs

Addressing Essential Needs assists those children in every county who face the greatest challenges.

Projects included: Supports for children affected by domestic violence and food poverty (Louth) and assistance for refugee children and their families as they transitioned out of direct provision (Wicklow).



Health and Wellbeing

Improving Health and Wellbeing is focused on supporting children living with disabilities and life limiting conditions.

Grants included: Life skills and mentorship programmes for young people with autism (Cork) as well funding towards trauma-informed therapeutic supports for adolescents and parents affected by child sexual abuse (Nationwide).



Creativity and Play

Creativity and Play ensures the lives of marginalised and disadvantaged children are full of colour, creativity and fun.

Grants included: Funding support for children with disabilities to help them express themselves through drama and lámh (Kildare) and bringing marginalised children and young people together through participatory music making experiences (Limerick).

RTÉ Toy Show Appeal

This year, the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal, in partnership with Community Foundation Ireland, provided five transformative grants to charities that support children with disabilities, Travellers and those facing poverty and sexual abuse. These strategic and impact proposals will ensure that vulnerable children are protected, supported and allowed to reach their full potential.

RTÉ Toy Show Appeal founded in 2020 has raised over €21million for children's charities to date. Each year it is estimated that the Appeal helps more than 1.1million children and family members. Community Foundation Ireland, its donors and supporters are on a mission to ensure Equality for All in thriving communities. Since the year 2000 the Foundation has been a philanthropic hub working with 5,000 voluntary, community and charitable partners and has distributed more than €140 million in grants in that time. It has been the charity partner of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal since its establishment in 2020.

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Ireland

Grants were made available against the following three themes in the following categories:

- **Addressing Essential Needs**
- **Improving Health and Wellbeing**
- **Play and Creativity**

Community Level Grants

Grants of between €5,000 up to €20,000 for eligible organisations (with a turnover of less than €500,000) that can demonstrate the impact of their work at local and community level.

Grant amount →

up to €20,000

Impact Grants

Impact Grants of between €20,000 and €50,000 for projects of a significant scale, likely to benefit many children, or address a very specialist need.

Grant amount →

up to €50,000

Transformation Grants

A very limited number of grants can be made to organisations who demonstrate how a large-scale grant could create an exceptional project or outcome.



How the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Helped Children in 2024

The 2023 RTÉ Toy Show Appeal raised €3.8 million which was granted to 114 children’s charities in Ireland and 13 charities in Northern Ireland. Through an Open Grant Round, charities were invited to apply for funding through the Community Round (up to €20,000) or through the Impact Round (up to €50,000).

The Community Round supported 49 charities across the island of Ireland to support the most vulnerable and marginalised children and young people at a local level. With RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funding charities provided for children; affected by food and hygiene poverty, supported young adults from underserved areas with STEM and digital literacy learning opportunities, offered therapeutic supports for families facing bereavement or post-separation and early intervention for children with Down Syndrome.

The Impact Grant Round supported 60 charities across the island to make profound and long-term impact for children and young people. This included; providing disadvantaged young people with equitable access to creativity and connection through the arts, building brighter futures for children at risk or experiencing homelessness and supporting children with social, emotional, and behavioural difficulties so they can engage in school and reach their potential.

ROI Community Grant Round 49 grants, totalling €744,628.04

	Grants	Amount
Addressing Essential Needs	16	€261,128.04
Health and Wellbeing	22	€334,500.00
Play and Creativity	11	€149,000.00

ROI Impact Grant Round 60 grants, totalling €2,145,358.17

	Grants	Amount
Addressing Essential Needs	14	€499,214.53
Health and Wellbeing	35	€1,248,143.64
Play and Creativity	11	€398,000.00

ROI Transformative Grant Round 5 grants, totalling €485,000.00

	Grants	Amount
Addressing Essential Needs	2	€205,000.00
Health and Wellbeing	2	€160,000.00
Play and Creativity	1	€120,000.00

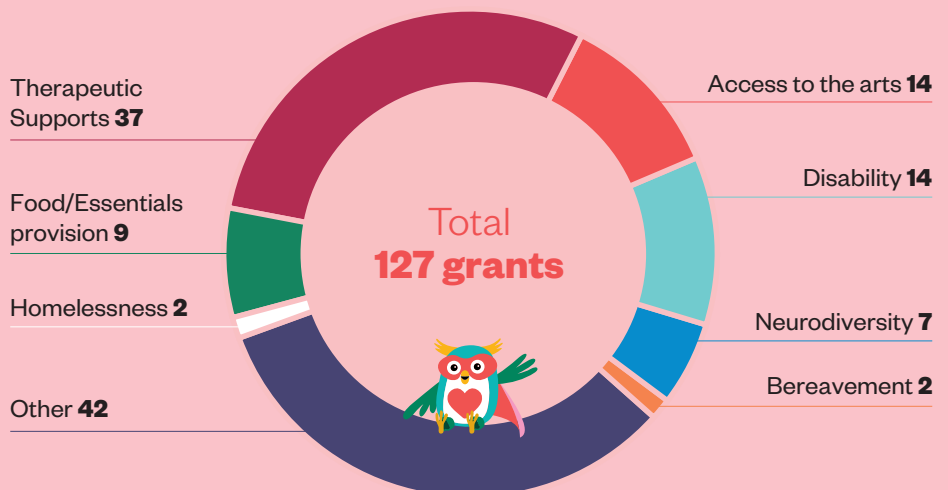
NI Grant Round 13 grants

	Grants	Amount
Community Round	9	£88,963.20
Impact Round	4	£198,689.87

ROI total grant amount €3,374,986.21

NI total grant amount £ 287,653.07

Number of grants issued to support societal issues



How the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Helped Children in 2024

Continued

127 charities

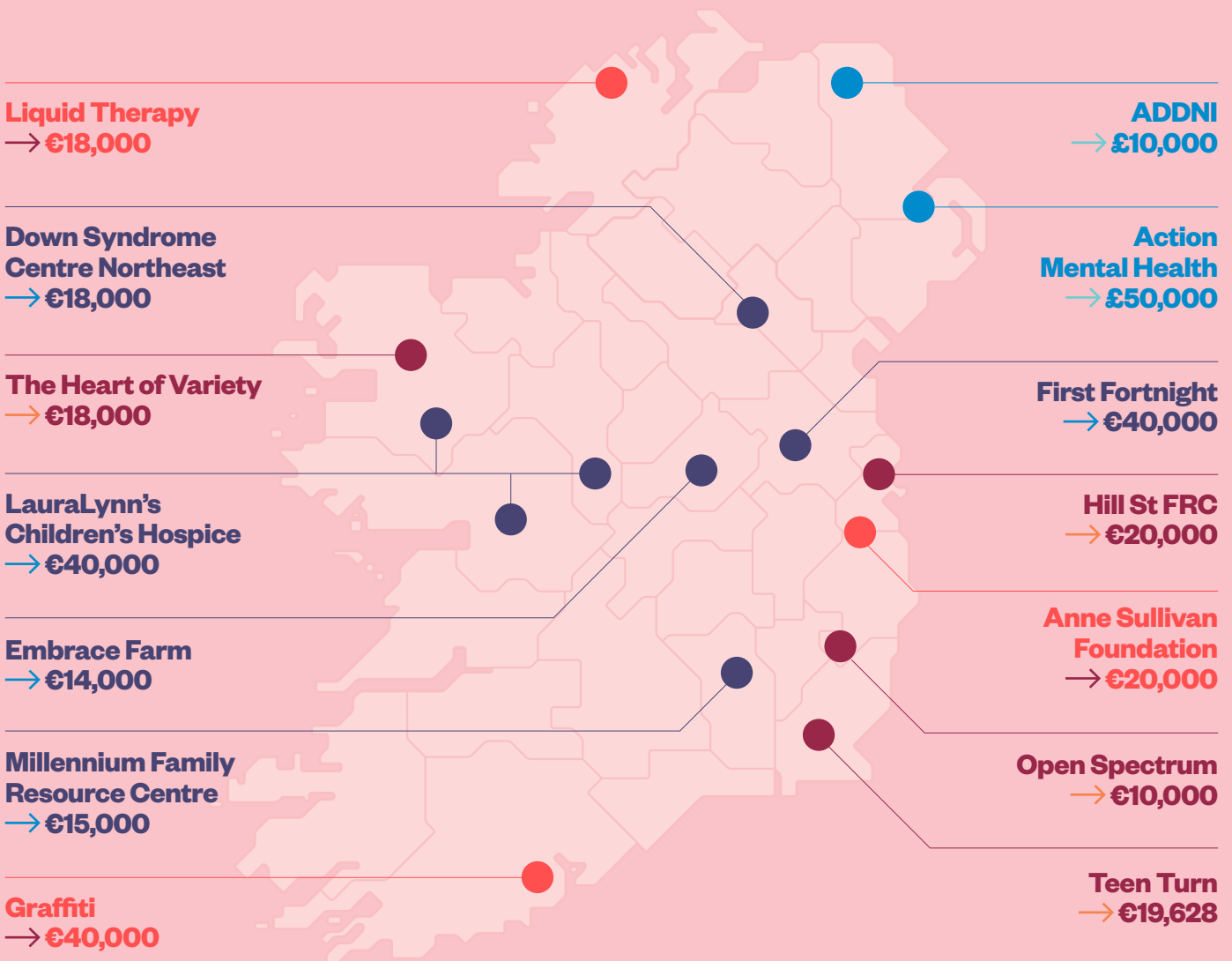
have benefitted across the island of Ireland

Total awarded to charities in the Republic of Ireland

€3,374,986.21

Total awarded to charities in Northern Ireland

£287,653.07



- Addressing Essential Needs
- Health and Wellbeing

- Creativity and Play
- Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funded projects throughout the island of Ireland.

The Heart of Variety

Co. Mayo

Awarded €18000 to support special schools and respite homes with its Trikes & Trees Programme, creating Variety Ireland Nature Gardens which capture carbon emissions, and provide a peaceful environment for children.

Liquid Therapy

Co. Donegal

Awarded €18,000 to support its programmes which use natural tactile materials and a range of ocean craft to develop play and creativity and enable positive physical, social and emotional experiences for children with additional needs.

Teen Turn

Co. Wexford

Awarded €19,628 to help support teen girls from underserved areas with Community Online's STEM and digital literacy learning opportunities, so they can hone collaborative and critical thinking skills and enhance educational participation.



Graffiti

Co. Cork

Awarded €40,000 to support children in DEIS schools and young people with disabilities with its 'Our Way, Our World' theatre programme, so they can grow their creative expression.

Action Mental Health

Belfast

Awarded £50,000 towards its GROW Project, delivering age appropriate, evidence based, resilience building and therapeutic interventions to improve the mental and emotional wellbeing of disadvantaged and marginalised children and young people in Belfast.

ADDNI

Co. Antrim

Awarded £10,000 towards the Tackling ADHD: Supporting and Empowering Young People Programme which enables children and young people to take charge of their ADHD and to manage it allowing them to combat its negative aspects, accentuate its positives and ensure each young person can achieve their full potential in every aspect of their lives.



Hill St FRC

Co. Dublin

Awarded €20,000 to support children and caregivers in International Protection or homeless accommodation with the Child and Family Outreach Programme, so they can receive advocacy, and benefit from wraparound support.

LauraLynn's Children's Hospice

Co. Galway/ Co. Mayo/ Co. Roscommon

Awarded €40,000 to expand its Music Therapy programme to the West of Ireland, starting with counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon, ensuring children receive therapeutic supports in their familiar environment, promoting comfort and emotional wellbeing.

Down Syndrome Centre Northeast

Co. Monaghan

Awarded €18,000 to support its early Intervention programme catering to children with Down Syndrome aged 0 to 6, employing a play-based and holistic approach. Covering speech and language, fine and gross motor skills, and emphasising social and life skills, the programme is designed to address all aspects of a child's development.



Anne Sullivan Foundation

Co. Dublin

Awarded €20,000 to support its work with children who are deafblind, ensuring they can access the adapted equipment and resources they need to explore, play and develop.

Open Spectrum

Co. Wicklow

Awarded €10,000 which will support its work with children and teens with complex needs through Active Connections adventure camps. These camps allow participants to experience nature, adventure sports, and kayaking in a supportive environment.

Embrace Farm

Co. Laois

Awarded €14,000 for its Minding Me service which provides targeted counselling and support for children in rural farming communities who have been affected by sudden traumatic events within the farm family.

First Fortnight

Co. Meath

Awarded €40,000 to support its work offering creative therapy services free of charge to children experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, helping these children in building capacity and resilience.

Millennium Family Resource Centre

Co. Tipperary

Awarded €15,000 to support children dealing with the emotional fallout from difficult life experiences with play therapy services for children aged 4 to 14 years of age. These programmes include creative mindfulness, therapeutic yoga for children and art therapy.



Transformative Grant 1: CARI

Statement from

Emer O' Neill



Grant amount → €120,000

CARI is dedicated to supporting children and young people who have experienced child sexual abuse (CSA) and the parents or caregivers who support them. Our mission is to alleviate the deep trauma that these children endure, providing a pathway toward healing and resilience. Research shows that CSA trauma can lead to lifelong mental health challenges, from anxiety, depression, and PTSD to substance abuse and relationship difficulties. With the need for our services far exceeding our current capacity, our waiting list includes over 87 adolescents and their families waiting for therapeutic support—some for as long as three years.

This project, made possible by RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funding, is focused on providing essential, transformative support to adolescents who have experienced CSA, alongside resources for their caregivers. Through the Teen Support Group and Parent Support Group, we aim to foster recovery and resilience in young people and to empower caregivers with the tools to aid in this journey. This project addresses critical needs by offering tailored therapeutic support to those struggling with trauma, enhancing adolescent mental health, and mitigating long-term mental health risks associated with CSA.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funding will have a profound impact. Direct beneficiaries, including adolescents and caregivers, will experience improved mental health, self-esteem, and coping strategies. They will gain knowledge to reduce vulnerability to abuse, understand their healing process, and aims to decrease their feelings of isolation and shame. For caregivers, there's an added focus on supporting adolescent recovery. We seek to initiate collaborative research to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of our interventions.

For CARI, this funding represents far more than financial support—it is an opportunity to help more families navigate the difficult path of recovery and raise awareness of CSA's lasting impact. This project strengthens our organisation's resilience and expands our ability to deliver the specialised support that is so needed across Ireland.

"It was a nice feeling knowing you're not alone. I find it easier to cope with how I'm feeling and to manage my stress more efficiently."

Anonymous teen group attendee.

Transformative Grant 2: Baboró

Statement from

Aislinn O'hEocha



Grant amount → €120,000

Baboró International Arts Festival for Children is a ten-day festival of theatre, music, dance, puppetry, visual art for school and family audiences that takes place in Galway each October. Dedicated to cultural equity, Baboró strives to give all children, particularly those facing barriers due to disability or socioeconomic challenges, access to creative experiences that enrich their lives.

The Baboró Creative Sensory Sessions project addresses a significant gap in access to the arts for children with additional needs. The staff at Rosedale Special School in Galway appreciate the unique impact of Baboró's sensory-based creative engagements on their students. However, many of these children face complex medical needs, sensory overload and discomfort in unfamiliar environments, making it impossible for some of them to attend the festival. For their families, similar challenges mean that the school becomes their primary connection to the arts.

Through this project we will deliver bespoke sensory workshops directly to five specialist schools across the West of Ireland, including Rosedale. These immersive sessions will be specially designed and tailored to the needs of each individual child. Alongside the workshops, staff will engage with the artists to enhance their own creative practice, while artists will be supported to develop new work for this audience. Regular feedback from teachers and parents will help refine the workshops to meet the specific needs of each class.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal funding will expand Baboró's reach, ensuring that children previously excluded from the festival can now participate. Teaching staff will be empowered to continue delivering creative sensory activities long after the project ends, and artists will gain specialised skills, positively impacting the sector in Ireland.

As one Rosedale teacher shared, "We find it so hard to get any sort of performance to reach their level, and Baboró always achieves this without fail."

This funding is transformative for Baboró, enabling us to enhance accessibility while sharing creative tools, resulting in long-term positive impacts in the community. It will also support our advocacy for inclusive arts programming nationwide - bringing joyful, life-changing experiences to children with disabilities and their families.

"We find it so hard to get any sort of performance to reach their level, and Baboró always achieves this without fail."

Rosedale teacher

Transformative Grant 3: Offaly Traveller Movement

Statement from

Sandra McDonagh



Grant Amount → **€40,000**
with an €80,000
contribution from Community
Foundation Ireland

Offaly Traveller Movement is a Traveller-led community development organisation working to achieve full equality for the Traveller community throughout County Offaly. We offer programmes and services in health promotion, mental health, accommodation, youth and education to advance the health and welfare of Travellers and to encourage active participation in society.

There is an ongoing need for culturally relevant and accessible mental health support within Traveller communities, who often face higher levels of social exclusion, economic disadvantage, and limited access to mental health resources. The Travelling to Wellbeing project was initiated to address these gaps by providing tailored mental health supports that respect Traveller culture, while also promoting community cohesion and resilience.

With the support of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal fund, OTM expanded the Travelling to Wellbeing Mental Health Service to Laois and Longford, which aims to provide culturally tailored mental health services, outreach, and family support. The project involves hiring additional support staff trained in Traveller mental health needs, setting up regular outreach services, and creating safe spaces for individuals and families to seek mental health support. Furthermore, the project includes educational workshops on mental wellness, family dynamics, and youth resilience, tailored specifically to young Travellers.

The funding from the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal is enabling us to reach and engage Traveller families who previously had limited access to mental health supports. Through the programme, we hope to improve mental health literacy within the community, increase engagement with support services, and strengthen family and community bonds through shared mental health awareness activities. Ultimately, this funding aims to foster a sense of safety, community, and belonging while addressing complex mental health needs that have long gone unmet in these areas.

One family in Laois, who previously felt isolated and hesitant to access mainstream services engaged with Travelling to Wellbeing through outreach visits. The mother reported that her teenage son had struggled with anxiety and was often withdrawn. Through consistent support, her son began attending weekly support sessions and, over time, developed strategies for managing his anxiety. The family has expressed immense gratitude, highlighting how access to culturally aware services changed their perception of mental health support and improved family dynamics.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Fund has been transformative for OTM. This funding not only allows for the expansion of an already vital programme but also demonstrates recognition and support for Traveller-specific services in rural areas. The service validates the need for culturally attuned mental health programmes and represents a significant step forward in ensuring that more Travellers in the Midlands have access to culturally relevant mental health support. Expanding the Travelling to Wellbeing service would not have been possible without this support, and it has paved the way for long-term relationships and positive mental health outcomes for Traveller communities in Laois, Longford, and Offaly.

Transformative Grant 4: Crosscare

Statement from

Conor Hickey



Grant amount → €120,000

At Crosscare, we support people and families when they face difficult challenges in life and when they find it hard to get the help they need. Crosscare is the social support agency of the Archdiocese of Dublin.

Food insecurity is a complex problem with many cross-cutting aspects - health, waste, infrastructure, cost, social issues, education and a universally agreed adverse impact. According to an ESRI report 8.9% of people in Ireland experienced food poverty in 2021. At Crosscare we have moved on from food banks – seeing them as limited in their impact. Now, we give free food in discreet locations, by appointment and with no queuing. Through case work, we support people to address the routes into food poverty. In 2023 we supported over 1,500 adults, 1,525 children and distributed over 2,000 food hampers.

With the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Transformative Grant, Crosscare plans to evolve this offering, exploring models used by other charitable organisations such as 'social supermarkets'. Casework will of course remain central to the Crosscare model, providing practical supports to people on the ground as evidenced in the case study example of Alice and her family. In parallel to its work on food poverty, Crosscare can also offer capacity building and partnership working to other organisations in Ireland that may also want to move on from food banking and Crosscare will continue its advocacy on issues leading to food poverty.

To date, Crosscare's revolutionising model of food poverty case work has brought thousands of people out of food poverty quickly and facilitated long term financial security by giving people new skills and connections enabling them to advocate for their rights. Through a Dept. of Social Protection funded pilot, this model is now being adopted across Ireland. Through further development of Crosscare's advocacy work on the drivers into food poverty, it is hoped that fewer will reach the need for services like Crosscare's.

Case Study

Alice was living in International Protection Accommodation Services (IPAS) with her son and husband. Alice was on a Direct Provision payment. Her child was diagnosed with anaemia due to lack of nutritional food. The iron drops/ fruit/ eating out were costing money and they had no access to kitchen facilities. In addition to providing Crosscare food parcels, Alice was also supported to apply for an Additional Needs Payment for clothes for her son, given information about and completed a Healthy Food Made Easy course, was helped to secure a creche place for her son and linked to job preparation supports.

Alice is still living in Private Emergency Accommodation but has been awarded the leave to remain. Alice is now employed in an administration job and has made lots of friends in the area through connecting with people at her son's preschool.

Transformative Grant 5: Community Law and Mediation

Statement from

Rose Wall



Grant Amount → **€85,000**
with an additional €35,000
contribution from Community
Foundation Ireland

Community Law & Mediation (CLM) is an independent community law centre with 50 years' experience providing free legal, mediation and education services in communities impacted by disadvantage and inequality.

In the course of our work, we observed that the legal needs of children in the communities we support were often overlooked. For example, children and young people experience real challenges in the areas of education, disability services, access to public services, adequate housing and a safe environment.

In CLM, meeting these needs involves empowerment so people can identify that they have a legal problem, and helping them find a satisfactory solution. We do this by providing information, advice, representation and training; as well as advising community organisations that work directly with children and young people.

Our solicitor, Ruth Barry, who specialises in working with children has built on the collaboration with EPIC (Empowering People in Care) where legal advice clinics are held for children and young people with care experience and their EPIC advocates. Legal advice clinics are now held throughout the month and are available nationwide to children or young people and the adults that support them. CLM meets with a range of organisations to address needs and collaboration is underway with Crosscare to make services available to the children and young people who are supported by their Youth Work Programmes.

The CLM legal advice model has been adapted to ensure it is child-friendly and child-accessible and the additional resources available because of the RTÉ Toy Show Appeal have enabled this to happen.

Moreover, we are establishing a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) to ensure children's voices guide the service.

The RTÉ Toy Show Appeal Transformative Grant has enabled CLM to build its engagement with organisations that work with children, young people and their families living in lower income households, living in unsuitable accommodation, from ethnic minorities, with physical or intellectual disabilities, and children in the care system, with the aim of targeting the needs of those who are disproportionately affected by poverty and social exclusion.

With this funding, we continue to work towards a dedicated children's law service for Ireland.





Addressing Essential Needs

Grants within this category of funding are intended to ensure that more children are safe, warm, fed and properly supported in addressing educational needs. Through practical support the aim is to improve the living conditions, life experiences and outcomes for children who may be at risk of some form of deprivation and increasing educational access for vulnerable children.

Addressing Essential Needs

Continued

Transformative

Crosscare

Co. Dublin

Working to address the root causes of food poverty in a dignified and effective way, promoting a move away from food banks that can perpetuate poverty and contribute to the industry around food surplus.

Grant amount: → €120,000

Community Law & Mediation

Nationwide

An independent community law centre with 50 years' experience providing free legal, mediation and education services for marginalised groups through the Children and Young People's Law Service.

Grant amount: → € 85,000
with an additional €35,000 contribution from Community Foundation Ireland

Impact

NCBI Charitable foundation - trading as Vision Ireland

Nationwide

Supporting learning the skills for information access as part of a national transitions project, which will enhance the career and education outcomes for blind or vision-impaired students.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Citywise Education

Dublin 24

Citywise aims to tackle record levels of low school attendance in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of in-school activity programmes in partnership with local schools.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Educate Together/Ag Foghlaim Le Chéile

Co. Dublin

Supporting children with social, emotional, and behavioural difficulties with a Nurture approach, so they can engage with school and reach their potential, breaking the cycle of disadvantage.

Grant amount: → €40,000

"Poverty & deprivation have been alleviated for 75 young people as well as their caregivers. Additionally, we have prevented homelessness in the lives of 41 children & provided access to education for young people."

Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre CLG

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Co. Cork

The Irish Immigrant Support Centre Cork is continuing its New Beginnings project that ensures that the basic and essential needs are met of refugee children in families transitioning out of Direct Provision into new homes.

Grant amount: → €40,000

The Irish Heart Foundation

Co. Dublin

Working to break poverty cycles with its healthy literacy programme in DEIS schools which will improve wellbeing and health outcomes for children in disadvantaged communities.

Grant amount:

→ €40,000

Down Syndrome Ireland

Nationwide

Down Syndrome Ireland ensures high-quality early intervention for children aged 0-5 through the Keep Communicating programme's online resources.

Grant amount:

→ €40,000

Sophia Housing

Co. Dublin

Sophia Housing's Nurturing Centres provide extra care and educational experiences that enable disadvantaged and vulnerable children to grow and develop as confident and competent learners.

Grant amount:

→ €40,000

YMCA Dublin

Co. Dublin

Supports students with Alternative Suspension, so they can transform their time away from school into a positive experience that fosters personal development and autonomy, leading to better educational outcomes.

Grant amount:

→ €40,000

DePaul Ireland

Co. Dublin

Funding will be used to develop and upscale our child support worker project by embedding support delivered across our two residential services that accommodate up to 35 households with a maximum of 45 children by providing enhanced interventions and activities.

Grant amount:

→ €40,000

Citywise



Addressing Essential Needs

Continued

Focus Ireland CLG

Co. Dublin

Building brighter futures for children at risk or experiencing homelessness through child support work and the renovation of our Tippy Toes Early Years Drop-In Centre.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Saoirse Domestic Violence Services

Co. Wicklow

To support children and mothers with the INSPIRE family project, so they can achieve inclusion, nurture relationships, ensure safety, meet their potential, have positive interactions, foster resilience, and feel empowered.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Community

Hill Street FRC

Dublin 1

Supports children and caregivers in International Protection or homeless accommodation with the Child and Family Outreach Programme, so they can attend current programmes in Hill Street FRC, receive advocacy, and benefit from wraparound supports.

Grant amount: → €20,000

Feed Cork

Co. Cork

Feed works to support DEIS school children at risk of food poverty with our After School Fuel Programme, so they can receive seven healthy meals every week throughout the year.

Grant amount: → €18,000

The Heart of Variety Ireland Limited

Co. Mayo

Supports special schools and respite homes with our Trikes & Trees Programme, creating Variety Ireland Nature Gardens which capture carbon emissions and provide a peaceful environment for children.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Louth Local Development CLG

Co. Louth

The ParentChild+ Home Visiting Programme supports children and families by providing children with access to early education to support their future educational success.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Community Connect

Co. Dublin

Works to alleviate poverty among vulnerable families through provision of material support.

Grant amount: → €18,000

CyberSafeIreland CLG (T/A CyberSafeKids)

Nationwide

Supporting CyberSafeKids with a new programme for online digital safety in 2024 - 2025.

Grant amount: → €17,500



Addressing Essential Needs

Continued

Connect Family Resource Centre

Co. Louth

Funding will support 35 families, providing access to our food bank and Hello Fresh boxes, so they can build culinary confidence, reduce food waste, and create a personalised family cookbook.

Grant amount: → €14,000

The John Burns Foundation AKA Burns by Your Side Ireland

Co. Waterford

To support schools with funding for new BBYS reading therapy dog team hubs, so they can meet demand and cover volunteer team preparation costs.

Grant amount: → €14,000

Yana North Cork Domestic Violence Project

Co. Cork

Yana is a domestic violence project working with women and children who have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence. Funding is supporting the extension of its Healing Together Programme into new areas.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Laois Domestic Abuse Service

Co. Laois

Funding is contributing to the development of its children's service which includes improved provision of therapeutic responses and increased delivery of prevention programmes in the community.

Grant amount: → €21,214.53

Midlands Science

Co. Offaly and Midlands

Midlands is focused on breaking the cycle of poverty as early as possible by breaking the linked cycle of educational inequality particularly in STEM where it is pronounced and has a long-term impact on future engagement in such education.

Grant amount: → €10,000

Open Spectrum CLG

Co. Wicklow

Support will go to Open Spectrum's children and teens with complex needs with its Active Connections adventure camps, so they can experience nature, adventure sports, and kayaking in a supportive environment.

Grant amount: → €10,000

Anew Support Services CLG

Co. Dublin

Emergency fund for pregnant women and new mothers experiencing homelessness and poverty.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Teen Turn

Co. Wexford

To support teen girls from underserved areas with Community Online's STEM and digital literacy learning opportunities, so they can hone collaborative and critical thinking skills and enhance educational participation.

Grant amount: → €19,628.04

Hygiene Hub

Co. Dublin

Our project aims to address hygiene poverty by distributing essential hygiene items to children and families in need across Ireland, while raising awareness of this pressing issue.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Cranmore Community Co-operative Society Ltd

Co. Sligo

To support children and their families from a socially and economically disadvantaged area with nutritious meals at their community café and garden, so they can enhance their healthy food choices.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Clara Community & Family Resource Centre

Co. Offaly

To support marginalised teens with the upscaled Planet Youth Project, so they can engage in a diverse range of programmes through increased youth worker availability.

Grant amount: → €14,000

School Completion Programme

Co. Dublin

Working with children from marginalised communities through our interagency Holiday Support Programme, so they can thrive in areas of educational and social disadvantage.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Hospital Family Resource Centre

Co. Limerick

Helping children and families affected by poverty with food assistance and wraparound supports including individual and group play therapy.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Citywise





Health And Wellbeing

Ill health is difficult at any point in life, but it can have significant and long-term impacts in childhood in terms of educational outcomes and emotional wellbeing. We are also all aware that one of the legacy problems that the Covid pandemic has created are additional challenges in terms of mental health and social isolation.

Funding in this category is also for organisations who work with children and young people to improve the quality of life of children who are dealing with a disability or serious health condition, and those who help children improve mental health and resilience.

Health And Wellbeing

Continued

Transformative

Children At Risk in Ireland (CARI)

Nationwide

Funding will be used to provide trauma-informed therapeutic support for adolescents and parents affected by child sexual abuse.

Grant amount:



€120,000

Offaly Traveller Movement

Co. Offaly

The Travelling to Wellbeing mental health service extends its unique, Traveller-specific programme to address the critical mental health needs within the Traveller community.

Grant amount:



€40,000

with an additional €80,000 contribution from Community Foundation Ireland

Impact

Soar Foundation

Nationwide

Assisting marginalised teenagers in developing resilience and self-discovery through our experiential, character-development programmes.

Grant amount:



€40,000

AsIAm Ireland's Autism Charity

Nationwide

Funding will go towards delivering Understanding Autism workshops to 5th and 6th class students, promoting value in differences and mutual understanding while breaking down autism-related stigmas.

Grant amount:



€40,000

Children's Health Foundation



Childhood Cancer Foundation Ireland

Nationwide

Working to meet the needs of children and young adults with cancer and their families through psychosocial services.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Purple House Cancer Support

Co. Carlow

Offering play and therapeutic services for children following a cancer diagnosis.

Grant amount: → €40,000

One Family

Co. Dublin

Providing therapeutic supports for one-parent families, aiding bereavement, and post-separation.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Childhood Development Initiative

Co. Dublin

Funding will help CDI respond to children and young people encountering emotionally based school avoidance.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Rainbow Club Cork Centre for Autism

Co. Cork

Funding will be deployed to support an Innovative approach to mental health services for young people with autism. Our Life Skills & Mentorship Programme is a mental health programme adapted specifically for autistic individuals struggling with anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, sexual identity, school refusal, bullying, social isolation, and other issues.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Barnardos

Co. Tipperary

Barnardos' National Wellbeing Project teaches children and adults a range of body-based techniques and self-regulating skills, giving them the tools to build positive mental health and resilience.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Limerick Youth Service

Co. Limerick

Enhancing the wellbeing, resilience, and mental health of marginalized and vulnerable young people aged 14-18 in County Limerick.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

Co. Cork

Funding will support the provision of a Jack and Jill Liaison Nurse Manager. With a growing demand for our service year on year a new nurse manager is essential to continue to support our families.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Health And Wellbeing

Continued

Huruma / Wellsprings

Co. Cork

Provides support to care-experienced families with therapeutic and prosocial aids so they can continue to break the cycle. Wellsprings residential and aftercare is a service for women and comprises of residential (16-23-year-olds), aftercare and lifelong access to outreach service for the women and their children.

Grant amount:



€39,000

"Without ye I was at the end of it, ye done so much for me, I feel like I can do anything for my children now thanks to all yer help."

Huruma / Wellsprings

Galway Rape Crisis Centre

Co. Galway

Supports young people impacted by the trauma of rape and sexual violence with GRCC's one-year Art Psychotherapy pilot programme, so they can heal and grow through ongoing assessment and feedback.

Grant amount:



€38,000

Irish Girl Guides

Co. Dublin

Funding supported the charity to provide space and workshops to develop girls' body confidence to be comfortable with themselves and avoid poor mental health due to media and body shaming.

Grant amount:



€47,143.64

Irish Cancer Society

Nationwide

Supporting the Irish Cancer Society's bereavement camps in partnership with Barretstown.

Grant amount:



€40,000

ARC Cancer Support Centres

Co. Dublin

ARC provides access to counselling to teens and children impacted by a cancer diagnosis. This includes teens and children who have Application Submitted a cancer diagnosis and are engaging with or have completed treatment as well as teens and children who have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis of a key family member.

Grant amount:



€40,000

Kerry Diocesan Youth Service (KDYS)

Co. Kerry

The All In Project will empower marginalised young people to manage their mental health through participation in several programmes.

Grant amount:



€40,000

Cancer Care West

Co. Roscommon

To support children, adolescents, and young adults (CAYA) living with cancer, so they can enhance their wellbeing.

Grant amount:



€40,000





Health And Wellbeing

Continued

Acquired Brain Injury Ireland, formerly known as the Peter Bradley Foundation

Nationwide

Works to support families with the On with Life Project, aiding children after a brain injury.

Grant amount:



€40,000

Clondalkin Behavioural Initiative / Archways

Co. Dublin

Working to implement an evidence-based anti-bullying programme to eight designated DEIS Primary Schools to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

Grant amount:



€40,000

Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services (OLH&CS)

Co. Wicklow

Creation of a new child and teen-friendly space to support children, young adults, and families receiving specialist palliative care at our hospice in Harold's Cross.

Grant amount:



€39,000

Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland (AADI)

Nationwide

To pair children with autism with trained dogs, offering family support and fostering community inclusion through the Family Support Programme.

Grant amount:



€40,000

Special Olympics Ireland

Nationwide

Supporting children aged 4-12 with intellectual disabilities with our Young Athletes Programme, so they can develop fundamental movement skills and enhance their overall well-being.

Grant amount: → €40,000

LauraLynn Children's Hospice

Co. Galway

Improving the wellbeing of children with palliative care needs and their families in the West of Ireland.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Enable Ireland Disability Services

Co. Kilkenny

Expanding access to Enable Ireland's Assistive Technology Loan Library to maximise the reach of communication and literacy support devices for children with disabilities across the country.

Grant amount: → €40,000

First Fortnight

Co. Meath

First Fortnight offers creative therapy services free of charge to children experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk of homelessness, to support children in building capacity and resilience.

Grant amount: → €40,000

BUMBLEance

Nationwide

Creating Ireland's most accessible children's ambulance service by integrating on-board care and therapy.

Grant amount: → €40,000

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Nationwide

To enhance mental health and wellbeing through Childline's digital programme.

Grant amount: → €40,000

St Andrew's Resource Centre

Co. Dublin

Supporting neurodiverse children and their families with therapeutic aids to enhance their wellbeing.

Grant amount: → €30,000

Ronald McDonald House Charities Ireland

Co. Dublin

Supporting families with seriously ill children with our We've Got You Wellbeing Programme at RMHC Ireland, so they can focus on being together during trying times.

Grant amount: → €30,000

Community

Hand in Hand Children's Cancer Charity

Co. Galway

Providing emotional supports for children and families in Ireland affected by a childhood cancer diagnosis.

Grant amount: → €15,000

Irish Sudden Infant Death Association / FirstLight

Co. Dublin

Supporting children and families who have experienced traumatic bereavement through professional development.

Grant amount: → €16,000

Cuan Cancer Support Centre

Co. Cavan

Offers therapeutic support to children affected by a cancer diagnosis, either personally or within their family.

Grant amount: → €14,000

HADD-ADHD Ireland

Nationwide

Funding will be used to qualify the current ADHD Ireland Schools Accreditation Programme with QQI certification for enhanced ADHD support.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Embrace Farm

Co. Laois

Its Minding Me Project provides targeted counselling and support for children in rural farming communities who have been affected by sudden traumatic events within the farm family, such as a sudden death or serious accident to a family member.

Grant amount: → €14,000

Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC

Co. Longford

Helps support children impacted by cancer with the Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC's services, so they can benefit from children's support and play therapy.

Grant amount: → €15,000

Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre

Co. Dublin

Providing vulnerable families coping with mental health difficulties with our therapeutic counselling, so they can improve their mental health.

Grant amount: → €13,500

"The staff feel more equipped/qualified and as a result are happier in their work."

Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre

Tullamore Community & Family Resource Centre

Co. Offaly

Access to play therapy and therapeutic interventions for low-income families and children with additional needs.

Grant amount: → €11,000

Mohill Family Support Centre

Co. Leitrim

Promotes the holistic wellbeing of children and young people aged 3-18 years in Leitrim, with specific emphasis on young people and their mental health, and children who are on the spectrum and awaiting diagnoses.

Grant amount: → €13,000

Venture Out Wilderness Project CLG

Co. Mayo

Venture Out's Unearth 1-to-1 support service helps young people manage and overcome the challenges they face through their engagement in a range of fun, educational, challenging outdoor-based adventure and youth work-focused activities.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Heart Children

Co. Dublin

Supporting children with congenital heart disease and their siblings with our Heart Children Play Therapy Project, so they can improve their wellbeing.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Donegal Rape Crisis Centre

Co. Donegal

Supporting 12-18-year-olds affected by the trauma of sexual violence with our Creative ReCOVERY Continued and Creative Conversations Group therapies, so they can heal and recover.

Grant amount: → €16,000

Beacon of Light Counselling Centre

Co. Dublin

Provides affordable psychotherapy to disadvantaged children and families.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Cian's Kennels

Nationwide

Funding will help Cian's Kennels expand its hospital-wide service capacity and introduce therapy dogs for improved patient care.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Belong To LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland

Nationwide

Support will help fund the Belong To service which provides LGBTQ+ youth and families with health and wellbeing support.

Grant amount: → €20,000

Health And Wellbeing

Continued

Young Ballymun

Co. Dublin

Funding will support the Ballymun Schools Play Therapy Project which can be accessed by the children of Ballymun through the provision of play therapy in local schools.

Grant amount:



€17,000

Exchange House Ireland

Co. Dublin

Supports Traveller children with our capacity improvement programme, so they can enhance their wellbeing in collaboration with key agencies.

Grant amount:



€20,000

Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland

Co. Dublin

A family-centred support programme for children with developmental delays and additional needs, providing children with a safe and inclusive play space to explore their abilities and weekly parent support sessions with input from experts.

Grant amount:



€20,000

Barretstown

Nationwide

Funding will help extend Barretstown's programmes beyond the camp gates, developing our School Education Programme across Ireland.

Grant amount:



€20,000

The Down Syndrome Centre North East

Co. Monaghan

Funding will go towards the provision of a comprehensive Early Intervention Programme for children with Down Syndrome.

Grant amount:



€18,000

Barretstown



Athlone Family Resource Centre

Co. Westmeath

Offers an early Intervention therapeutic support service for children with disabilities and their siblings.

Grant amount: → €16,000

ACET (AIDS Care Education & Training) Ireland

Co. Dublin

ACET's Positive Youth Project provides support for young people growing up with HIV in Ireland.

Grant amount: → €12,000

Shannon's Hopeline

Co. Dublin

Funding will facilitate the provision of ten low-cost counselling sessions to 80 young people over a 12-month period and to help cover the cost of pre and post counselling by Shannon Hopeline's staff.

Grant amount: → €16,000

Millennium Family Resource Centre

Co. Tipperary

Supporting disadvantaged children in rural Tipperary with play therapy services, so they can benefit from our decade-long experience and various funding streams.

Grant amount: → €15,000

Children In Hospital Ireland

Nationwide

Children in Hospital Ireland provides support to families with a child in hospital. Funding will support the continuation of its programme to increase wraparound supports for children during hospital stays.

Grant amount: → €20,000

S.O.F.T

Nationwide

Provides services and equipment for children with Patau's or Edwards' Syndrome and support for those bereaved of a T13 or T18 sibling.

Grant amount: → €10,000

NMH Ireland

Nationwide

Funding will help NMH Ireland implement the ACORN Project, a specialist programme for premature babies at risk of developmental delay, for enhanced neonatal care.

Grant amount: → €8,000

Offaly Domestic Violence Service

Co. Offaly

This service provides play therapy for children who have experienced domestic violence and abuse.

Grant amount: → €10,000





Creativity And Play

Arts and creativity can be powerful, energetic tools that can help children solve problems, think strategically, relate to others, and manage life's ups and downs. Creativity and play are essential to supporting children's development of cognitive and social behaviours. This funding aims to enhance personal and emotional development, resilience and wellness for disadvantaged children through creative programmes and activities which help personal development and enhance inclusion.

Creativity And Play

Continued

Transformative

Baboró International Arts Festival for Children

Co. Galway

Funding will be deployed to a project rollout of a creative sensory workshop model for children with additional needs in five schools across Galway, Westmeath, and Clare, accompanied by professional development teachers.

Grant amount: → €120,000

Impact

The National Association for Youth Drama / Youth Theatre Ireland

Nationwide

Offering a transformative experience for youth with disabilities through the Empower Youth Theatre Encounter Project.

Grant amount: → €50,000

The Crann Centre

Co. Cork

Supporting children, teens, and families living with neuro-physical disabilities with our inclusive social capital programme, so they can enjoy play and creative activities.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Foscadh Housing Association

Co. Louth

Breaking the silence, Foscadh Housing empowers children and young people including those with physical, mental and intellectual disabilities to find their voice against bullying through inclusive creative projects.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Sing Ireland

Co. Limerick

Funding will support community SingSpace workshops in ten locations across five counties in Ireland for equitable access to creativity and connection for marginalised children and young people, ensuring every young voice can thrive.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Familibase

Co. Dublin

Supporting socio-economically and culturally marginalised children with FamiliBase Creative Spaces which allows them to freely access arts and creativity across various disciplines without time constraints.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Graffiti Theatre Company

Co. Cork

Supporting children in DEIS schools and young people with disabilities with its Our Way, Our World Theatre Programme, supporting them as they develop their creative expression.

Grant amount: → €40,000



Creativity And Play

Continued

Helium Arts

Co. Clare

Funding will help support marginalised and vulnerable children by enabling Helium Arts to expand its Inclusion Health model, which aims to remove barriers to participation in the arts and bring joy to the children of the Mid-West region.

Grant amount: → €40,000

The Cavan Centre C.L.G

Co. Cavan

Working primarily with those who are marginalised and disadvantaged from an array of different backgrounds. Funding will help develop the Centre's existing recreational space by improving the surface of the playground, making it safe, accessible and secure for children of all abilities.

Grant amount: → €30,000

Children's Health Foundation

Nationwide

Funding will help the Children's Health Foundation to implement 100 Tiny Games, a creative health project in hospitals for children with long-term health conditions.

Grant amount: → €40,000

Community

Children's Books Ireland

Co. Dublin

Supporting children in DEIS primary schools with its Every Child a Reader Programme, so they can develop a life-changing love of reading through joyous encounters with excellent books and author visits.

Grant amount: → €18,000

Early Childhood Ireland

Co. Dublin

The This is Me: See Me Shine Programme will transform the early years experiences of 7,284 children across Ireland, using proven, age-appropriate, play and arts based pedagogical approaches to empower children with additional needs.

Grant amount: → €20,000

Dóchas Midwest Autism Support

Co. Limerick

Funding will support the development of an Autism Gymnastics Club, to enhance the skills of young people with ASD in a safe and controlled environment.

Grant amount: → €15,000

Aspire Ireland

Co. Dublin

Supporting young individuals with autism with our Canvas and Characters: Teens' Art and Drama Programme, so they can explore creativity, express themselves, and build confidence.

Grant amount: → €10,000



Narrative 4 CLG

Co. Limerick

Funding will help support migrant teenage girls with the Connect 4 Summer Camp where they can focus on storytelling, wellbeing, life-skills, and art.

Grant amount:



€10,000

Kids Own Publishing Partnership

Nationwide

Funding for Ireland's only dedicated publisher of books by children for children will facilitate a year-long artist residency at St Joseph's School in Sligo, enabling children with complex disabilities to engage in meaningful artistic activities.

Grant amount:



€18,000

"What are you going to remember? All the fun we had. The people who made us feel included. Made to feel like we belong."

Kids' Own Publishing Partnership

Liquid Therapy C.L.G

Co. Donegal

Support will help expand Liquid Therapy's summer programmes at Blue Space so more individuals, families, and community groups can experience therapeutic benefits.

Grant amount:



€18,000

The Anne Sullivan Foundation

Co. Dublin

Funding will assist towards the development of an Active Learning and Low-Tech Assistive Technology Loan Library for children who are deafblind.

Grant amount:



€20,000

Creativity And Play

Continued

The National Federation of Arch Clubs

Co. Kildare

Supporting programmes which help children with disabilities to express themselves through drama and where non-verbal, the use of Lámh as a tool and new skillset.

Grant amount: → €10,000

Cavan Autism Parents Support CLG

Co. Cavan

The Cavan Autism Parents Support group offers a comprehensive intervention programme for children with autism.

Grant amount: → €10,000

Love Actually Charity

Co. Dublin

Funding will help support the Love Actually charity's Kids Fun Camp for children with special educational needs.

Grant amount: → €10,000

Neurodiversity Ireland

Co. Dublin

Neurodiversity Ireland's Sensory Centre is an inclusive, child-led, neuro-affirmative space supported by our occupational therapists. It is designed for neurodivergent minds to encourage exploration, growth, self-discovery, and self-regulation.

Grant amount: → €16,000

"The children have also benefited from improved equipment & more user-friendly space in the rooms & outside. The art sessions & fun activities served as great distraction from living in the same rooms as the parents."

Clonakilty Friends of Asylum Seekers

Clonakilty Friends of Asylum Seekers

Co. Cork

To support migrant kids with our sport and recreation-based Community Integration Project, so they can actively integrate into their communities.

Grant amount: → €12,000





Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

Community Foundation Northern Ireland conducted an equivalent grant application and assessment programme for projects based in Northern Ireland.

Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

Continued

Impact Grants

Action Mental Health

Co. Antrim

Funding will support GROW (Growing Resilience for Our Wellbeing) Project, delivering age appropriate, evidence based, resilience building and therapeutic interventions to improve the mental and emotional wellbeing of marginalised children and young people in Belfast.

Grant amount: → £50,000

Barnardos Northern Ireland

Co. Antrim

Funding will support the Parent and Infant Programme (PIP) which delivers a structured programme to strengthen parent-child relationships, promote child development theory and improve parental and child mental health and emotional well-being for parents/carers from a sanctuary seeking background living in hotels.

Grant amount: → £49,907

The Verbal Arts Centre

Co. Derry/Londonderry

Supporting GROW (Gaining Resilience & Optimising Wellness) storytelling project, across the Derry City and Strabane District Council area. A one-year mental health and emotional wellbeing early intervention programme that has been designed to harness the power of storytelling to help children aged 4 -7 years.

Grant Amount: → £48,782.87

Kinship Care Northern Ireland

Co. Tyrone

Funding will support the Helping Hand Project, a small grant programme to meet the basic and urgent needs of 708 carers and 515 children and young people in kinship care across Derry/Londonderry, Strabane, Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon.

Grant Amount: → £50,000

Community Grants

ACET (Northern Ireland) Limited

All counties in NI

Supporting Mental Health and emotional wellbeing educational programmes for disadvantaged young people in training and employment programmes across Northern Ireland.

Grant Amount: → £9,984

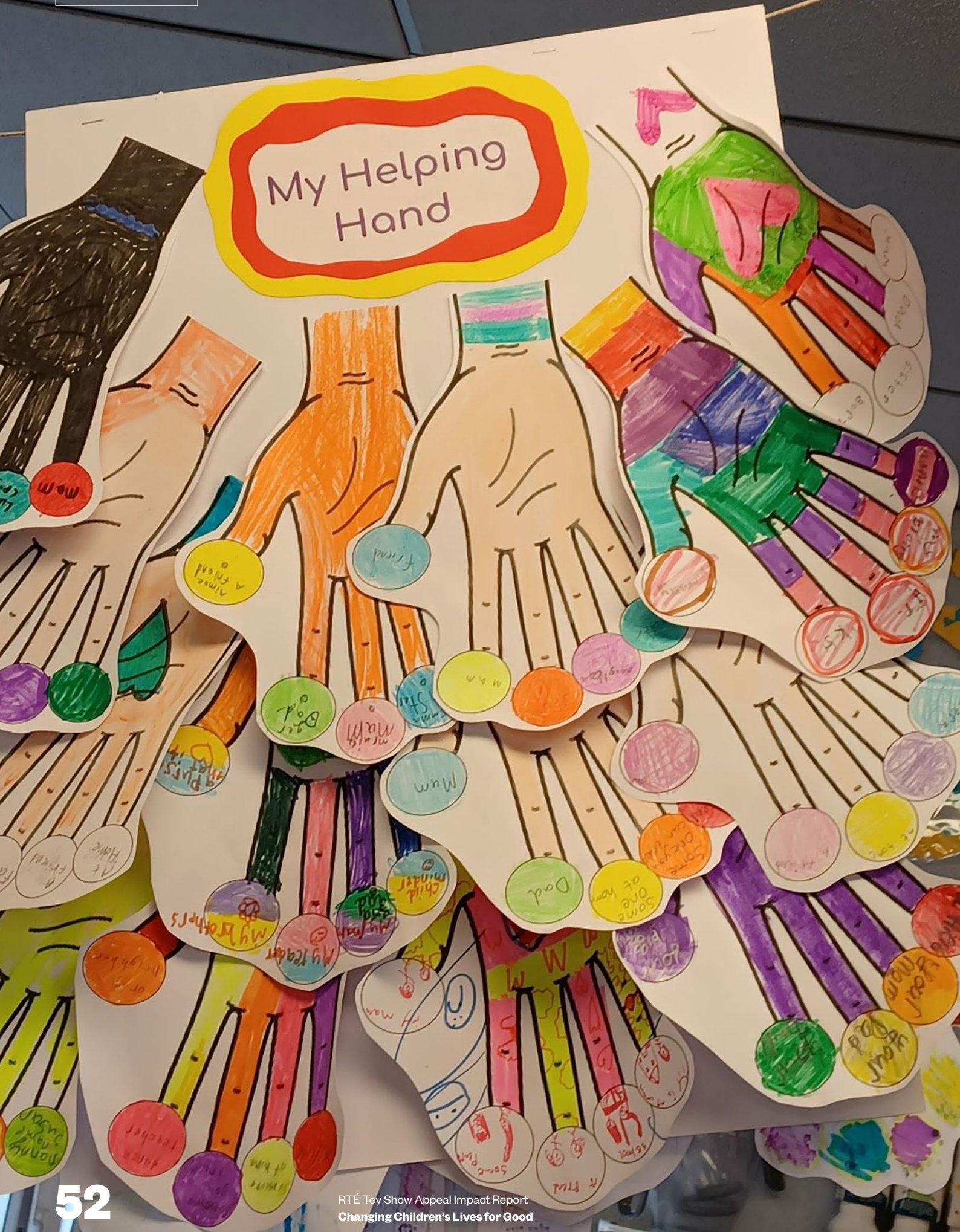
ADDNI Limited

Co. Antrim

Funding will contribute to ADDNI's Tackling ADHD: Supporting and Empowering Young People Programme. This programme enables children and young people to take charge and manage their ADHD and allows them to combat its negative aspects, accentuate its positives and ensure each young person can achieve their full potential in every aspect of their lives.

Grant Amount: → £10,000





Grant Funding in Northern Ireland

Continued

Angel Eyes NI Service

Co. Antrim

Funding will support its Create and Motivate Programme which will provide an opportunity for children and young people, who are blind or partially sighted across Northern Ireland, to increase their confidence, build their self-esteem, and develop a peer network through a one-year structured accessible recreational programme.

Grant Amount: → £9,853

Fresh Minds Educational Ltd.

Co. Antrim

Funding will support the Fresh Little Minds: Sunrise Communities Programme, which will improve children's mental and emotional health using innovative evidence-based, early intervention resilience building and wellbeing programme reaching 250 children.

Grant Amount: → £9,800

New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership

Co. Antrim

Supporting its Children's Emotional Health & Wellbeing Programme which improves emotional health and well-being in children in North Belfast by encouraging personal development and supporting children to have a clear understanding of confidence, resilience and developing coping strategies.

Grant Amount: → £10,000

Strathfoyle Women's Activity Group Ltd

Co. Derry/Londonderry

Funding will support the Happy Healthy Futures Project, which offers early intervention throughout the vital first three years of a child's life and focuses on the inclusion of children with additional needs.

Grant Amount: → £9,976

Youthlife

Co. Derry/Londonderry

Funding will be directed towards the Complex Pathway to Counselling Project. This project will support Youthlife in providing free and timely therapeutic support to children and young people aged 5-18 who have complex needs and have experienced the bereavement, separation or loss of a significant person in their life.

Grant Amount: → £10,000

Helping Hands Autism Support Group

Co. Down

Funding will go towards the Helping a Hand to Access Creativity and Imagination 2024-2025 Programme which will provide new weekly creative services, led by professional facilitators, to support over 100 children and young people on the waiting list for our centre.

Grant Amount: → £9,350

Sticky Fingers Art

Co. Down

Funding will go towards the Velvet Rainbows Project which aims to create an accessible arts and creative play programme for children in a disadvantaged area who are often excluded from mainstream activity and for children with additional and complex needs.

Grant Amount: → £10,000

Financial Statements

	2023 Appeal	2022 Appeal
Opening Balance	€47,143.64	€37,767.82
Donations Received		
Donations received	€3,685,207.95	€4,055,280.84
Co Funding Donation from CFI	€37,543.25	-
Prior year grants refunded	€93,000.00	-
Tax received	€13,448.68	€30,232.09
Total Donations	€3,829,199.88	€4,085,512.93
Grant Payments		
ROI Community Round		
Addressing Essential Needs	(€261,128.04)	(€267,500.00)
Improving Wellbeing	(€334,500.00)	(€397,000.00)
Creativity and Play	(€149,000.00)	(€204,500.00)
Total – ROI Community Round	(€744,628.04)	(€869,000.00)
ROI Impact Round		
Addressing Essential Needs	(€499,214.53)	(€720,000.00)
Improving Wellbeing	(€1,248,143.64)	(€1,439,000.00)
Creativity and Play	(€398,000.00)	(€558,000.00)
Total – ROI Impact Round	(€2,145,358.17)	(€2,717,000.00)
ROI Transformative Round		
Addressing Essential Needs	(€205,000.00)	-
Improving Wellbeing	(€160,000.00)	-
Creativity and Play	(€120,000.00)	-
Total – ROI Transformative Round	(€485,000.00)	-
NI Grants Awarded		
Community Round	(€104,220.84)	(€97,856.14)
Impact Round	(€232,765.95)	(€257,302.25)
Others	-	-
Total – NI Grants Awarded	(€336,986.79)	(€355,158.39)
Total Grant Payments	(€3,711,973.00)	(€3,941,158.39)
Processing Fees		
Grant-making programme and administration costs (ROI & NI)	(€155,119.28)	(€118,938.70)
Fees for online transactions	(€9,219.69)	(€11,403.83)
Refunded Donations (Revolut recurring payments)	-	(€4,636.19)
Total Processing Fees	(€164,338.97)	(€134,978.72)
Closing Fund Balance	€31.55	€47,143.64

Additional funds raised after grants were awarded have been ringfenced/reserved for an additional grantee who will be awarded based on the strength of their proposal against the original criteria.

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Thematic Strand	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded
Addressing Essential Needs	Connect Family Resource Centre	€14,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The Heart of Variety Ireland Limited	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The John Burns Foundation AKA Burns By Your Side Ireland	€14,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Community Connect	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	CyberSafeIreland CLG (T/A CyberSafeKids)	€17,500.00
Addressing Essential Needs	The Irish Heart Foundation	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Nasc, the Migrant and Refugee Rights Centre CLG	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	NCBI Charitable foundation - trading as Vision Ireland	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Down Syndrome Ireland	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Hill Street FRC	€20,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Louth Local Development CLG	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Citywise Education	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Sophia Housing	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Saoirse Domestic Violence Services	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	YMCA Dublin	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Teen-Turn	€19,628.04
Addressing Essential Needs	Educate Together/Ag Foghlaim Le Chéile	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Feed Cork	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Open Spectrum CLG	€10,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Anew Support Services CLG	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Hygiene Hub CLG	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Yana North Cork Domestic Violence Project	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Cranmore Community Co-operative Society Ltd.	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Clara Community & Family Resource Centre	€14,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	School Completion Programme	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Hospital Family Resource Centre	€18,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Crosscare	€120,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Community Law & Mediation	€85,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Depaul Ireland	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Focus Ireland CLG	€40,000.00
Addressing Essential Needs	Laois Domestic Abuse Service	€21,214.53
Addressing Essential Needs	Midlands Science	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Clonakilty Friends of Asylum Seekers	€12,000.00
Creativity and Play	Children's Books Ireland	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	Foscadh Housing Association	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	Sing Ireland	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	FamiliBase	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	The National Association for Youth Drama t/a Youth Theatre Ireland	€50,000.00
Creativity and Play	The Crann Centre	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	Early Childhood Ireland	€20,000.00
Creativity and Play	Graffiti Theatre Company	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	Helium Arts	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	The Cavan Centre C.L.G	€30,000.00
Creativity and Play	Children's Health Foundation	€40,000.00
Creativity and Play	Dóchas Midwest Autism Support	€15,000.00

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Thematic Strand	Applicant Name	Amount Awarded
Creativity and Play	Aspire Ireland	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Narrative 4 CLG	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Kids Own Publishing Partnership	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	Liquid Therapy CLG	€18,000.00
Creativity and Play	The Anne Sullivan Foundation	€20,000.00
Creativity and Play	The National Federation of Arch clubs	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Cavan Autism Parents Support CLG	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Love Actually Charity	€10,000.00
Creativity and Play	Neurodiversity Ireland	€16,000.00
Creativity and Play	Baboró International Arts Festival for Children	€120,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Soar Foundation	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	AslAm Ireland's Autism Charity	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Hand in Hand Children's Cancer Charity	€15,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Barnardos	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Limerick Youth Service	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Exchange House Ireland	€20,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	NMH Foundation	€8,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Childhood Cancer Foundation Ireland	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Purple House Cancer Support	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	One Family	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Childhood Development Initiative	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Galway Rape Crisis Centre GRCC	€38,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Irish Cancer Society	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	ARC Cancer Support Centres	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Kerry Diocesan Youth Service (KDYS)	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Cancer Care West	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Rainbow Club Cork Centre for Autism	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Clondalkin Behavioural Initiative T/A Archways	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Huruma CGL t/a Wellsprings	€39,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. Formerly known as the Peter Bradley Foundation.	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services (OLH&CS)	€39,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Autism Assistance Dogs Ireland (AADI)	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Special Olympics Ireland	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Offaly Domestic Violence Service	€10,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	St Andrews Resource Centre	€30,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Ronald McDonald House Charities Ireland	€30,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Belong To LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland	€20,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Young Ballymun	€17,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Enable Ireland Disability Services	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	First Fortnight	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	BUMBLEance	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Early Learning Initiative, National College of Ireland	€20,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Jack and Jill Children's Foundation	€40,000.00

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Improving Wellbeing	Irish Sudden Infant Death Association t/a FirstLight	€16,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Cuan Cancer Support Centre	€14,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	HADD-ADHD Ireland	€18,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Embrace FARM	€14,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Cancer Support Sanctuary LARCC	€15,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre	€13,500.00
Improving Wellbeing	Tullamore Community & Family Resource Centre	€11,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Mohill Family Support Centre	€13,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Venture Out Wilderness Project CLG	€18,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Donegal Rape Crisis Centre	€16,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Beacon of Light Counselling Centre	€18,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Cian's Kennels CLG	€18,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Heart Children	€18,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Children in Hospital Ireland	€20,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	S.O.F.T. Ireland	€10,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Millennium Family Resource Centre	€15,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Barretstown	€20,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	The Down Syndrome Centre North East	€18,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Shannon's Hopeline	€16,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Athlone Family Resource CLG	€16,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Irish Girl Guides	€47,143.64
Improving Wellbeing	ACET (AIDS Care Education & Training) Ireland	€12,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Offaly Traveller Movement	€40,000.00
Improving Wellbeing	Children At Risk in Ireland	€120,000.00
Community Round	ACET (Northern Ireland) Limited	£9,984.00
Community Round	ADDNI Limited	£10,000.00
Community Round	Angel Eyes NI Services	£9,853.00
Community Round	Fresh Minds Education Ltd	£9,800.00
Community Round	New Lodge Duncairn Community Health Partnership	£10,000.00
Community Round	Strathfoyle Women's Activity Group Ltd	£9,976.20
Community Round	Youthlife	£10,000.00
Community Round	Helping Hands Autism Support Group	£9,350.00
Community Round	Sticky Fingers Arts	£10,000.00
Impact Round	Action Mental Health	£50,000.00
Impact Round	Barnardo's Northern Ireland	£49,907.00
Impact Round	The Verbal Arts Centre	£48,782.87
Impact Round	Kinship Care Northern Ireland	£50,000.00

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