

New Ward Funds Guidelines

As agreed by Council at the ordinary meeting held on 12th June 2017, following consideration at the meeting of Party Whips of 6th June 2017, the guidelines for the operation of Ward Funds were revised as follows:

- (a) That allocations be made only for the purpose of assisting organisations in developing and/or providing services or facilities that benefit the local community (capital or revenue);
- (b) That allocations continue to be made on the instruction of the individual Elected Member. When an Elected Member makes a Ward allocation, a letter is to issue to the relevant groups/organisations in that Elected Members name;
- (c) That these guidelines and the corresponding application forms be published on the Council's website;
- (d) That a list of beneficiaries and their total allocations be reported to Members annually through the Roads & Transportation Functional Committee;
- (e) That the minimum payment payable to any group shall be €100;
- (f) That a maximum of half of one year's ward funds may be carried forward to the following year;
- (g) That a maximum of €500 per member be given to any particular group in any one year;
- (h) That individuals should not be awarded funds. Paying Orders can only be made out to Organisations with a bank account;
- (i) That no ward funds be distributed for six weeks before a local election;
- (j) That ward funds not be used for the purchase of services to benefit a Member eg advertising
- (k) Ward funds will only be spent in the ward with the exception that Councillors will be permitted to spend a total not exceeding €1,000 on citywide groups/organisations outside their ward if they so wish;
- (l) A record of allocations to be retained and issued as appropriate;