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Q. Does your partner in Northern Ireland need to be a local authority?

A. No. We would imagine that your partners in Northern Ireland would be different organisations whether they are health and well-being organisations or creative organisations. This does not preclude partnering with Local Authorities in the North either.

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Q. does the application have to be for the full 70,000 euro or part thereof?

A. We set the individual budgets at €70,000 in the hope of receiving 10 impactful proposals from Local Authorities. If however, you feel that you can submit an impactful proposal for a lesser amount, then we will of course accept it and it will be evaluated along with any other proposals received.

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Q. Does the €70,000 for 2024 have to be spent by November 2024?

A. Yes. It is €70,000 for 2024 with the expectation of another €70,000 in 2025. The funding for 2024 must be spent by November 2024 so that you can claim it.

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Q. Can you please outline if the €70,000 allocation for Cross border funding needs to be split 50:50 between cities or local authorities?

A. No. We don't have very specific breakdown that it has to be precisely 50:50. But we would like to see is that there's a decent balance that it's not all going to one jurisdiction or another. It really is what the project requires.

It may be, for example, your transport is being purchased in the South and your accommodation in the North, so we can accept that as long as it's clear that it's very much a shared island project.

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Q. Can a group offshore of islands apply together under their local authorities and linked to HSC services and healthy communities.

A. Yes. They are part of the Local Authority. That would be a matter for the local authority to identify the focus of the project.

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Q. Should the application be for one distinct project or can it be 2? For example a project with young people and a distinct project with older people.

A. Yes. You would be in the position to identify what your communities needs, once there is sufficient focus on being able to have a meaningful project of some scale. But if you feel that there is synergies between them and you feel you can reach those two different cohorts at a meeting for way, that's again that that would be your call.

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Q. Does the objective of building on what we have learned from projects funded since 2021 suggests that our proposed project must be directly linked to a previous program delivered in our local authority and funded by Creative Ireland.

A. No. But we are aware that a lot of great work has been done previously and if there's an opportunity to build on that then we don't want to limit your options.

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Q. Can Local Authorities partner with more than one local authority in the north, for example Derry and Belfast together?

A. Yes. We would be supportive of this as long as the interaction is meaningful.

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Q. Will there be another call out for the additional funding for 2025 or will it be further funding for existing projects?

A. There won't be another call out in 2025. The projects that are successful in 2024 will be continued into 2025 with similar funding allocated subject to budget allocation for 2025.

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Q. The HSC Southwest region includes only Cork and Kerry. If Kerry cannot partner with Cork, how should Kerry approach applying for strand A?

A. If at all possible partner with organisations in the same region. However, if that's not possible you could potentially partner with neighbouring counties such as Clare, Tipperary and Limerick.

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Q. In terms of the Cork and Dublin areas being too large to partner with another local authority for this funding, does this apply to both city and county in Cork?

A. Yes. We considered that for logistical reasons Cork and Dublin shouldn't be obliged to partner with another organisation however, this does not preclude them from partnering with neighbouring counties if they wish.

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Q. Can the proposed project use more than one art form with the same group? Could we partner with the CAM HS for example?

A. Yes. It would be interesting to see more than one art form being used. We would be happy to see what groups come up with. We are not prescriptive on what art forms or creative activity that you're involved in.

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Q. Can we submit more than one proposal per area?

A. As per the brief you can only have one application with that partnership. Funds are limited and we would hope that you maximise the use of the funding as best as you possibly can.

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Q. Similar to the question about the 50:50 split and Shared Ireland funding, if a group of three local authorities apply, is there an expectation that the funding will be divided equally between them?

A. It would be a matter for the partnership to decide then how the funding would be divided between them.

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Q. Does the 2024 funding need to be all spent by the end of 2024 or is it possible to carry some over into 2025?

A. Yes, all funding for 2024 needs to be spent by our finance deadline of the xx November 2024. Budgets cannot be carried over. We welcome outside partners working with local authorities to provide support to the Local Authority in delivering this project by the end of the year.

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Q. Are coordination or project management costs allowed.

A. Yes, they would be absolutely vital to the success of your projects.

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Q. Are there any formalities or documents required by Creative Island to authenticate the partnership structure? For example, an MOU or SLA.

A. We would expect an explanation about the partners in your application on submit.com. You should explain your relationship and whether they're from another Local Authority or separate organisation. No MOU or SLA between you and the parties would need to be in place.