

Live Music Performances in Residential Healthcare Settings Scheme 2026 FAQ

Can Local Authorities apply for both this and the Creative Health and Wellbeing in the Community Scheme?

Yes, but while your Live Music Performances in Residential Healthcare Settings initiative may be a continuation of a previous iteration, the CHWC initiative needs to be brand new, and both need to be separate projects.

Where can the application link be found?

<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/app/uploads/2025/12/20250925-Live-Music-call.pdf>

Can events take place outside residential healthcare settings?

Yes, provided they are especially for those living in residential healthcare settings.

Should you have a timetable in your application?

A timetable would strengthen an application. If not available, we strongly advise including an indicative one.

Can the programme run to the very end of the year?

Yes, but drawdown needs to be completed by November.

Who completes and submits the drawdown documentation to recoup the funds?

The lead Local Authority.

Can events take place in hospitals?

If the music performance is to benefit older people in long term healthcare settings, then they would be suitable to avail of this scheme.

Adults referred in from residential healthcare to hospital long term care, would also meet the criteria of our scheme.

If a Local Authority was successful in the past, could the need for geographical spread preclude them from future success?

No. Applications received in a given year will be looked at to ensure there is sufficient spread.

There was a focus on engaging new musicians in 2025. Is that the case this year?

In general, the idea is to give new musicians a chance. Funding artists again who have been engaged for one previous year is fine. But we would be looking to see other musicians included after that.

Would funding, for example, a musical theatre piece created for the benefit of residential healthcare settings be eligible?

Yes.

Are cross-border residential healthcare settings eligible?

Once you can demonstrate that there are no added costs from the cross-border collaboration, there should be no impediment to an application containing this element.

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