

LCDC Healthy Ireland Update Report

For meeting on 29th September 2021

The LCDC Healthy Ireland Subgroup met on 22nd September 2021

1. Healthy Ireland Co-ordinator:

The Healthy Ireland Coordinator recruited is now in post. Laura Kelly, formerly CKLP Youth Employment Support Worker has been appointed Healthy Ireland Coordinator and started on 16th August 2021. This is now a full time post due to the additional allocation of funds secured in June 2021. However the contract for this post ends on December 31st in line with the completion of the programme. Priorities for the Coordinator are the commissioning of the Healthy Kildare Plan, supporting project partners to achieve the intended outcomes for Round 3 and promotion of Healthy Ireland in Kildare. No further information of Round 4 funding is available at present.

2. Additional Funding Request:

Pobal confirmed that the additional funding requested to continue the work, in line with the extended Healthy Ireland 3 timeframe (July-December 2021) is agreed. An additional €55,147 is secured to retain staff and continue working with homeless children/families through McVerry Trust, to increase HI Co-ordinator working hours and to purchase additional promotional materials. To date we have received €42,583 of the additional €55,147 allocation.

3. Financial and Progress Report:

The HIF & CMHF Financial and non financial Returns for the period 1st June 2020 to the 31st July 2021 were submitted in advance of the deadline of the 31st July. The Partners were thanked for their assistance with the compilation of the returns to Pobal. The meetings held with the Partners in advance of the deadline in June proved to be very beneficial as it helped streamline the reporting process. Since the submission of the HIF Financial Return, Pobal requested some sample invoices from the partners. The deadline for the final returns is the end of January 2022.

In addition, the Community Resilience Fund Financial and Progress reports were submitted by the deadline of the 31st July 2021. Pobal have sought some additional information in relation to the CRF financial report. It is anticipated that these queries will be dealt with shortly.

Financial Overview:

The revised Grant for Kildare as per the Addendum dated 23rd June 2021 is €429,247 which includes the HIF Allocation of €280,000 plus CMHF €94,100. To date Pobal have transferred funding of €355,003 to Kildare County Council. The remaining funding will be retained by Pobal until the end of the programme reporting is completed in early 2022. In the meantime, arrangements are being made to transfer additional funds to the Healthy Ireland Partners.

4. Healthy Kildare Plan:

A tender process was carried out for the Healthy Kildare Plan earlier this year. One application was received and reviewed by the evaluation committee. Following advice from procurement a decision was made to seek 3 further quotes directly for consultants.

The tender brief was revised and distributed to seven consultants in September 2021. Four consultants responded, two submissions were received by the deadline on 22nd September 21, two consultants were not in a position to submit. The Healthy Kildare Plan will require engagement from stakeholders as part of this process. The overall plan is due to be completed by December 2021. The tender evaluation committee is in the process of checking references for the preferred tender. **It is proposed to the LCDC to proceed to award the tender if the reference checks are favorable.**

5. Slaintecare: (Note This is a separate agenda item)

The Healthy Ireland Coordinator and the HSE are working closely together to collaborate on Slaintecare and the Healthy Communities Initiative. A need has been identified for the development of a joint implementation group focusing on collaborative actions particularly in Athy. It is being proposed that senior LCDC representatives from relevant agencies- KCC, HSE, Tulsa meet in the coming weeks to agree on the plan to work in Athy to maximise this very positive opportunity.

6. General Update:

Healthy Kildare is growing a social media presence following training provided by Public Sector Marketing Pros and Healthy Ireland. Healthy_Kildare reached over 2,000 people in areas across Kildare in the last month on Facebook and Instagram. You can follow our social media pages on both platforms using the handle Healthy_Kildare.