

Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
2017 Mobility of Collections Scheme

1. Introduction

During 2017 the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs will operate a Mobility of Collections Scheme to support greater regional and local access to material held in the National Collections. The Scheme is designed to fund the transport, cost of insurance and exhibiting costs for pieces from the National Collections to appropriate institutions around the country.

2. Objective/Rationale

It is not possible for the National Cultural Institutions to display their full collection at any one time. The purpose of this scheme is to:

- Assist in putting items from the National Collections on display to the public on a greater and wider basis;
- Facilitate the display of pieces from the National Collections with specific local and regional interest direct to those communities; and
- Facilitate the display of cultural artefacts and relating exhibitions outside urban centres into rural areas.

3. Eligibility

Types of projects which will be considered under the scheme are as follows:

- Funding the costs associated with the transport of pieces from the National Collections to/from a regional/local Institution; or/and
- Funding the cost of insuring pieces from the National Collection whilst being transported to/from a regional/local institution; or/and
- Funding the costs of the exhibition of pieces from the National Collections in regional/ local institutions.

This scheme does not provide for the capital upgrade of facilities to meet the exhibition requirements of the loaning National Cultural Institution.

4. Applications

Applicants should:

- Have approval of the lending authority
- clearly set out the objective, purpose and targeted end result of the proposed loaned piece;
- delineate all relating costs;

- warrant that all representations made in pursuit of the application for funding are accurate and true;
- have all the requisite regulatory approvals in place; and
- be tax compliant.

5. Assessment

The appropriate body to evaluate any potential requests for a loan of a collection will be the lending National Cultural institution. Any reasonable request for funding will then be examined by officials in the Department, subject to meeting the criteria above.

6. Successful applicants

All successful applicants under the Scheme will receive a letter of offer which will clearly set out the terms and conditions which attach to the funding.

The Department reserves the right to revoke any allocation, if suitable progress is not made in advancing the project and/or the terms and conditions of funding are not met

Funding allocations under the Scheme may be for a lesser amount than that sought by the applicant. All letters of offer of funding must be formally accepted.

7. Monitoring and follow up

All successful projects will be monitored on an ongoing basis in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the letter of offer. Sufficient information must be made available to satisfy the Department that the project is proceeding and will be completed on time and within agreed costs.

Before final payment is made, the Department must be satisfied that a report on the project has been received and that sufficient information is to hand to verify that the project has been completed as agreed.

8. Contact point

All applications for consideration for funding under this scheme should be sent to:-

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9. Deadlines

The closing date for receipt of applications for funding under the Scheme is 12 noon on **31st July 2017**.

Any funds allocated under the Scheme must be drawn down in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the letter of offer no later than **the 31st October 2017**.

10. Freedom of Information Act

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, details contained in applications and supporting documents may, on request, be released to third parties. If there is information contained in your application which is sensitive, please identify it and provide an explanation as to why it should not be disclosed. If a request to release sensitive information under the legislation is received, you will be consulted before a decision is made whether or not to release the information. However, in the absence of the identification of particular information as sensitive, it may be disclosed without any consultation with you.