



Circular CVSP 3/2024

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PPN funding arrangements in 2025

For the attention of PPN Members, PPN Secretariats, Resource Workers and Local Authorities

As you are aware, in 2024 each PPN received total funding in the amount of €85,700 from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

At the direction of the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development, Charities and Integration, Joe O'Brien, T.D., and pending the publication of the Revised Estimates Volumes (REV), each PPN will receive an **additional €14,840** in core funding from the Department in **2025**.

This figure represents an almost 20% increase on the funding provided in 2024, and brings the total funding to each PPN from the Department to **€100,540** in **2025**.

Total funding issued by DRCD to each PPN in 2025 will therefore consist of:

- Core funding: €74,840
- Ring-fenced support worker funding: €25,700.

This will issue in two tranches as follows:

- Tranche 1 (approx. April): €80,540
- Tranche 2 (October): €20,000.

Local Authority funding amounts will be issued as follows:

- Core funding: €30,000 (minimum)
- Support worker funding: €5,000 (minimum).

As set out in the Financial Controls document, we require the submission of the following documents no later than 31 March 2025:

- MOU/SLA (the latter only where necessary; please refer to the [PPN Handbook](#))
- Income & Expenditure 2024 report (template will be circulated in due course)
- Work plan and agreed budget for 2025 (including timeframes for plenary meetings).

Any delay in a return of the Income & Expenditure 2024 report and/or relevant documentation listed above will result in a delay to the first tranche payment due to be paid in April 2025.

In the Financial Controls document, submission of the Annual Report from each PPN is also listed as a funding requirement. Details on the Annual Report template for the 2024 Annual Report will follow in due course.



Treatment of unspent funding

If a PPN does not spend its funding allocation within the calendar year, the Department can no longer accept carryover requests unless they are accompanied by a well-evidenced business case.

In very exceptional circumstances if a PPN has a strong and specific reason why it was unable to carry out particular items on its work plan during the preceding year, it will be assessed by the Department on a case by case basis. The Department reserves the right to determine whether this reasoning is sufficient.

Unspent Core Funding from 2024 will be assessed and reconciled accordingly by DRCD, taking any carryover agreements into account.

The ring-fenced Support Worker funding provided by the Department in the amount of €25,700 will be subject to reconciliation. The reconciliation exercise for 2025 will be carried out on any unspent Support Worker funds provided in **2023**.

Any queries in relation to the above may be addressed to ppn@drcd.gov.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JR', is written above a horizontal line.

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