



To: Local Authority Chief Executives

CC: other relevant Officers

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Community Monuments Fund 2021

I refer to the announcement today by Mr Malcolm Noonan TD, Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, of the launch of the 2021 Community Monuments Fund.

Building on the inaugural 2020 Fund, the 2021 Community Monuments Fund will invest in our valuable archaeological heritage and help the owners and custodians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public.

The 2021 Fund will invest a total of €2,000,000 in the conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. It will:

- **enable** conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support;
- **encourage** access to monuments and improve their presentation;
- **build resilience** in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change

The **Community Monuments Fund** has 3 Streams:

1. **Stream 1** will offer grants **up to €85,000** aimed at essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments (Total €1,000,000 available)
2. **Stream 2** will offer grants of up to **€30,000** for development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access. (Total €550,000 available)



3. **Stream 3** will offer grants of up to **€30,000** for enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual/online) at archaeological monuments (including COVID 19 public health measures). (Total €450,000 available)

Full details of the Fund are set out in the Explanatory Memorandum and other documentation attached which should be carefully noted by all applicants. We would ask for the Fund to be publicised through all available channels, including your own websites.

Local Authorities and relevant applicant are invited to submit applications and appraisals to cmf@chg.gov.ie by date of deadline. Applications will then be assessed by the Department and Local Authorities will be notified of successful projects as soon as possible thereafter.

Any enquiries in relation to above should be addressed to cmf@chg.gov.ie.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry Allen', is positioned above a horizontal line.

Terry Allen

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