



**An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development

CVSP 2/2019

### **PPN Funding for 2019**

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Dear Director

#### **2019 Funding and Requirements**

The Department will be providing core funding of up to €50,000 to each local authority in 2019 towards the cost of its PPN, provided this is supplemented by a minimum of €30,000 from the authority's own resources.

An initial payment of €30,000 from the Department's commitment will be made to each local authority, subject to compliance with certain conditions outlined below, to ensure PPNs have access to funding as early as possible. The Department requests that your authority's contribution would be made available from the outset in 2019 to the PPN so as to maximise the total budget available to the PPN.

The Department's contribution in 2019 will be subject to two conditions, the first is the receipt of written confirmation from each local authority that a clear Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the local authority and PPN in respect of 2019. In this regard, the MOU should outline in a clear and unambiguous manner the roles and responsibilities of the local authority and PPN with regard to the delivery of the PPN Programme during the year including, as far as practical, an indication of how agreed funding in 2019 is intended to be spent.

In agreeing the MOU, Local Authorities and PPNs are asked to consider the recommendations in the 2017 PPN Annual Report and in particular those around supports, value and recognition of the role of PPNs.

The second condition is that each local authority and PPN will be required to complete and return to the Department a report on the activities of the PPN during 2018, which will be compiled into the 2018 PPN Annual Report. In this regard, a template for completion by local authorities and PPNs is being prepared by a subgroup of the National PPN Advisory Group. The template's development is informed by the experience in the development of the 2017 Annual Report and will issue in the next number of weeks, to be returned to the Department by a specified date.

## **Additional Funding for 2019**

As advised in Circular letter CSVP 9/2018 of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, the Department has secured additional funding to facilitate the engagement, on a fixed term one year temporary contract, of a Support Worker by each PPN in 2019 to support the work of the PPN Resource Worker. This funding is additional to the Department's commitment on 2019 funding to PPNs referred to above.

The Department has allocated €25,700 to each PPN for this purpose which is intended to cover the salary and associated costs of employment of a Support Worker. As advised, this additional funding was to be paid in two instalments - €22,500 of which was paid in December 2018, with the balance of the Departments contribution - €3,200 - to be paid in early 2019, at the same time as payment of the first tranche of 2019 funding. If not already done so, the funding paid in December 2018 in respect of your PPN, should be made available immediately to the PPN.

Continuing the partnership funding model in place for the funding of PPNs, the Department has, as you are aware, requested authorities to provide an additional financial contribution of €5,000 in 2019 towards the engagement of a Support Worker. This combined potential additional funding of **€30,700**, inclusive of all associated Employer costs will provide a significant boost to the operation of PPNs.

### **PPN Representative Expenses**

In relation to the payment of PPN representative expenses, the Department wishes to remind local authorities and PPNs that the costs incurred by PPN representatives participating on local authority boards and committees is to be met by the local authority – these costs are not to be met from the core funding of €80,000 available to the PPN from the Department/local authority.

To conclude, the balance of the Department's core funding contribution (up to €20,000) will be addressed later in the year following the formal submission of an account of expenditure and estimated costs for 2019. Details of this requirement will issue circa September of this year.

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Yours sincerely



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