



Tuath Housing Community Fund

Social Value and Impact report 2024





Introduction

The Tuath Community Fund was established in 2020 to support community-based projects, activities, and initiatives that enrich the lives of Tuath Housing residents and their surrounding communities. Rooted in Tuath Housing’s Tenant Engagement Strategy, the fund empowers residents and local groups to take an active role in shaping their communities, fostering inclusion, well-being, and resilience.

By investing in social, educational, recreational, and environmental projects, the fund not only improves quality of life but also strengthens community ties, creating spaces where residents feel valued, heard, and supported.

Social Value generated by the Tuath Housing Community Fund 2024

A community group or organisation can apply for up to €1,000 in funding, with allocations determined by the volume of applications and the impact potential of each project. The fund prioritises initiatives that provide tangible benefits to residents and contribute to stronger, more connected communities.

Total Number of Recipients: 19 recipients, including residents’ groups, voluntary organisations, and community initiatives.

Total Funds Awarded: €25,000 distributed across 19 projects, with each group receiving up to €1,000 based on their needs.

The Community Fund is open to:

Residents’ groups within the Tuath Housing Tenant Engagement initiative.

Not-for-profit community groups and voluntary organisations, such as food banks, youth groups, family resource centres, and organisations supporting vulnerable populations.

How was Social Impact generated?

The Community Fund has enabled diverse initiatives that enhance well-being, strengthen communities, and provide essential support to those in need. The funded projects focus on:

Creating Safe and Welcoming Spaces: Transforming shared spaces into inviting, community-friendly areas that foster a sense of belonging.

Encouraging Creativity and Expression: Funding arts and craft supplies for groups that use creative expression to promote mental well-being.

Supporting Children and Families: Providing resources for children with additional needs, play therapy for at-risk youth, and family events that bring communities together.

Promoting Inclusivity and Accessibility: Supporting initiatives like Age-Friendly Walkability Assessments to improve mobility and independence for older residents.



Types of projects funded and their impact

Family Fun Days & Community Events – Strengthening social bonds and reducing isolation by bringing families together.

Annual Arts & Craft Supplies – Providing ongoing creative outlets for children and community groups.

Trauma-Informed Garden Spaces – Offering therapeutic, nature-based spaces for relaxation and recovery.

Community Signage & Planting – Beautifying communities and creating a stronger sense of place.

Resources for Children with Additional Needs – Ensuring all children have access to supportive learning and play environments.

Play Therapy for At-Risk Children – Helping vulnerable children process emotions and build resilience.

Age Friendly Community Engagement –

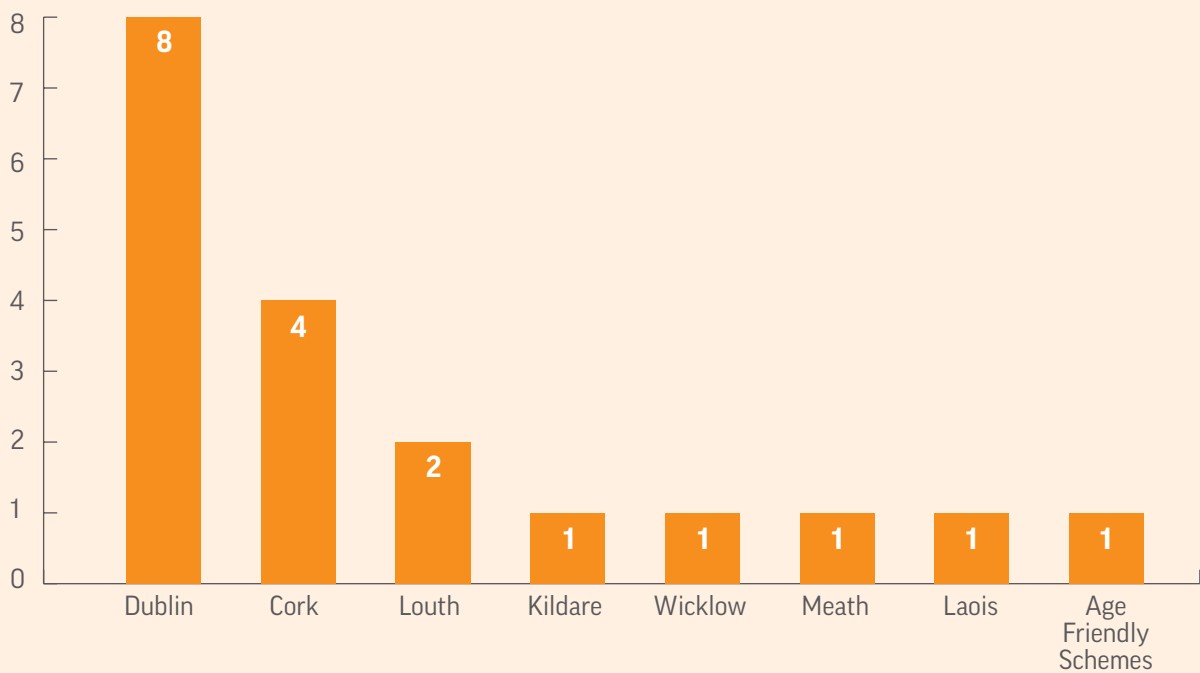
One standout initiative was the Age-Friendly Walkability Assessments, which involved five housing schemes working together to evaluate and enhance safety, accessibility, and mobility for older residents. This project has improved confidence and independence among senior tenants, allowing them to navigate their communities more freely and safely.

Summary of funding requests and awards by area

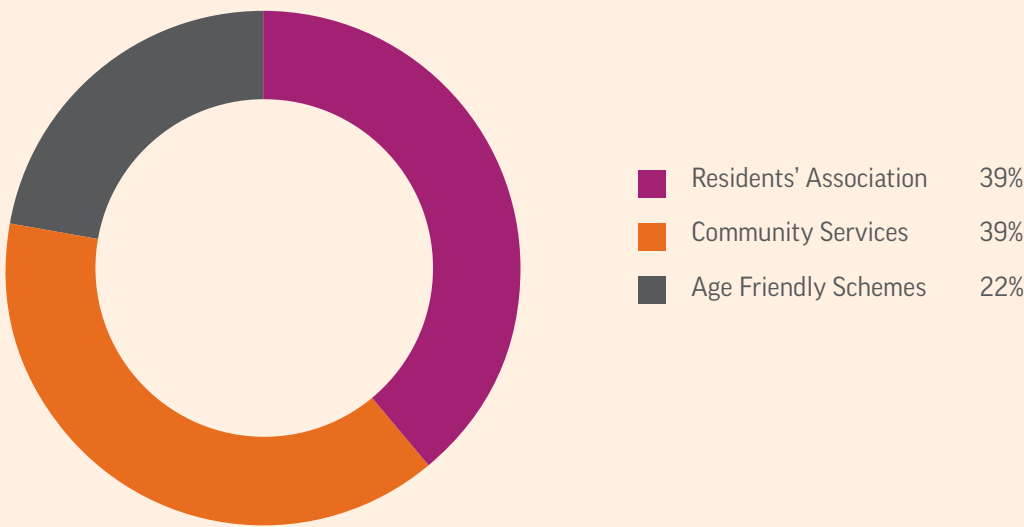
The Tuath Community fund supported a diverse range of projects across multiple locations, addressing key social needs and fostering stronger, more inclusive communities. Each funded initiative has contributed to long-term community development, ensuring Tuath Housing residents not only have access to vital services but also feel empowered to take an active role in shaping their communities.



Awards by County



Breakdown of Supports



Social Impact of the Community Fund 2024

The Tuath Community Fund has played a pivotal role in strengthening community bonds, enhancing well-being, and fostering inclusion across Tuath Housing communities. By funding grassroots initiatives, the fund has empowered residents to take ownership of their areas, ensuring that every project delivers meaningful change for the people it serves.

Building Stronger, More Connected Communities

Many projects focused on bringing people together—through family fun days, social events, and community-led initiatives—helping to reduce isolation and build a sense of belonging among residents. These events not only provided entertainment but also created vital opportunities for neighbours to connect, form friendships, and establish support networks.

Barnardos Better Finglas, Dublin: Addressing Social Isolation & Supporting Families

This project tackled social isolation among Tuath Housing residents by providing access to evidence-based parenting and early intervention programmes. Better Finglas hosted family fun days, led by trained and Garda-vetted staff, fostering meaningful connections among parents and children in disadvantaged areas. These events not only encouraged social interaction but also introduced families to ongoing support services, creating a stronger sense of belonging.

Impact:

- Over **240 children & 155 parents** participated, building friendships and reducing isolation.
- Families felt more connected to their community and support networks.

Testimonials



“My son loved making the kite and played with other children, which he normally wouldn’t do.”

“I’ve only lived here a few months, and it was great for my kids to meet others. My mam met her old neighbour, which made her day.”



Liscorrie Residents' Group, Louth: Community Gardening & Events

This initiative transformed communal spaces while strengthening community ties. Residents revitalized the Liscorrie Rock flowerbed, replanted five additional flowerbeds, and hosted "Meet Your Neighbour" gardening days, fostering teamwork and social inclusion. A summer family fun day and Halloween celebration further strengthened bonds between residents, creating shared experiences and a sense of local pride.

Impact:

- Engaged **50-70 children & 20 adults** in community-led activities.
- Created lasting friendships and a deeper sense of belonging through social events.
- Encouraged civic pride, with **5-10 regular volunteers** leading efforts and more community members joining during larger events.

Resident Feedback



"The improvements make our estate feel more welcoming—it's a space we're proud of!"

"These events brought us together. Now, we stop and chat instead of just passing by."



Lasting Change Beyond 2024

The true value of the Tuath Community Fund extends far beyond the initial financial support—it lies in the sense of empowerment, connection, and long-term resilience it fosters. By giving residents, a voice in shaping their environment, the fund has sparked new ideas, encouraged volunteerism, and strengthened the foundation for continued community-driven progress.

These projects are not just one-time events—they serve as catalysts for ongoing positive change, ensuring that Tuath Housing communities remain inclusive, vibrant, and supportive places to live. The fund has provided essential resources for local initiatives, from skill-building workshops and educational programmes to environmental improvements and mental health support, all of which contribute to lasting social and economic benefits.

By investing in people and their ideas, the Community Fund has helped create a culture of self-sufficiency and collective action, where residents take pride in shaping their neighbourhoods. As a result, its impact will be felt for years to come, fostering stronger community bonds, enhancing opportunities for all generations, and reinforcing Tuath Housing's commitment to sustainable, people-focused development.



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