



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

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Re: Funding Commitment

Dear Ivan

At the outset, I would like to sincerely thank all members of community and voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises for their continued work and commitment during this uncertain period.

Many thanks for your email and indeed you are correct on my statement and commitment regarding no interruption to normal SLA Grant Aid or other routine Tusla funding as a result of the onset and impact of Covid – 19.

Since the call you refer to, I have spoken personally in a number of group calls with some 100 such agencies. I have also directed local managers to engage with others to ensure the maximum number of our vast total partners are engaged. The purpose of the engagement is to ensure that;

1. We assess the impact on services and also identify the alternatives many agencies are utilising to support their service users
2. We assess the direct impact of Covid-19 on the staff of the agencies to understand the impact
3. We assess what mutual ways agencies and Tusla can support each other to achieve priorities throughout the crisis.

Tusla wishes to again reassure community and voluntary organisations of its intention to continue funding services as normal throughout this crisis period. In offering this reassurance, Tusla acknowledges that the services cannot “continue as normal” and welcomes the efforts the community and voluntary services are making. I wish to advise

that there will be no impact to SLA funding as a result of any change to activity levels as a result of Covid 19, and the requirement to flexibly respond to need as required.

I would appreciate if community and voluntary organisations could record the impact of this crisis on their services for future reporting.

I confirm I am happy for you to publicise and circulate this letter.

Again I would like to thank all your member organisations for their continued support and work with Tusla.

Yours Sincerely,



Bernard Gloster
Chief Executive

CC **Mr Pat Smyth, Director of Finance**
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