**Dublin Convention & Visitors Bureau**

**2019 Irish Entertainment Series Grant Program**

***Introduction:***

After five successful years of creating more than 200 new Irish Experiences, the Bureau has revamped and improved its Irish Experience Grant Program to provide “entertainment” for our visitors. This entertainment may take the form of music, dancers, etc. with the goal to attract visitors to Dublin’s restaurants, hotels, shops, attractions while helping to reinforce our “Irish is an Attitude” brand. The Irish Entertainment Series continues in 2019, by granting money toward existing Dublin events, to provide funding for entertainment as well as paid marketing efforts.

***Eligibility for Funding:***

* Must be a pre-existing Dublin event (Ex. Historic Dublin Chili Cook Off, Fore! Fest, Sundays at Scioto, etc.)
* Event must be visitor friendly and located within or in close proximity of Dublin city limits.
* Business/organization must hire Irish entertainers that are approved by the Dublin CVB.
* The Event must be open to the general public.
* Business/organization should provide detail on how it will endeavor to market and enhance the “Irish is an Attitude” brand experience before, during or after the event.
* Paid marketing efforts should be permitted to include the DCVB brand, including but not limited to logos and taglines.
* Dublin CVB retains the right to market these events as it sees fit, as part of its promotional efforts to lure visitors to the city.

***What does the grant cover?***

The money granted through the program will predominantly be used by the partner business to hire Irish entertainers such as musicians or dancers. In addition, a percentage of the funds granted will be utilized by the DCVB to execute paid marketing efforts, designed to increase visibility and attendance of the event.

***How Much Grant Money Can Be Requested?***

There will be an estimated $15,000 available for grants. There are no limits to the amount of grant monies to be requested. The Dublin CVB will review and award the grants.

***How are Grants Selected?***

The Dublin Convention & Visitors Bureau will utilize weighted Grant Application Evaluation Worksheet (see attached).

***Application Process/Deadlines:***

The grant application must be completed in its entirety. Grantees must keep in mind that failure to provide any requested information could affect the Dublin CVB final decision regarding the request. Grant requests must be submitted in writing electronically to Allie Humes at ahumes@irishisanattitude.com . The deadlines are included below.

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| **Deadline for Grant Submissions** | **Grant Committee Decision** | **Series Range** |
| January 18, 2019 | February 1, 2019 | March 1 – December 31, 2019 |

***Follow-up Evaluation:***

Grant money will be provided after receipts are received within 60 days of the event conclusion. The Dublin CVB requires every Grantee to measure and report results. All organizations who receive grant funding are required to provide the Bureau with a final project evaluation no later than 60 days from the conclusion of the event or completion of the project. Evaluation points can include attendance, event revenue, attendee surveys, etc. The Grantee’s ability to meet grant agreement conditions will affect future applications. Those who fail to comply with this requirement will be denied any future funding.

***Questions?***

Allie Humes

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**Grant Application**

1. Provide the business name, address and contact information.
2. Provide the name, date and a description of the event(s) for which you are requesting grant money.
3. What is the venue for your event? What is the estimated attendance for the event?
4. Will you charge an admission price for the experience? If so, how much?
5. What is the requested amount of grant monies? (Please provide an overall budget for the event).
6. Does your organization have any other sources of funding for this project?
7. In addition to grant support, what type of marketing support will you provide to promote this Irish Experience?
8. Is the entertainment you wish to use featured on the attached list of approved groups/acts? If not, please tell us more about the group/act you wish to use and why you feel they are a fit for this series.

*\*\*\* Provide completed grant applications electronically to Allie Humes at* ahumes@Irishisanattitude.com*. Call (614) 792-7666 with questions.*

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**Grant Application Evaluation Criteria**

*The following criteria will be utilized by the Dublin CVB to evaluate each grant application:*

1. Application completed and submitted timely
2. A unique, authentic Irish entertainment Experience
3. A current Dublin CVB Partner
4. Of interest to residents and visitors
5. Appropriate/adequate physical facilities
6. Offered during pre-established timeframes (noted within the application)
7. Marketing/promotional support provided
8. Incorporation of Dublin’s destination brand – Irish is an Attitude
9. Potential to attract out-of-town visitors

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| **Performer name** | **Contact** | **Phone** | **Cell**  | **Email** | **address** | **Address line 2** | **City**  | **State** | **Zip** |
| **Dancers** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Columbus Celtic Dancers | Melissa Widman | 419-360-5389 | 419-360-5389 | mwidman.1@gmail.com | 5794 Parkside Crossing |   | Dublin | OH | 43016 |
| Irwin Academy of Irish Dance | Katie Henry | 614-325-5270 | 614-325-5270 | k.henry07@hotmail.com | 620 Taylor Station Rd Suite Q |   | Gahanna | OH | 43230  |
| Millennium Academy of Irish Dance and Music | Muireann Ni Chiara | 740-587-4409 | 740-258-0397 | muireann@millenniumirishdance.com | 143 Thresher Street |   | Granville | OH | 43023 |
| ML Dance Academy | Joe Moriarty |  |  | mldancesite@gmail.com |  |  |  |  |  |
| Regan Rankin Holland Academy of Irish Dance | Katie Regan | 614-477-4345 | 614-477-4345 | katie\_regan@att.net | 7175 Achill Dr. |   | Dublin | OH | 43017 |
| Richens/Timm Academy of Irish Dance | John Timm | 937-609-4904 (John) | 937-672-2690 (Heather) | RTAincols@aol.com | 5768 Trafalgar Lane |   | Dublin | OH | 43016 |
| The Academy Irish Dance Company | Byron Tuttle  | 614-600-8551 | 614-600-8551 | byrontuttle@hotmail.com | 239 Jackson Street |   | Columbus | OH | 43206 |
| **Musicians** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9 Castle Close | Kevin Maloney |   | 937-671-8746 | kmaloneyhsd@gmail.com | 543 Brentwood Ct |   | Waynesville | OH | 45068 |
| Ballybeg Banter | Robert Wilson | 614-328-6211 | 614-328-6211 | robert211269@gmail.com | 5986 Chesterton Square East |   | Columbus | OH | 43229 |
| Blarney Hearts | Michael Cunningham |  | 6145615214 | fmichaelc51@gmail.com |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bob Ford & Friends | Bob Ford | 937-766-3880 | 937-408-4315 | bobfordmusic@gmail.com | 1457 SR 72 N |   | Cedarville | OH | 45314-9549 |
| Boys of the Hock | Lynn Shaw | 740-590-6007 | 740-274-1932 | lynnshawliz@gmail.com | 13 N. Shannon |   | Athens | OH | 45701 |
| Brigid's Cross | Paul Baker | 216-374-4748 | 216-374-4748 | bcross97@aol.com | 3496 Abington Ct |   | Brunswick | OH | 44212 |
| Changeling | Karl & Deborah Colón | 937-838-5359 | 937-838-5359 | shabbyroadstudios@yahoo.com | 1420 Southgate Ave. |   | Yellow Springs | OH | 45387 |
| Drowsy Lads | Bryan Brookes | 614-582-5377 | 614-582-5377 | brookes.bryan@gmail.com | The Drowsy Lads, Ltd. | 5954 Endicott Rd | Columbus | OH | 43229 |
| Dublin Harpers | Candyce Dunham | 614-526-4224 | 614-526-4224 | dunhamharps@hotmail.com | 572 East Broad St #317 |   | Pataskala | OH | 43062 |
| Dulahan | Kyle Aughe | 937-313-4831 | 937-313-4831 | kyle@dulahan.com | 6720 Oakfield Dr |   | Dayton | OH | 45415 |
| Eddie Cotter | Eddie Cotter, Jr. | 608-843-2907 | 608-843-2907 | Eddie@DeadTheologiansSociety.com | 354 Pecan Ct. |   | Delaware | OH | 43015 |
| Homeland | Rob Koogler | 937-408-0726 | 937-408-0726 | homelandmusic@aol.com | 436 Robin Hood Ct |   | Springfield | OH | 45505 |
| Hooligans | Ed Norris | 614-895-0029 | 614-374-9210 | ejnorris75@gmail.com | 2536 Jordan Rd. |   | Columbus | OH | 43231 |
| Irish Fiddle Fetish | Jim Gray | 614-718-8340 | 614-787-6352 | gray\_jim@dublinschools.net | 4000 Hard Rd. |   | Dublin | OH | 43016 |
| John Sherman & Randy Clepper | John Sherman | 614-263-9501 | 614-266-3482 | JohnS16545@aol.com | 410 Clinton Heights Ave. |   | Columbus | OH | 43202 |
| Killashandra | Theodore Jordan | 614-325-2426 | 614-325-2426 | TJordanDO@aol.com | 10753 Southwood Rd |   | Galloway | OH | 43119 |
| Ladies of Longford | Hilda Doyle | 614-766-8184 | 614-499-2518 | hdoyle@columbus.rr.com | 5732 McNeven Court |   | Dublin | OH | 43017 |
| Lone Raven | Craig Markley | 740-369-1476 | 614-570-6499 | cem@loneraven.com | 2731 Hills Miller Rd. |   | Delaware | OH | 43015 |
| Mad Maudlin | Glenn Mackie | 614-306-5894 | 614-306-5894 | glennmackie@sbcglobal.net | 1991 Stancrest Rd. |   | Dublin | OH | 43016 |
| Marian Funk | Marian Funk | 614-717-3257 | 614-717-3257 | 72bass@gmail.com | 227 West New England |   | Worthington | OH | 43085 |
| Mary's Lane | Patrick Mulloy | 440-364-7452 |   | band@maryslane.com | 1420 Auburn Ave |   | Cleveland | OH | 44113 |
| Mossy Moran | Mossy Moran | 440-946-3677 | 440-796-3238 | irishmossy2@gmail.com | 33310 Lakeshore Blvd |   | Eastlake | OH | 44095 |
| Morton O'Kelly  | Morton O'Kelly | 614-766-9584 | 614-315-6124 | okelly.1@osu.edu | 5737 Dunnwood |   | Dublin | OH | 43017 |
| Rice Brothers | David Rice | 614-679-8492 | 614-679-8492 | davidricemusic@yahoo.com | 7747 Wareham Dr. |   | Dublin | OH | 43016 |
| The Hard Tackers | Joe Cook |   | 937-239-1463 | joe@hardtackers.com | 306 Dayton Street |   | Yellow Springs | OH | 45387 |
| The Kells Band | Brian McCoy | 614-226-6428 | 614-226-6428 | flutio@yahoo.com | 4931 Hawkstone Rd. |   | Hilliard | OH | 43026 |
| The McIans | Brian Kerr |   | 614-309-4840 | brian@losingfocus.com | 1472 Dickson Drive |   | Columbus | OH | 43228 |
| Dogwood Road | Karl Wholewend |   |   | kwohlwe@gmail.com | 5735 Indianola Ave.,  |   | Worthington | OH | 43085 |
| Yankee Celtic Consort | Pat Mogan | 614-466-9953 | 614-565-9908 | wmogan@columbus.rr.com | 235 Letchworth Ave |   | Columbus | OH | 43204 |
| **Pipers** |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Capital City Pipes & Drums | Pete Duhig | 614-619-9904 | 614-619-9904 | finnduh@aol.com | 5500 Davidson Rd. |   | Hilliard | OH | 43026 |
| Columbus Police & Fire Pipes & Drums | Det. Martin Kestner | 614-645-4146 | 614-774-0105 | makddk@sbcglobal.net | 6892 Erie Ct. |   | Dublin | OH | 43017 |
| Cyril Scott Pipe Band | Glenn Mackie | 614-306-5894 | 614-306-5894 | glennmackie@sbcglobal.net | 1991 Stancrest Rd. |   | Dublin | OH | 43016 |
| Shamrock Club Pipes & Drums | Mic Trenor | 216-272-5640 | 614-406-8678 | mictrenor@hotmail.com, Scpipesanddrums@gmail.com | 473 E Jeffrey Pl |   | Columbus | OH | 43214 |