

# Cash for city communities

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THE Limerick Leader and Combined Insurance have teamed up for the €20,000 Make it Happen Community Giveaway.

Cash from the prize fund will be awarded to organisations or individuals who are involved in projects to benefit the community. The amount we award will be a funding boost for them to carry on their work, or to make a particular event happen.

The Make it Happen awards are the first of their kind involving a newspaper in Ireland. Combined Insurance were previously involved in similar projects in the United Kingdom.

At the launch of the awards, Mayor of Limerick Michael Hourigan said the awards are a fantastic idea: "At a time when our economy seems to be booming, it's great to see organisations helping people in need of charity."

Cathaoirleach of Limerick County Council Eddie Wade congratulated both parties. "It's wonderful to see the Limerick Leader and



Combined Insurance getting involved in this €20,000 giveaway. There are so many worthy causes who need a cash boost," he said.

Managing director of the Limerick Leader Joe Gleeson is delighted that the newspaper are involved in the Make it Happen cash giveaway.

"We're delighted to be the first newspaper in Ireland to be involved in this scheme," he

commented. "We are expecting a huge response from communities. We are delighted at the opportunity to help worthy causes."

John Hughes, general manager of Combined Insurance, Ireland, said: "We're always getting requests for sponsorship from various community groups, but it is so difficult to decide which is the most deserving. By running this programme we believe we can bring funding to grassroots level and find the most meaningful way of spending our money."

Judges from the Limerick Leader and Combined Insurance will consider all applications, and divide the cash between the most worthy causes.

A story and a photograph of the applicants will appear in the Limerick Leader over the coming weeks.

Applications for the Make it Happen €20,000 Community Giveaway in writing, should be addressed to:

The Make it Happen Community Giveaway, The Limerick Leader, 54 O'Connell Street, Limerick.