

Note for the Secretary General.

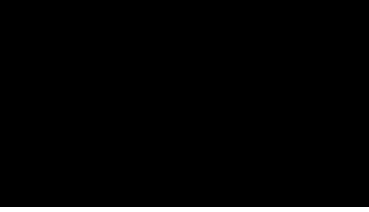
Re: Grants for to the diocese of Cork and Ross for the project entitled “*Support and Development, with special emphasis on Methodology and Teaching Skills, of Post Primary RE Teachers in the greater Cork area*”.

A “**once off**” grant of £20,000 was sanctioned for the project on 7th January 2000 - £10,000 of which was paid as an advance on 3rd April 2000. The balance of the £10,000 was due to be paid on completion of the project.

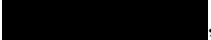
A request was received for an additional £20,000 for the continuation of the project. The request for the additional £20,000 was refused. It was clearly specified in the letter granting the original £20,000 that it was a “once off” grant. ICDU as a matter of general policy, does not fund any in-service programmes offered by any organisation in a particular subject while there is a national in-service programme being delivered in that subject.

National programmes are designed to ensure comprehensive support for all teachers teaching in the particular course and there is also the necessity to ensure consistency in regard to the aims and objectives of each new syllabus.

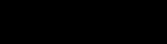
Please find attached a letter outlining the position for the Bishop for your approval please.



September 2001

Dear ,

I refer to your letter dated 12 July 2001 requesting an additional £20,000 for funding the project *“Support and Development, with special emphasis on Methodology and Teaching Skills, of Post Primary RE Teachers in the greater Cork area”*.

Sanction was conveyed to  on 7th January 2000 by letter granting a “once off grant” of £20,000 for the project. An advance payment of £10,000 issued in April 2000. The balance of £10,000 remains to be paid, but subject to satisfactory clarification in regard to overall number of teacher participants and hours training provided. This is not likely to present a difficulty. I regret however that it will not be possible to provide future assistance. As you know original sanction was specifically on an “once off” exceptional basis.

The reason for this is that a national programme in Religious Education is in place and as a matter of general policy, the Department does not fund any in-service programmes offered by any organisation in a particular subject while there is a national in-service programme being delivered in that subject. National programme are designed to ensure comprehensive support for all teachers teaching in the particular course and there is also the necessity to ensure consistency in regard to the aims and objectives of each new syllabus.

I am sorry that I am not in a position to give you better news in this regard, but I hope this clarifies the position for you.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

John Dennehy,
Secretary General.