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We're going to make Cork work with €5m

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SMART motivated and positive Cork people who have a vision will be given a share of a €5m fund to make it happen.

The Cork Foundation — a not-for-profit organisation set up by a group of local leading business and public figures — aims to raise €5m through contributions from the Cork diaspora, Cork-based businesses and philanthropists. It will then loan this money to startup companies.

At the launch last night Minister for Agriculture Simon Coveney said: "This is a Cork concept that is new, that isn't available anywhere else in the country and that we are going to make work."

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Áine Collins, TD, North Cork West; Yvonne Barry, partner **Quintas** and the Foundation's chairperson and Seán O'Driscoll chairman Glen Dimplex and chairman of the Strategic Advisory Board of the Cork Foundation at the launch of their plan to drive job creation and economic prosperity in the region.

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