



Cork County Council

Funding Schemes Open to Communities 2018

Summary

Cork County Council operates a comprehensive range of grant schemes offering direct support to the communities and voluntary groups of County Cork.

Fund contributions under the various schemes are available as direct financial support to community groups and local organisations wishing to undertake development projects in their area and to support local projects that enhance the area in which the group is active.

The following is a collated list of the principle community grant schemes currently operational in the County¹.

Community Grants and Funding Schemes 2018

1. **COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND SCHEME**
2. **COMMUNITY CONTRACTS**
3. **AMENITY FUND SCHEME**
4. **ARTS & CREATIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS**
5. **HERITAGE GRANTS**
6. **CLAR**
7. **TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL**
8. **LEADER**
9. **SICAP**
10. **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (CEP)**
11. **OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE**
12. **MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS STREETScape, PAINTING SIGNAGE AND IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**
13. **LOCAL AGENDA 21**

¹ It should be noted that not all calls for projects under these schemes are currently open and it is vital that any community group considering making an application for funding contact the relevant office in advance to determine potential project eligibility, appropriate deadlines for making an application and the specific requirements of each grant scheme.
See Appendix 1 for advised closing dates of 2018 schemes.



1. Capital Fund Scheme - for community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork who wish to undertake infrastructural projects costing over €20,000 that will improve the range or quality of community-based facilities within their area e.g. community halls, sporting facilities, etc.

2. Community Contract - for Tidy Towns groups who work with Cork County Council on local works and projects, agreed with the Municipal District Officer and local Area Engineer that enhance the area in which the group is active. For the Community Contract it is strongly recommended that you contact your Area Engineer and Municipal District Officer to discuss your proposals before you apply.

3. Amenity Fund Scheme - for community groups, sporting and local organisations in County Cork who wish to undertake projects or purchase equipment that directly benefits communities and meets particular needs. Projects being applied for under this scheme must cost less than €20,000

For further information about this funding you can also apply online at www.yourcouncil.ie

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 4pm on **Friday 16th February 2018**.

4. Arts Grants

Cork County Council invites applications for arts projects and activities that may be eligible for funding under the following grant assistance schemes in 2018.

1. ARTS GRANT SCHEME - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)
2. ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS SCHEME - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)
3. IRISH LANGUAGE ARTS - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)
4. ARTISTS' FUNDING SCHEMES (open to practicing artists only)
 - ARTISTS' CREATIVE BURSARY - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)
 - INTERNATIONAL TOURING AND EXHIBITION - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)
 - TYRONE GUTHRIE CENTRE BURSARY - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)
 - BALLINGLEN ARTS FOUNDATION BURSARY - [Guidelines and Application Form](#)

Application window will open in November 2018, the closing date for receipt of completed applications for all schemes is Friday, 7th December 2018.

For any enquiries regarding applications contact:

The Arts Office,
Cork County Council,
County Hall,
Cork.
Tel: 021 4346210
Email: arts@corkcoco.ie



Municipal Districts Creative Communities Scheme 2018.

The 2018 Creative Communities Scheme will provide €150,000 funding to support the development of new community based arts projects in the eight Municipal District areas in the County.

Creative Communities promotes a partnership model of working, encouraging community groups to work with arts organisations and individual artists to develop arts and cultural projects at local level. The scheme aims to provide support for new ideas and ways of working that will promote access to the arts and increase public participation and involvement in creative activity.

The scope of the scheme is wide ranging and allows for proposals projects that will meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Enhance community participation in the arts and foster a culture of creativity in the community
- Develop new opportunities for co-operation between community and cultural interest groups.
- Improve or support access to the arts for any of the following: children and young people, ethnic minorities, disadvantaged, older people, people with disabilities etc.
- Develop opportunities for the creative artist to work in the community or provide an opportunity for the community to work with a regional or national arts organisation
- Have a significant impact in community life. For example, through a public event, in the visual enhancement of an area, or in new ways of working among local art organisations etc

The closing date for applications is Friday July 20th. For further information and to apply see www.corkcoco.ie or contact the Cork County Council Arts Office at 021 4346210 email: arts@corkcoco.ie

Creative Ireland Programme

The Creative Ireland Programme, which is the national strategy for culture and creativity, recognises the important role that culture has in all our lives, both for visitors to the County and for residents new and old. *Please note that this Scheme is geared primarily towards not-for-profit groups and organisations and Collaborative Projects of a Community origin/focus will be given priority.*

The Community Participation Strand (Strand 2) is being led by local authorities across the country. The Creative Ireland Programme was launched on December 8th 2016 and is available to view online at <http://creative.ireland.ie> or via www.corkcoco.ie/arts-heritage/creative-ireland

Fund amounts granted will not exceed €5,000 for any individual project and it is envisaged that the majority of applications will be for events and projects that range in cost from a few hundred euro to a few thousand.

The deadline date for this programme is November 5th 2018.

For further information and to apply contact:

**Mr. Conor Nelligan Heritage Officer, Commemorations and Creative Ireland Coordinator
Heritage Unit, Planning Dept. Floor 3, County Hall, Carrigrohane Rd. Co. Cork**

Phone: 021 4285905

Email: conor.nelligan@corkcoco.ie



5. Heritage Grants

Cork County Council supports a range of Heritage Grant in 2018.

2018 HERITAGE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME DETAILS To Mark the European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH) in 2018, the Heritage Council is focusing the Community Heritage Grant Scheme on the theme Make a Connection, to encourage communities throughout Ireland to build heritage connections that will last long beyond the year. For details about the types of project considered, to see the information booklet and indeed to apply for the grant visit <http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/eych-community-heritage-grant-scheme2018>. The closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 9th February 2018

HISTORIC TOWNS GRANT SCHEME 2018 In recent years Ireland's historic towns have experienced increased vacancy and dereliction particularly within the historic core. The internationally recognised practice of heritage-led regeneration demonstrates that the cultural heritage of historic towns can be used to create a desirable place in which people can live, visit and do business in.. For full details of the scheme visit <http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/news/news-features/historic-towns-grant-schemepreliminary-notice>

BUILT HERITAGE AND STRUCTURES AT RISK SCHEMES 2018 The Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has announced 2 funding schemes for Protected Structures - the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018 (BHIS) and the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) 2018. The allocation of funding for Cork County Council under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2017, is €50,000. The scheme will be administered by the Architectural Conservation Officer. Please note that the deadline for submission of completed applications for both the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and The Structures at Risk Fund is 4 p.m. on the 26th of January 2018. Applications should be addressed to the Architectural Conservation Officer, Planning Department, Floor 3, County Hall, Cork. Late applications and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

CALLS FOR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR EUROPEAN YEAR OF CULTURAL HERITAGE The Heritage Council is seeking heritage initiatives – existing and new – planned for 2018 for European Year of Cultural Heritage. These Types of Activities include: Information, education or awareness-raising campaign; Festivals, including film festivals; Conference, symposium, forum, debate, Study, survey, Training/ workshops; Research activities; Visit, exchange; Digital projects; Cultural event or performance; Media event, launch event and exhibitions and shows. Activities, events and projects should take place between 7th December 2017 and 31st December 2018 and contribute to achieving one or more of the objectives of the European Year of Cultural Heritage. Events can be officially registered by applying for the the European Year of Cultural Heritage label. Permission must be granted by the Heritage Council as National Coordinator to use the European Year of Cultural Heritage label/logo. Apply here

NATIONAL INVENTORY OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE – SUBMISSIONS INVITED The national call for submissions to the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage was launched prior to Christmas and has stimulated much interest here in the County of Cork. Applications for Ireland's National Inventory are being accepted in the following categories: 1. Oral traditions and expressions, including language 2. Performing arts 3. Social practices, rituals and festive events 4. Knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe 5. Traditional craftsmanship Individuals or organisations seeking to be considered for inclusion on the National Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage are invited to complete an Expression of Interest form - available by clicking here - and



further information can also be obtained by emailing nationalich@chg.gov.ie. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 31 January 2018.

DECADE OF CENTENARIES – SUBMISSIONS INVITED The State's approach to commemorating the significant historical events during the first half of the Decade of Centenaries, culminating in the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme, was underpinned by a supportive structure of public consultation and guiding principles set out in the initial Statement of the Expert Advisory Group to the Government on Commemorations. Between 2018 and 2023, the State will recall significant historical events that took place between 1918 and 1923. For further information and to make a submission visit <https://www.chg.gov.ie/news-centre/news-centre-consultations/>. Submissions will be accepted up to Wednesday 31st January 2018.

6. CLAR Funding

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there. The funding works in conjunction with local/Agency and other Departmental funding programmes and on the basis of locally identified priorities.

Funding Allocation for 2018

There is an allocation of €5million in total for 2018, of which, up to €4 million is available under 2 measures to be operated via Local Authorities for a range of School and Community projects.

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures (€2M)

Measure 2: Play Areas (Including MUGAs) (€2M)

Timelines

Scheme launch	15 th March
Applications to be received by the Department	By April 30 th
Assessment and decisions, contracts	By May 31 st
Project Completion/Drawdown	Sept/Oct

Applications

The 2018 scheme will allow for applications to be submitted to the LA from Schools, Community Groups and also from Local Development Companies.



7. Town & Village Renewal Funding

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme is an initiative under the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development, Realising our Rural Potential, and is part of a package of national and local support measures to rejuvenate rural towns and villages throughout Ireland.

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme for County Cork will be funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and will be administered through Cork County Council.

Selection of projects under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2018 will be by means of a competitive process.

Expressions of Interest are now being sought for projects to be considered to be put forward for funding.

The closing date for completed Expression of Interest forms is **Friday May 25th 2018 @ 4pm** and should be emailed to townandvillagerenewal@corkcoco.ie or your relevant Municipal District Office.

Expressions of Interest forms received after this date and time will not be accepted.

See Information and Expression of interest form below:

[2018 T&V Scheme Outline](#)

[Expression of Interest form](#)

8. LEADER

Rural Development Programme (LEADER) Funding 2014-2020

The LEADER programme is an EU initiative to support rural development projects initiated at the local level in order to revitalise rural areas and create jobs. The programme is overseen in Cork County by Local Action Groups in North, South and West Cork and is implemented on the ground by six Implementing Partners. Calls for eligible projects are both open and there are also specific time-bound targeted calls. Available funding amounts vary depending on the nature of the calls.

Projects are eligible for funding under the following areas:

Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

Sub Theme 1: Rural Tourism

Sub Theme 2: Enterprise Development

Sub Theme 3: Rural Towns

Sub Theme 4: Broadband

Theme 2: Social Inclusion



Sub Theme 5: Provision of Basic Services Targeted at Hard to Reach Communities

Sub Theme 6: Rural Youth (defined as people aged 15 to 35 years)

Theme 3: Rural Environment

Sub Theme 7: Protection and Sustainable use of Water Resources

Sub Theme 8: Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity

Sub Theme 9: Development of Renewable Energy

Further information on Calls and application forms available from:

LDC Contacts

SECAD	RDP Co-Ordinator
Owennacurra Business Park, Knockgriffin, Midleton, Co. Cork (021) 4613432 www.secad.ie info@secad.ie	Ross Curley
Avondu Blackwater Partnership	RDP Co-Ordinator
The Mill, Castletownroche, Co. Cork (022) 46580 www.avondublackwater.com info@avondublackwater.com	Niall Walsh
IRD Duhallow	RDP Co-Ordinator
James O’Keeffe Institute, Newmarket, Cork (029) 60633 www.irdduhallow.com duhallow@irdduhallow.com	Triona Murphy
Ballyhoura Development	RDP Co-Ordinator
Main Street Kilfinane Co. Limerick (063) 91300 www.ballyhouradevelopment.com info@ballyhoura.org	David O’Grady (



Udaras na Gaeltachta	RDP Co-Ordinator
Baile Mhic Íre, Cork (026) 45366 www.udaras.ie corcaigh@udaras.ie	Fionnan O'hAin
Comhar na nOileán Teo	
Inis Oírr, Oileáin Árann, Co. na Gaillimhe H91 D27X (099) 75096 www.oileain.ie fios@oileain.ie	Mary Lavelle mary@oileain.ie Comhar na nOileán Teo

9. SICAP 2018-2022

The SICAP programme 2018-2022 aims to tackle poverty and social exclusion through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies.

The Programme targets the following groups;

- Children and Families from Disadvantaged Areas
- Lone Parents
- New Communities (including Refugees/Asylum Seekers)
- People living in Disadvantaged Communities
- People with Disabilities
- Roma
- The Unemployed (including those not on the Live Register)
- Travellers
- Young Unemployed People from Disadvantaged areas

Further information and application forms available from Local Development Companies

Local Community Development Committees are managing SICAP at a local level. A public procurement process has been used to select Local Programme Implementers who are delivering SICAP in each area and the relevant Local Development company for your area should be contacted in the first instance.



10. Community Enhancement Programme CEP

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) is a new programme for 2018. It builds on and replaces the Communities Facilities Scheme and the recast RAPID programme, which launched in 2017. The **CEP** provides funding to communities across Ireland to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas.

The **CEP** is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (*the Department*) and administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area. LCDCs are responsible for allocating funding to projects in their area as they are ideally placed to identify suitable local projects.

Eligible Projects

Examples of eligible capital expenditure under the Programme include:

- Youth Clubs or facilities
- Sports / Recreation Facilities
- Development and Improvements to community centres and common areas
- Once off maintenance of Premises (does not include regular maintenance)
- Upgrade Community amenities/equipment
- Energy efficiency type projects
- Defibrillator

Application Forms and Guidelines

Application Forms and guidelines are available to download from Cork County Council website www.corkcoco.ie

Applications can also be made online at www.yourcouncil.ie

Applications for funding can now be made under this Programme to the **relevant LCDC by 5pm on Monday, 30th July 2018.**

11. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2018

The 2018 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will provide funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and for the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in rural areas across Ireland. The general scheme criteria in terms of eligibility will remain largely the same as in 2017 but there are a number of changes that I would like to draw your attention to.

As with the 2017 scheme, the 2018 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme will have three measures. However the maximum grant levels and numbers of applications that may be submitted by an applicant body have changed as outlined below:



Measure	Description	Max grant payable	Max applications per applicant body
1	Small Scale Maintenance/Promotion and Marketing	€20,000	10
2	Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail Development	€200,000	4
3	Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategy Trail Development	€500,000	1

Eligible Applicants

In 2017, the scheme was confined to Local Authorities and, for larger projects, a number of Agencies/Bodies such as Coillte and Waterways Ireland.

For 2018, there is one significant change. The scheme will be open to Local Development Companies who will be the eligible applicant bodies for Measure 1. Local Authorities and State Agencies/Bodies will be the applicant bodies under Measures 2 and 3. A collaborative and partnership approach is strongly encouraged in respect of all Measures. Funding will be provided to a maximum of 80% of total project costs, with the balance to be provided from Local Development Company, Local Authority or other sources.

Closing Dates

The closing date for **Measure 1** is **Friday the 6th of July** and for **Measures 2 and 3** will **Friday the 27th of July**.

12. MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS STREETScape, PAINTING SIGNAGE AND IMPROVMENT SCHEME 2018

The existing painting scheme is to assist the Council in tackling dereliction. Anyone interested in availing of this scheme should contact their local Municipal District office for details of the Scheme being rolled out in their Municipal District. Particulars of 2018 scheme to be advised.

Further information and application forms available from:

Each Cork County Council Municipal District Office

13. LOCAL AGENDA 21

Local Agenda 21 initiative. Funding is typically for small scale community projects that encourage sustainability and/or have an environmental theme.

Closing date for applications is 20th June at 5pm.

Examples of previously funded projects can be found [here](#).

All queries in relation to the scheme should be referred to:

- **Mr. John O'Regan,**
Cork County Council, Local Agenda 21 Officer
Ph: 021-4532758 john.oregan@corkcoco.ie

Please note, all applications should be submitted to Environ@CorkCoCo.ie.



Appendix 1 CLOSING DATES FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS 2018

	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
1.	COMMUNITY GRANT CAPITAL	Municipal District Office	16 February 2018. 2019 closing date to be advised
2.	COMMUNITY CONTRACTS	Municipal District Office	16 February 2018 2019 closing date to be advised
3.	AMENITY GRANTS	Municipal District Office	16 February 2018 2019 closing date to be advised
4.	ARTS GRANTS	Mr. Ian McDonagh County Arts Officer	Creative Communities: 20 July Other Arts Grants: 7 December 2018
5.	HERITAGE GRANTS	Ms. Mona Hallinan Heritage Officer	Various
6.	CLAR	Ms. Mary Hayes, SEO	30 April 2018
7.	TOWN AND VILLAGE RENEWAL	Mr. Enda O'Halloran MDO	25 May 2018
8.	LEADER	Local Development Companies	Various
9.	SICAP	Local Development Companies	Various
10.	COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME	Local Community Development Unit, Cork County Council on Valerie Hayes/Fergal Gough 021-4285230 communitydevelopmentunit@corkcoco.ie	30 July 2018
11.	OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE	Vincent Florish	The closing date for Measure 1 is Friday the 6 th of July and for Measures 2 and 3 will Friday the 27 th of July.
12.	MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS STREETScape, PAINTING SIGNAGE AND IMPROVEMENT SCHEME	Municipal District Office	TBC
13.	LOCAL AGENDA 21	Mr. John O'Regan, Local Agenda 21 Officer	20 th June 2018



Appendix 2: MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS CONTACT DETAILS

Ballincollig / Carrigaline Municipal District

Mr. Kevin O' Regan,
Municipal District Officer
021-4285352 086-8030764

Cobh Municipal District

Mr. Paraig Lynch,
Municipal District Officer
021-4811307 087-4125931

East Cork Municipal District

Mr. Joe McCarthy,
Municipal District Officer
021-4631580 086-8114963

Blarney Macroom Municipal District

Ms. Marie O' Leary
Municipal District Officer
026 41047 085 8876767

Mallow / Kanturk Municipal District

Ms. Liz Donovan,
Municipal District Officer
022-30471 086-8508615

Fermoy Municipal District

Ms. Pauline Moriarty
Municipal District Officer
025-31155 086-7916105

West Cork Municipal District

Mr. Justin England Municipal District
Officer
023-8833380 087-7838409

Bandon-Kinsale Municipal District

Mr. Enda O'Halloran
S/Municipal District Officer
021-4772137 085-8884567