**Community Climate Action Fund**

**Introduction**

Tipperary County Council has appointed a Community Climate Action Officer whose role it will be to help local communities do their part to help Ireland transition to carbon-neutral status. The role will also involve helping community groups apply for a share in the competitive Community Climate Action Fund in which €700,000 fund has been allocated to Tipperary County Council. The Community Climate Action Programme is funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

**Why the Community Climate Action Fund Exists**

Ireland is aiming to become a climate neutral economy and resilient society by 2050. In line with EU ambition, Ireland has committed to achieve an average 7% per annum reduction in overall greenhouse gas emissions from 2021 to 2023. Becoming a climate resilient society will help us to cope with the impacts of a changing climate.

**Who can Apply**

Community Groups; must be a not for profit organisation, must be located in the operational area of Tipperary County Council and must be registered with the PPN.

**The Three Tiers of Funding**

*No match funding required (100% funded)*

* Small Scale Projects – €20,000 or less
* Medium Scale Projects – between €21,000 to €50,000
* Large Scale Projects – between €51,000 to €100,000

**The Five Themes of the Scheme**

1. Community Energy
2. Travel
3. Food and Waste
4. Shopping and Recycling
5. Local Climate and Environment Action

**Please note:** all community groups must contact Marie O’Donnell, Community Climate Action Officer/phone 0818 06 5000 or 087 7812475 to discuss their application before submission. Please also note that the application must be made via email communityfund@tipperarycoco.ie

*Applications open 6th December, 2023 – Closing Date 28th February, 2024*

***Expression of interest form and guidelines are attached.***

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