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Introductions

Webinar - Cameras off

All participants muted

This session will be recorded.

Questions via Q&A not Chat

Follow up via email on questions if required



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Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Parameters of Fund
- Overview of portal
- Project Selection Criteria
- Next Steps
- Questions
- Follow up FAQ



Fund Details

Aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities

in recognition of the contribution

being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting **significant** numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.



Fund Details

Specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are

hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection

and/or International Protection Applicants ('new arrivals') including

towns identified for the rapid build homes programme (Thurles)



Fund Allocation

- The Fund is allocated between each local authority based on the number of new arrivals located there, taking into account both
 - the level of new arrivals
 - the relative level of new arrivals vis a vis overall population in a local authority area
- Limited fund – not all applications will be successful



Fund Allocation

- Tipperary €1,465,434
 - First list to DRCD by May 31st 2024
 - Further list between 1st August & 30th Sept 2024 if required
 - 20% retained for new areas arising by January 2025
 - Expenditure across 2025-2026



Fund Details

- Projects to be funded will be **capital** in nature, **deliver medium-long term benefits** for the communities in which they are located, and be capable of being delivered over the course of 2025 and 2026.
- Eligible projects will receive funding for **capital costs**, but not for any ongoing operational or running costs
- The minimum level of funding for an individual project is **€50,000** with a maximum of **€500,000** applying. (Full proposal for >€200k)
- **Smaller projects cannot be artificially combined** to meet the minimum threshold of €50,000 – while the 2023 scheme provided funding for small scale investment in clubs and communities (e.g. for small scale equipment), the focus of the 2024 scheme is on projects of greater scale and impact.



Fund Details

- **Local authorities have scope to invest the funding based on distinct local needs as identified through a “bottom-up” approach based community engagement**
- Projects can be delivered directly by the local authority or via community organisations
- Funding should not be used as a co-funding source for other Government Departments’ schemes
- All applications need to have required approvals in place (if needed), and that there should be no issues with archaeology, ecology, road safety etc



Eligible Project Examples

- development, enhancement or refurbishment of **community or cultural facilities** including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, recreational areas;
- development, enhancement or refurbishment of **local club and sports facilities** including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.;
- enhancement to school/parish facilities **which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;**
- purchase of **equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events** and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment;



Eligible Project Examples

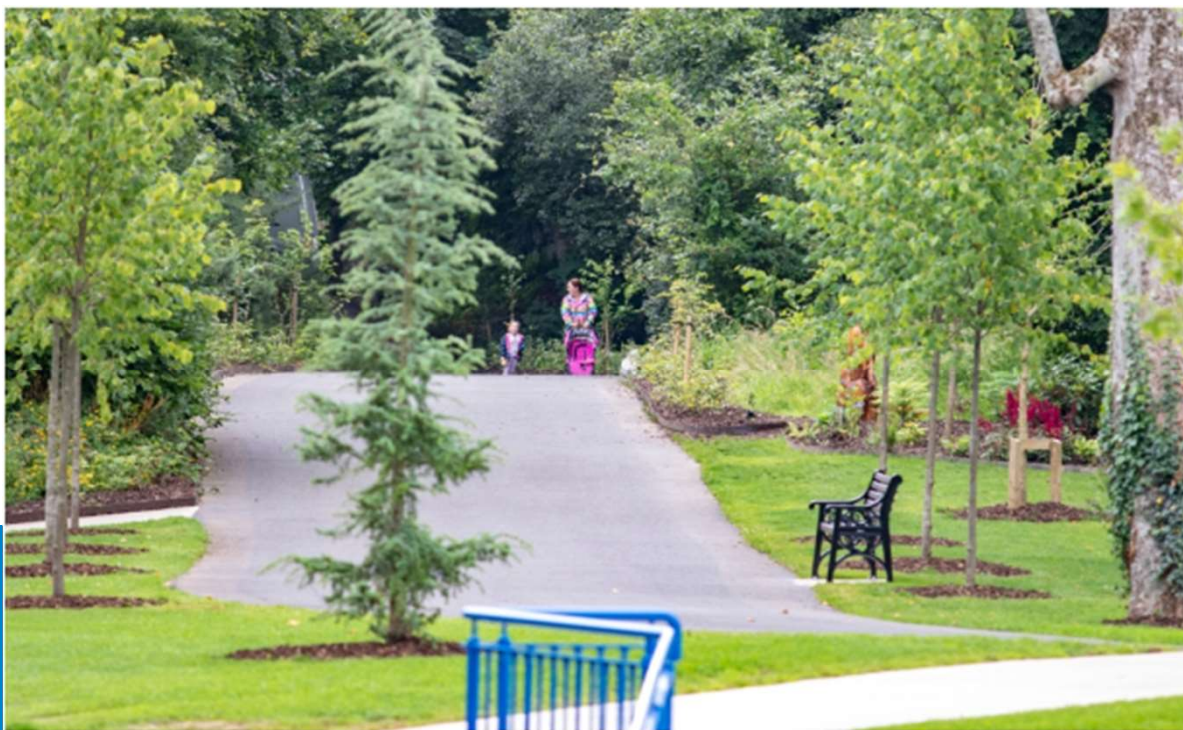
- **transport infrastructure** such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards;
- projects that help **address dereliction** and/or wider local economic and community development objectives;
- purchase and refurbishment of **vacant or derelict buildings for community use** where a clear need is identified.
- Purchase of land and associated works for the development of community facilities such as play areas/ MUGAs or town parks/ community gardens, recreational areas etc.
(purchases must only be administered by the local authority).

Projects outside this scope can be brought to the Department for discussion



Application Portal

- *Application process overview*
- *Applications for Council to complete the works – still need submission*
- www.tipperarycoco.ie/crf



Application Portal

- Submit – used for Local Enhancement Programme & Community Support Fund
- Provide as much information as possible to allow an informed score on the application
- Blank application as follows
 - *Part 1 – Contact & Group Details not included*



Application Portal

6 Year Group/Organisation Established

No Answer Provided

7 What is the purpose of the group / organisation?

No Answer Provided

8 Type of organisation

No Answer Provided

9 Is your organisation registered for VAT?

No Answer Provided

10 Charitable Status Number (if applicable)

No Answer Provided

Part 2: Project Background & General Information

11 Rationale for Eligibility of your area for the Community Recognition Fund

No Answer Provided

12 Please outline the gaps in community facilities/infrastructure that you feel could be addressed by this funding

No Answer Provided

13 Please provide details of any community consultation undertaken to understand the need for this project?

No Answer Provided

14 Please give a brief overview of the project you are proposing

No Answer Provided

15 Please input the exact location (X-Y co-ordinates) of where the proposed project will be based.

This information is required in **ITM format**. The simple guide we have provided for download above will show you how to find these on <https://irish.gridreferencefinder.com>

X ITEM	0
Y ITEM	0

16 Please identify the Municipal District in which the proposed project is situated

If you are not aware of your Municipal District, please check the map at <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/your-area> and find your district

No Answer Provided

17 Does this work form part of a community plan, tidy towns plan or other plan for the town/village/locality? - Please give details if applicable

No Answer Provided

18 Which of the following Local Economic and Community Plan(LECP) High Level Goals is your project most closely aligned to?

Select **one or more** of the LECP goals below

No Answer Provided



19 Are all relevant permissions in place (e.g. planning permission, written consent from landowner/property owner if your project involves the development of a property)?

Please note : If the project involves works on buildings or lands that are not owned by the recipient in, a minimum five-year lease must be in place from the date of final payment of grant aid

No Answer Provided

20 Is the proposed work on public lands?

No Answer Provided

21 Is this part of a phased development and/or linked with (or funded by) other schemes operated by Government Departments or the Local Authority?

No Answer Provided

22 Please provide the estimated completion date of the works or project

No Answer Provided



Part 3 Funding

23 Please provide an indicative cost for the project

No Answer Provided

24 Is the project relating to the purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment?

No Answer Provided

25 Please confirm that Capital Costs make up the entirety of the indicative cost- no operational or running costs are eligible

No Answer Provided

26 Please provide details of funding requested below:

Please ensure you complete the table below, an outline view of the project is acceptable at this point

The minimum level of funding for an individual project is €50,000 with a maximum of €500,000 applying.

Cost Breakdown	Description e.g. Plumbing, electrical works, roof works, Equipment etc	Cost €
A	0	0
B	0	0
C	0	0
D	0	0
	Total	0.00

Application Portal

27 Please outline the rationale behind this budget

Please give as much detail as possible about how you arrived at the cost of this project - this will strengthen your application. Where you have quotes from contractors, you can attach these as evidence in the next question

No Answer Provided

28 Does your group already have funds in place to support this project or part support this project?

No Answer Provided

29 Please state where you will source any shortfall of funding if applicable.

Please provide these details in the table

Source	Amount €
0	0
0	0
0	0

Has the proposed project (or elements) previously been awarded funding under any other Governments Departments scheme, if so please provide details.

Please note that this fund is not available for match funding purposes.

Application Portal

31 Where procurement has already taken place, please use this section to upload relevant documentation. At this stage, one quotation will suffice for the purposes of ascertaining the potential cost of the project.

Please ensure you are adhering to public procurement guidelines including Circular 05/2023.

You may use the 'Simplified' Etenders procedure for the following;

Goods and Services €25k to €50k.

Works Related Services €25k to €50k.

Works €25k to €200k

For all other cases or where you completed an Etenders process, please contact Tipperary County Council at 0818 06 5000 or ercdgrants@tipperarycoco.ie for information on the required supporting documentation.

32 Please use this section to upload any further evidence you wish to present, in particular, quotations for proposed works, planning permission details, other relevant information

33 Please provide any other information that you consider relevant to this application.

No Answer Provided



Application Portal

Signed

I declare that the information given on this form is accurate and correct.

I confirm that I have read the Terms & Conditions of the Community Recognition Fund prior to completing this form.

I confirm that this grant application is submitted in acceptance of and compliance with the Terms and Conditions.

I confirm that the applicant group/organisation is tax compliant (if tax registered).

I confirm that I am authorised to apply for this funding on behalf of my group, and this has been noted and minuted at group meetings.

I understand that the information in my application will only be shared with the relevant Tipperary County Council staff.

Application information may also be shared with independent evaluators and elected members for the purposes of project evaluation and consultation. Individual contact details will not be shared during this process.

I consent to this sharing of information.



Application Portal

Important Points

- Provide **as much information as possible** to allow for decision making
- Give detail on impact on community
- Mention any community consultation carried out – **clear need identified**
- Give specific timelines
- Give details of costings – particularly where there is further backup documentation
- Mention if the project is referred to in any plan or strategy document for the area e.g. County or Town Development Plan, Regeneration Plan, Community Plan, etc
- Outline how the project aligns with the Local Economic & Community Plan core principles

The overall County proposal “must also demonstrate that the funding is targeted at and specifically invested in those communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where there is a clear need for investment identified.”



Next Steps

- Application Portal Closes **03/05/2024 4pm**
- Schedule created of all applications including all application information
- Municipal Districts to review and comment
- Evaluation Committee score projects before forwarding them to the Economic, Community and Rural Development Directorate for preparation of Department submission



Project Selection Criteria

- Priority Area
- Group Capacity & Governance - cashflow
- Local Council office comments on the project
- Meeting requirements such as open to public
- Other funding streams
 - Other Grant considerations – Community Climate Action/LEADER

Committee Scoring similar to other Grant Funding

Value for Money

Community Need & Benefit

Quality & Achievability

Timelines Realistic

Cost Realistic

Planning & Consent issues

Other Considerations



Council Funding Proposal to DRCD

- Council submit funding proposal based on applications to Department before May 31st
 - Area
 - Number of New arrivals
 - Priority Number – created by LA with reference to needs analysis, available funds
 - Group Applying & Details
 - Project Description
 - Rationale for selection and prioritisation for this project and location
 - Funding requested & total projects cost (rate of aid)
 - Planning Permission/Consents
 - Did the area receive funding under CRF 2023?

Next Steps

- Department of Rural & Community Development will advise of successful projects of first phase late June
- 50% of all project works complete by 31/12/2025 – not necessarily individual projects
- Works completed & reports submitted by 01/11/2026



Questions from chat

- Questions arising
- Further clarification via email
- Email ecrdgrants@tipperarycoco.ie or call 0818 06500 for specific queries



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