

PRESS RELEASE

Tipperary County Council welcomes the multi-million euro funding announced under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund for 3 towns across Co. Tipperary

Tipperary County Council welcomes the approval of €31 million of funding for Tipperary which was announced by Minister for Rural and Community Development Heather Humphreys, T.D., under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF). The RRDF is a national fund that commits to invest €1 billion in rural Ireland as part of Project Ireland 2040 strategy.

Tipperary County Council submitted three ambitious and high-quality funding applications to the Department under the fourth call of the RRDF, with the aim of obtaining financial support for the delivery of shovel-ready projects that will regenerate and transform the three towns of Carrick on Suir, Cahir and Roscrea.

The Council was successful in gaining funding approval for all three applications under this call which were assessed as part of a national competitive bids process. The estimated project cost for all three projects is €38.5 million with matching funding to the value of €7.5 million to be provided by the Council.

To date Tipperary County Council has been successful in obtaining funding to the amount of €38 million under Project Ireland 2040. This latest announcement brings the total funding provision to €69 million.

Tipperary County Council is working on 17 approved projects spread across the county with a combined estimated project cost of €92 million. The balance between the estimated project costs and the total funding provision needs to be met by the local authority through the provision of assets or match funding. This announcement brings the Council's total match funding commitment to the sum of €18.7 million.

Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr. Roger Kennedy said "*This latest announcement of funding to the sum of €31 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund is fantastic and welcome news for the three towns of Roscrea, Cahir and Carrick on Suir and for the county as a*

whole. These rural regeneration type projects are having a really positive impact on our rural towns and surrounding rural areas over the last four years. I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment by everyone in the Council that has played a role in helping us to secure this funding and submitting such impressive and detailed funding applications that are ready for delivery. This announcement shows the commitment at a national and local level to investing in Tipperary, in its people and its places”

Chief Executive of Tipperary County Council, Joe MacGrath stated that *“Tipperary County Council had been extraordinarily successful in obtaining funds under Project Ireland 2040, receiving a total €69 million in funding to date for 17 regeneration projects across the county. The Council has a strong strategic vision that aims to make Tipperary a vibrant place where people can live, visit and work in a competitive and resilient economy, a sustainable environment and an inclusive and active community. This funding provision matched with the significant capital investment by Tipperary County Council of close to €19 million will help us to realise this vision and help to transform our towns and rural areas and strengthen our rural economies and communities.*

Eamon Lonergan, Director of Services, Tipperary County Council, stated *“Tipperary County Council had gained a really strong reputation as a local authority that can develop and deliver complex and large scale urban and rural regeneration projects. I must acknowledge the significant amount of work that has been put into these three applications in particular, the dedication and expertise of my colleagues in the Planning Section and across the three Municipal Districts. The support and decision making by the elected members is crucial to ensuring that these projects progress through the planning consent process with engagement from the public and interested parties. We will now turn our focus to the delivery stage of these 3 projects, working closely with the Department and our partners to ensure that all of the objectives and benefits are experienced as expediently as possible.”*

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Notes to Editor

Further Press Releases will be provided by the Municipal Districts, which will provide additional detail on the individual projects

Details of the projects receiving funding are also available on the Department's website www.gov.ie/drcd

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Total RRDF	Brief Description
Reimaging and Regenerating Gantly Street - Towards an Age Friendly Neighbourhood for Roscrea	€5,639,145.00	€4,511,316.00	This is the first phase in the implementation of the Gantly Street Age Friendly Neighbourhood, an ambitious masterplan to create a more vibrant and appealing place for people of all ages. Public realm improvements will include the realignment of Gantly Street to provide for improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, the creation of high-quality public realm areas and footpaths, bio-retention rain gardens and water service and utilities infrastructure. The project aims to act as a catalyst for future investment and positive place-making intervention.
Carrick-on-Suir Regeneration Plan - A journey from the Suir Blueway to the Ormond Castle Quarter - Delivering our Community's ambition	€17,989,387.00	€14,391,509.00	This ambitious town development project will deliver an enterprise and digital hub in a disused building, public realm upgrades in the town centre and Castle area and an Amenity and Biodiversity Park. An arrival point will be created at the Suir Blueway which will link through the town to the proposed new greenway. The project seeks to revitalise the town to become a vibrant commercial centre and destination in its own right, whilst building synergies with the Suir Blueway, Waterford
Activating Cahir's Town Centre Regeneration Strategy	€14,894,686.00	€11,915,749.00	A number of capital interventions will deliver a comprehensive approach to the physical and economic regeneration of Cahir, providing

			for future growth while respecting the historic character of the town. Two key buildings will be refurbished to provide a modern library and additional space for the Enterprise Centre. Public realm enhancements will better showcase the historic square and remove car parking to disused backlands, opening up a site for town centre housing.
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