



County Longford Public Participation Network (PPN)

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Funding Opportunities



HERITAGE PLAN 2016-2020



REMINDER - 6 days left to apply for the Community Grant Scheme 2018!

Waterways Ireland is running its 2018 *Heritage in the Community Grants Scheme* in support of the [Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan 2016-2020](#).

A fund of **€20,000** has been allocated to assist community based heritage projects which compliment or fulfil the delivery of the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan along the Barrow Navigation, Erne System, Grand Canal, Lower Bann, Royal Canal, Shannon Navigation, Shannon-Erne Waterway and the Ulster Canal (Upper Lough Erne to Clones).

Applications will be considered from communities, individuals and organisations seeking assistance for projects related to inland waterways' heritage. This can include data collection & research, good heritage practice in managing sites, collections, objects, etc. and support fresh approaches and initiatives that promote active engagement with heritage.

Click below to download the application form



Important information and changes to the Grant Scheme (please refer to Application Form and Eligibility Criteria for further details):

- All decisions relating to the assessment of grant applications will be based on the degree to which they compliment the strategic aims and actions from the Waterways Ireland Heritage Plan 2016-2020.
- The Application Form and Guidelines should be reviewed for clear information on project eligibility.
- Any grant-aided project not completed within the specified timeframe will be subject to clawback of awarded monies.
- Only one grant per organisation is permitted. Grants up to €1,500 / £1,200 are available.
- Successful grant recipients may receive a partial upfront payment (up to 50%) but this will be reviewed on a case by case needs assessment i.e. where projects can be successfully initiated without grant aid, the full amount will be payable upon successful completion of the project.
- An appeals process has been established for the 2018 Grant Scheme.

Please feel free to contact Cormac McCarthy on +353 (0)61-922149, +353 (0)87-2787463 or at cormac.mccarthy@waterwaysireland.org for any queries relating to the grants scheme.

REMINDER - Longford County Council Community Grant Support Scheme 2018 Closing date 28th February

Overview

Longford County Council, through the Municipal Districts, is committed to working in partnership with the community to encourage, develop, support and sustain a wide range of activities/projects (eg recreational, artistic, cultural, social and community support and business group initiatives) that make a positive contribution to County Longford, promote the development of strong local communities and improve the quality of life of our citizens.

Longford County Council, as a member of the Local Community Development Committee, is committed to the values of dignity, autonomy, democracy, inclusion, and social justice and their associated value objectives as set out in the Equality and Human Rights Statement of the Local Community Development Committee (available at www.longfordcoco.ie).

The Community Grant Support Scheme provides a means for decision-makers i.e. the elected members of Longford County Council and each Municipal District to consider and prioritise applications for grant assistance. Generally, grants will range from €250 to €1,000 subject to funding.

These grants may support activities/projects under the following headings:

- Active elderly
- Arts
- Community involvement
- Environment
- Events
- Heritage
- Sport and recreation

Exclusions

The following grant types are excluded from this grant scheme as they are co-funded by other bodies or are subject to separate applications

- Burial Grounds - maintenance
- Longford Sports Partnership grants

- Anti-litter specific projects
- Residents association

National Sports organisations that support local clubs such as GAA or FAI will not be funded under this category.

Terms and Conditions

- Activities/projects must benefit the local community and be promoted by Longford based not-for-profit, charitable and community and voluntary groups.
- Activities/projects should make some contribution to one or a number of the values/objectives in the Equality and Human Rights Statement of the LCDC.
- Applications must be on the 2018 form and must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the group making the submission.
- Bank account details must be provided and must be in the name of the group.
- Groups must be affiliated to Longford Public Participation Network.
- Charity Number of the group is required for all grants.
- If annual payments exceed €10,000 please attach copy of current Tax Clearance Certificate or Tax Clearance Access Number to your application.
- Salary & Operational/running costs are ineligible for funding.
- The information supplied by the group must be accurate and complete - misinformation may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of the grant.
- Applicant must have no outstanding liabilities to Longford County Council
- Applicants must be willing to support Probation Service Initiatives
- It is the responsibility of each group to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place including appropriate insurance to support the proposed activity.
- If the proposed activity/project includes children or young people under 18, each group must have in place a child protection policy including a vetting procedure.
- Successful applicants for grants of €500 or over will be required to submit an evaluation report on the completed activity /project funded, including evidence of expenditure, receipts and invoices, photos etc.

- Successful applicants will be required to comply, if applicable, with all requirements in relation to Planning, Building Regulations, Health and Safety, and Fire Codes.
- Longford County Council's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant - publications, media, etc.
- Applications for retrospective grants and late applications will not be considered.
- Specific conditions may be attached to the grant including insurance indemnity.
- Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grant scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
- Applications will be screened centrally for adherence to the above criteria.
- Longford County Council will publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
- The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by Longford County Council.

Application forms must be completed in full and returned to the Economic & Community Development Department, Longford Co. Council, Aras an Chontae, Great Water St., Longford or by email to commgrants@longfordcoco.ie

The closing date for applications is 28th February 2018

Applications will be considered by 30th March 2018

Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee invite for submissions:

Please see invitation attached. Deadline for submissions is 19th February 2018. If any group requires assistance with writing their submission please contact the PPN Office.

Creed Announces CAP 2020 Consultation process

Vital Opportunity to hear the views of Irish Citizens on a future CAP

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD, today announced his intention to launch a public consultation process on the future of the CAP post 2020. The consultation process will be open for an eight week period from **Friday 26**

January 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018. As part of this consultation process, Minister Creed intends to hold a series of six public meetings to consider the future of the Common Agricultural Policy. Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD and Minister Creed will between them attend and address all of the meetings.

The meetings will be an important part of the Department's consultation process.

Details of the public meetings are as follows:-

Date	Time	Location	Attended by
Monday 5 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Talbot Hotel, Portlaoise Road, Carlow.	Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD
Monday 12 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Charleville Park Hotel, Limerick Road, Rathgoggan North, Charleville, Co Cork	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD
Tuesday 13 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Newgrange Hotel, Bridge Street, Navan, Co Meath	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD
Wednesday 14 th February	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Bush Hotel, Town Centre,	Minister for Agriculture, Food and

		Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Leitrim	the Marine, Michael Creed TD
Tuesday 20 th February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	Hodson Bay Hotel, Roscommon Road, Athlone.	Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD
Wednesday 21 st February	8.00pm – 10.00pm	McWilliam Park Hotel, Kilcolman Road, Claremorris, Co Mayo.	Minister for State Andrew Doyle TD

This consultation comes against the background of the launch of the European Commission’s Communication on the future of food and farming on 29 November 2017. With legislative proposals underpinning the future CAP expected in June 2018, Irish citizens will have an opportunity now to have an input.

Referring to the proposed consultation, the Minister commented:

“It is critically important that the CAP of the future serves all of the citizens of the EU. It must support family farms and underpin the production of food to the highest standards of quality and safety. It will also be required to contribute to development of rural areas, the creation of employment and critically, to make a real contribution to environmental sustainability.

I want to ensure that I have heard the views of Irish citizens before finalising an Irish position in the negotiations to come. These meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to have their voices heard in this critically important debate and will coincide with an invitation to make written submissions on the future of CAP. We are

all interested stakeholders when it comes to our future food supply and the protection of our environment.”

Written submissions should be sent by email to cap_post2020@agriculture.gov.ie or by post to EU Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Floor 6 Centre, Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 marked “Submission on CAP post 2020”. **The deadline for receipt of submissions is 23rd March 2018.**

A consultation document and blank submission form will be available on the Department’s website [from today the 26th January 2018] at the following address:-

<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmerschemespayments/>

They will also be available on request from EU Division, telephone number 01 6072183 or email to cap_post2020@agriculture.gov.ie

Creative Ardagh: St. Brigid's Day Workshop on 27th January, 3pm.

St. Brigid's Day is by tradition on the 1st February, also known as Imbolc. Come along to our workshop on Saturday 27th to prepare. €5 per person.

Brigid had strong connections with Ardagh as is evident in the naming of the local Catholic Church and the Holy Well in the locality. She is reputed to have been ordained a bishop by St. Mel in Ardagh and to have established her first convent in the area. We will have a brief discussion on her local connections and her story, links to celtic traditions and get our participants to try their hands at making a Brigid's Crosses.

(This workshop can also be adapted for schools/groups in the week 22nd to 26th at our usual group rates)

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