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Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment

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To each Director of Services – Environment

2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative – “Empowering People to Engage & Help the Environment”

Dear Director,

I am directed by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Mr Denis Naughten T.D., to advise local authorities that the Department is making funds available, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAS) to support a 2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI). Last year’s initiative saw the successful delivery of over 200 projects across all 31 local authority areas and served to put the topic of illegal dumping on the agenda for communities across the country.

Illegal dumping is first and foremost a matter of individual responsibility and compliance with the law. While enforcement action in this area is a matter in the first instance for local authorities, the Department encourages a multi-faceted approach to tackling the problem, incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education. Funds will be available again this year to support local authorities and community organisations in addressing dumping black spots and targeting those who show such disregard for their communities and environment. In particular this year’s initiative will place an increased emphasis on all actors who facilitate the unauthorised movement and disposal of waste and projects that seek to identify and initiate enforcement actions on unauthorised waste collectors will be prioritised for funding.

Support will also continue to be made available for projects tackling illegal dumping, which incorporate the use of SMART enforcement tools into existing waste enforcement resources and empower people to engage with and help the environment.

Coordination with other State Agencies

A holistic approach to tackling the problem of illegal dumping should be demonstrated in applications. This might include engagement with other State agencies to identify the actors involved in the unauthorised movement and disposal of waste and with organisations such as the probation service who play a key role in a variety of valuable community clean-up projects. Further details including regional contacts for the Probation Service are available from the WERLA offices.

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Project Selection Criteria and Application Process

Applications are now invited from Local Authorities for consideration by the relevant WERLA Regional Steering Group and must be submitted on the application form (see Appendix I). Note it is preferable to use the online form available through the WERLA offices. The Steering Groups are responsible for selecting suitable projects eligible for funding subject to the selection criteria set out in Appendix II, and for determining the grant allocations in each individual case.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday, 2 March 2018** and the appropriate WERLA will endeavour to notify successful applicants within one month of this closing date. Please note successful applicants may be required to submit further information prior to the commencement of works and to engage with the relevant WERLA for the duration of the project.

Contacts

Further information on this initiative is available from the WERLA offices. See contact information below:

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Yours sincerely



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