

Meath County Council

Community Section

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Community Grants

Funding available through the Community Section:

- COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME
- CLÁR
- TOWN & VILLAGE SCHEME
- OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME
- COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME
- HEALTHY IRELAND SCHEME



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- CARRANSTOWN GRANT SCHEME
- KNOCKHARLEY GRANT SCHEME
- FÁILTE IRELAND FUND
- LEADER PROGRAMME
- COMMUNITY AMENITY PROJECT SCHEME- new
- NATIONAL COMMUNITY WEEKEND FUND- new
- Other sections in the Council provide funding eg Arts, Heritage, Library, Environment, LEO, need to contact directly.



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COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

- Will launch scheme after February 1st following agreement of SPC.
- Similar categories with additional funding of €30k allocated
- Closing date Friday 8th March. Notifications to applicants in May.
- Annual scheme, funding must be spent and claimed in same year.
- Details will be on website www.meath.ie

CLÁR

- Only specific areas of North Meath qualify under this scheme
- Projects must be proposed by community groups for capital works
- Groups have to contribute 5% funding along with Council towards works
- Expect details from Department in February



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Community Enhancement Programme

- Funding comes from the Department through the LCDC to approve applications
- In 2018 two categories – small capital projects up to €1000
- Large capital projects, costing more than €1,000
- 85 applications approved and received funding in 2018
- Assessed on value for money, quality, ready to go, usage by community, located in disadvantaged areas, completed within timeframe
- Expect details from the Department in February



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Town & Village Scheme

- Scheme 2 population categories - towns under 10k and villages 5k
- Scheme to improve economic development of towns/villages
- Council seek projects from community groups
- EOI's assessed using Departments criteria such as value for money, ready to go, completion on time, economic value to area, usage by community.
- Applications drafted and submitted to the Department for consideration under an open competition
- Grant amounts available from €20k to €200k with 20% contribution required by the Council towards projects
- 12 applications submitted in 2018, 8 approved, works commencing.
- Expect details from department in February for 2019 scheme.



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OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME:

- Funding received from the Department and administered by the Council.
- 2018 scheme had 3 measures of projects to support development/enhancement of trails/walkways/cycle-ways in countryside.
- Measure 1 administered by Local Development Companies(max €20k)
- Measure 2 administered by Council with grant amounts between €20k up to €200k.
- Measure 3 administered by Council. This is for large scale projects over €200k to €500k in allocations.
- Council seek projects from groups, assess and submit suitable applications to department for approval.
- Details of scheme expected from Department in February.



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HEALTHY IRELAND FUND

- €75,000 made available from Dept. Health to LCDC's for projects in 2018
- 5 projects approved and must be completed by end March.
- Projects must help achieve actions in the Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) and Healthy Ireland plan.
- Awaiting details for 2019 scheme, expected March.

FÁILTE FUNDING:

- Funding of €11k for festivals
- Projects assessed by council based on Fáilte criteria such as visitor numbers, economic benefit.
- Expect to advertise in March/April time.



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LEADER

- Budget for Co. Meath is €6.9m over the programme 2015-2020
- Council and LCDC oversee and monitor the programme
- The Implementing Partner is Meath Partnership on behalf of the Council/LCDC.
- To date 24 projects have been approved for funding by LAG (LCDC) . These projects progressing.
- Encourage groups to submit applications for this funding
- Further information can be obtained from Meath Partnership
- 046 9280790 www.meathpartnership.ie



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Carranstown Grants

- Community fund from Indaver specifically for this area
- Committee in place to assess applications and allocate funding
- Closing date for applications 31st January with projects approved and applicants notified in April/May

Knockharley Grants

- Community Fund in place for this area around the landfill
- Committee in place to assess and allocate funds
- Normally advertise mid year if scheme going ahead.



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COMMUNITY AMENITY LEVY SCHEME – New

- New scheme to be launched by Council in 2019
- Funding for capital works to develop/enhance/refurbish amenities/amenity facilities
- €600k will be available divided into the 6 municipal districts (€100k per district)
- Project funding will range from €10k to €100k
- Scheme is currently being finalised.

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY FUND- New

- Department holding a National Community Day over May Bank Holiday.
- Aim of the event is for Communities to get to know each other by having an event, street festival, tea party etc
- Funding of €10k made available to Council/LCDC to allocate towards groups to hold such an event.
- Scheme being finalised before advertising mid February

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Tips for submitting large scale applications

- Complete form in full, typed with photos etc
- Ensure project is ready to go and can be completed within timeframe
- Ensure proposed costs are included and are realistic
- Proposed project should stand out from others !



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THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS??

For Further Information on any grant scheme contact
community@meathcoco.ie or 046-9097400

