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Community Recognition Fund 2024 Webinar.



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- The Community Recognition Fund 2024 is specifically targeted at projects that are located in cities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection
- Locations eligible for this funding include the following 22 towns/villages:

1. Ballyvaughen

8. Inch

15. Lahinch

22. Tulla

2. Bellharbour

9. Killaloe

16. Liscannor

3. Bodyke

10. Kilbaha

17. Lisdoonvarna

4. Bunratty

11. Kilkee

18. Miltown Malbay

5. Clarecastle

12. Kilmaley

19. Newmarket-On Fergus

6. Doolin

13. Kilrush

20. Scarriff

7. Ennis

14. Knockalisheen

21. Shannon

Projects situated in areas that do not have high levels of new arrivals will not be deemed eligible.



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- Funding for allocation in Clare: €2,608,408
- Expressions of Interest to be with Clare County Council by **9th May 2024**
- On-Line Applications only
- For more information and a link to the online for, click on the link below:

www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/grants/communityrecognitionfund



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Funding Available:

- Minimum Level of Funding is €50,000 per Project
- Maximum Level of Funding is €500,000 per project

Depending on demand it may not be possible to provide 100% funding so groups need to demonstrate that they have sufficient match funding in this case to deliver and complete a project within the timelines given.

CRF Funding cannot be used as a co-funding source for any other scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development or any other Government Department e.g. Sports Capital Grants, nor can the funding be used as a co-funding source for any other project funded under CRF 2023.



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Types of projects eligible for funding

- Development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens, allotments, and recreational areas;
- Development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets;
- 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;
- Transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards (any vehicle funded must be in good condition and not more than 5 years old)
- Projects that help address dereliction and/or wider local economic and community development objectives



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Expression of Interest Application Process

- The funding allocation will be a competitive process across 22 eligible towns/villages
- Expressions of Interest will be assessed and short-listed based on details submitted
- Short-listed projects will be included in the overall Funding Proposal which will be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for approval.



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Checklist for Expression of Interest Applicants

The following will be taken into consideration in determining the eligibility and the short-listing of projects

- ✓ Is the project located in an eligible host town?
- ✓ Is the project capital in nature?
- ✓ Is there a clearly identified need for the proposed project? Is this part of a town plan etc.
- ✓ Is the project of benefit to the wider community?
- ✓ Has the applicant provided evidence of consultation with other community groups and included letters of support?
- ✓ Is the project in line with the Local Economic and Community Plan?
- ✓ Is planning permission required?
- ✓ Are all other consents in place – e.g. a min of 15-year lease is required for works on buildings not owned by a grant recipient.
- ✓ Where works are proposed on public lands, has the applicant provided evidence of engagement with the local Municipal District Office
- ✓ Has the project received funding from any other Government Department – e.g. Sports Capital Grant
- ✓ Have Quotations been submitted to justify the grant funding sought?
- ✓ Have the group the capacity to deliver the project? Is there sufficient monies to match fund an element of the project in the event that less than 100% funding is available.



Drop-In Information Clinics

Time	Venue
<u>Monday, 22nd April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pavilion Community Hall, Lisdoonvarna 12.00p.m. – 2:00 p.m.• Kilkee Library Cultúrlann Sweeney Kilkee 2:00pm – 4:00pm
<u>Tuesday, 23rd April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scariff Municipal District Council Area Office, Scariff 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m• Treacys Oakwood Hotel, Shannon 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.
<u>Wednesday 24th April</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buttermarket Civic Room, Ennis 10:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.