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Amenity Grants

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Internal Assessment*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The scheme is intended to improve outdoor community facilities for the protection or improvement of natural or man-made amenities, or for the enhancement of the appearance of the area concerned. e.g. grass cutting, purchase of lawnmowers, tree & flower planting, erection of heritage & local information boards.

Works that will qualify include:

- Improvements to or maintenance of, parks and open spaces.
- Means to access areas of recreational or amenity value.
- Works for the conservation or protection of natural or man-made amenities, or sites or areas of special scientific interest - scenic walks, nature trails, planting of trees, shrubs etc.

Examples: Kilkenny Allotment Group, Dublin Road, Clogh Grass Cutting in Community Field, Conahy Village Enhancement Flower Boxes & Hanging Baskets.



Target Group:	Local Community Groups, resident groups, tidy towns groups, allotment associations		
Budget:	€127,000 (2018)	Closing Date:	16th March 2018
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Parks Department Tel. 056-7794937 Email: parks@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Parks/Amenity_Grant_Scheme/

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness and Community Initiative Grant

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Internal Assessment*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

- Promotion of litter awareness in the community directed towards community groups, residential estates and Tidy Towns organisations.
- Clean-ups.
- Community Art Workshops to combat graffiti.
- Litter-picking supplies such as bags, gloves, hi-vis vests and disposal costs of rubbish collected from community clean-ups from public lands.

Examples: Tidy Towns Clean ups throughout the County, Art Murals, e.g. the Mill Resource Centre Urlingford.



Target Group:	Local Community Groups, Resident Groups, Schools, Youth Clubs, Environmental Groups, Tidy Towns		
Budget:	€15,000 (Avg Grant €150-€1500)	Closing Date:	27th April 2018
Match Funding:	70% of cost covered by KCC, 30% payable by groups		
Contact:	Environment Section, Kilkenny County Council. Tel. 056-7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Environment/Environment_Grants/

Arts Act Grants

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Independent panel appointed by Arts Officer.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Any organisation or individual based in the Kilkenny administrative area involved in activities which promote, develop the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts is eligible to apply for the Arts Act Grant.

1. Groups and Organisations promoting arts

Kilkenny County Council will consider applications from organisations involved in the promotion of the arts in Kilkenny.

2. Individual Artists all Art forms

Kilkenny County Council will consider applications from practising artists living in Kilkenny to enable them to pursue their practice and to develop within their chosen discipline, including professional development and project awards.

Additional Arts Grants administered by Kilkenny County Council include:

- Arts Schools Subsidies - for Kilkenny Primary Schools to enable them to participate in Kilkenny Barnstorm Theatre events €1.50 per child-Average award is €100 per school. Annual take-up is approx. 12 schools-500 children.

- The Moth Bursary - Target at individual writers-€300 per residency in the Moth Centre in Cavan.
- Tyrone Guthrie Bursary - Target at individual art practitioners living in Kilkenny-€700 per residency -2 residencies awarded-Independent Panel.
- Arts Links Bursaries - 4 Local Authorities-Groups and individuals in the 4 Counties. Budget €11,000. Amounts range from €1,000-€2,000 -Match funding 10%-Artists residency in Arizona (Art/Architecture), support to study in Switzerland (Music).

There are a number of other grants & bursaries available for arts practitioners; please get in touch with the listed contact below for further details.

Target Group:	Organisations/Community Groups for the purpose of stimulating public interest in Arts & Individuals to enable them to pursue their practices.		
Budget:	€20,000 (avg grant is €200-€1000)	Closing Date:	29th January 2018
Match Funding:	Match funding requirement (for beneficiary) is minimum 20%		
Contact:	Mary Butler, Kilkenny County Council Arts Office Tel. 056-7794138 Email: mary.butler@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Arts/Grants_Awards/

Other National Arts Grants

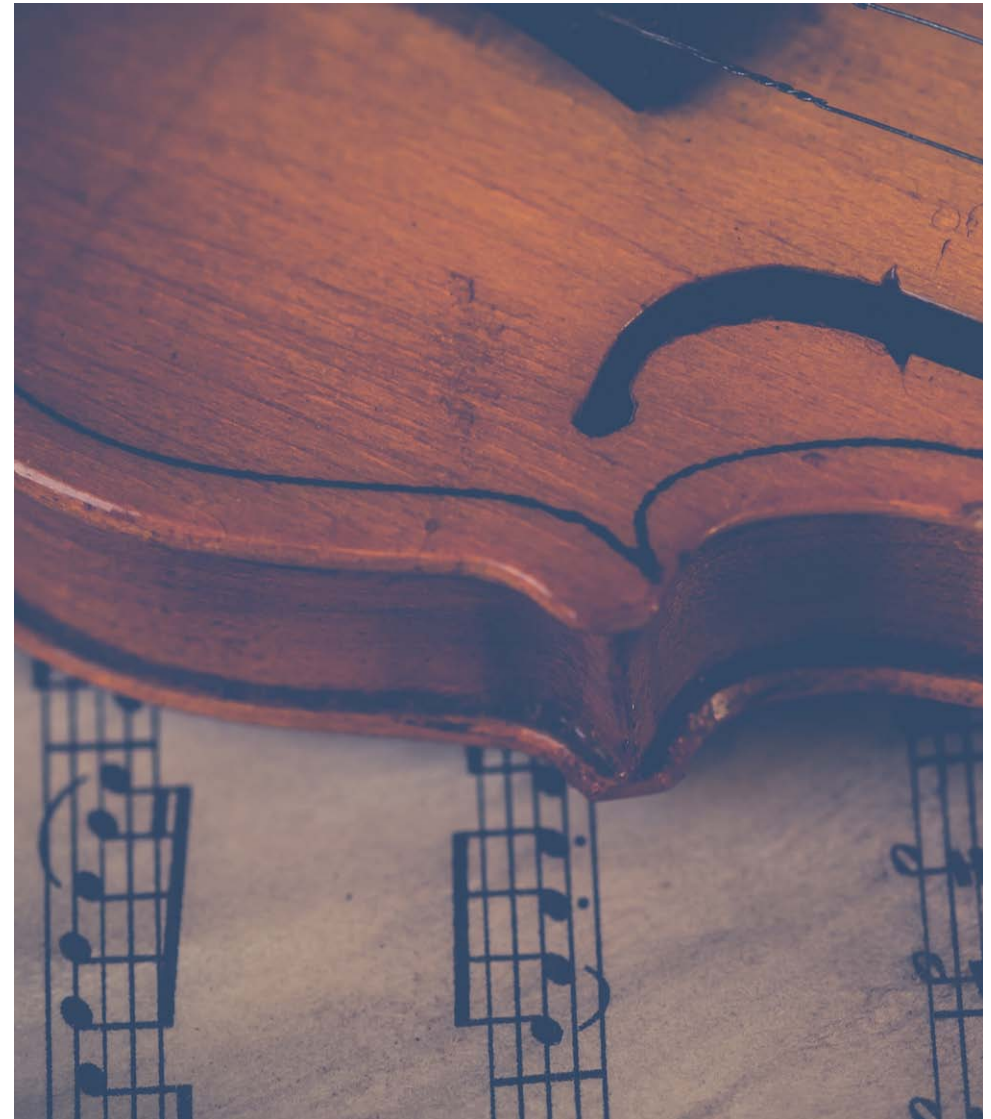
Funding Authority: *Dept of Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht / Arts Council*

Application Process: *Application Form*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

- Visual Arts Ireland Residency Award-1: Week's fully-paid residency at Tyrone Guthrie Centre (details on VAI website).
- VAI Workspace Scheme: Up to €40,000 towards running costs of visual artists workspaces (details on VAI website).
- Arts Council of Ireland: Various bursaries and grants.
- Music Capital Scheme: Dept of Culture Heritage and Gaeltacht-Managed by Music Network-Funding for the purchase of musical instruments to assist non-professionals.
- Music Recording Scheme funded by Arts Council and managed by Music Network. Funding for musical recording of Irish composers.

For more details on the above, contact the **Kilkenny Arts Office.*



Contact:

**Mary Butler, Kilkenny County
Council Arts Office**
Tel. 056-7794138
Email: mary.butler@kilkennycoco.ie

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Arts/Grants_Awards/

Built Heritage Investment Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The fund has been allocated by Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to provide assistance to owners of protected structures and buildings which contribute to the character of Architectural Conservation Areas, in carrying out conservation works.



Target Group:	Owners and Occupiers of Protected Structures		
Budget:	€2,000,000 Nationwide (avg grant €2,500 up to a max of €15,000)	Closing Date:	31st January 2018
Match Funding:	50% match funding		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Conservation Officer Tel. 056-7794010 Email: planning@kilkennycoco.ie		

<http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Planning/Conservation/>

CLÁR Programme

Funding Authority: Dept of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht

Application Process: Proposals are submitted by Kilkenny County Council to the Department for approval.

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The CLÁR scheme is a targeted investment programme towards identified CLÁR areas in County Kilkenny. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.

Examples: All-weather natural pitch at a school and a community hall renovation.



Target Group:		The CLÁR scheme is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage through rural depopulation.	
Budget:	€5m Nationally - (see breakdown under match funding below)	Closing Date:	Varies annually.
Match Funding:		<p>Measure 1: Safety Measures Schools/Community Facilities 90% funding is provided with 10% from LA/Community/other and minimum 5% cash School/Community.</p> <p>Measure 2: Outdoor Play Facilities Enhancement Scheme; Maximum grant €50,000 with 90% funding is provided - 10% from LA/Community/other and minimum 5% cash School/Community.</p> <p>Measure 3: Targeted Community Infrastructure; Maximum grant €50,000 with 85% funding is provided - 15% from LA/Community/other and minimum 5% cash School/Community.</p>	
Contact:		<p>Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie</p>	

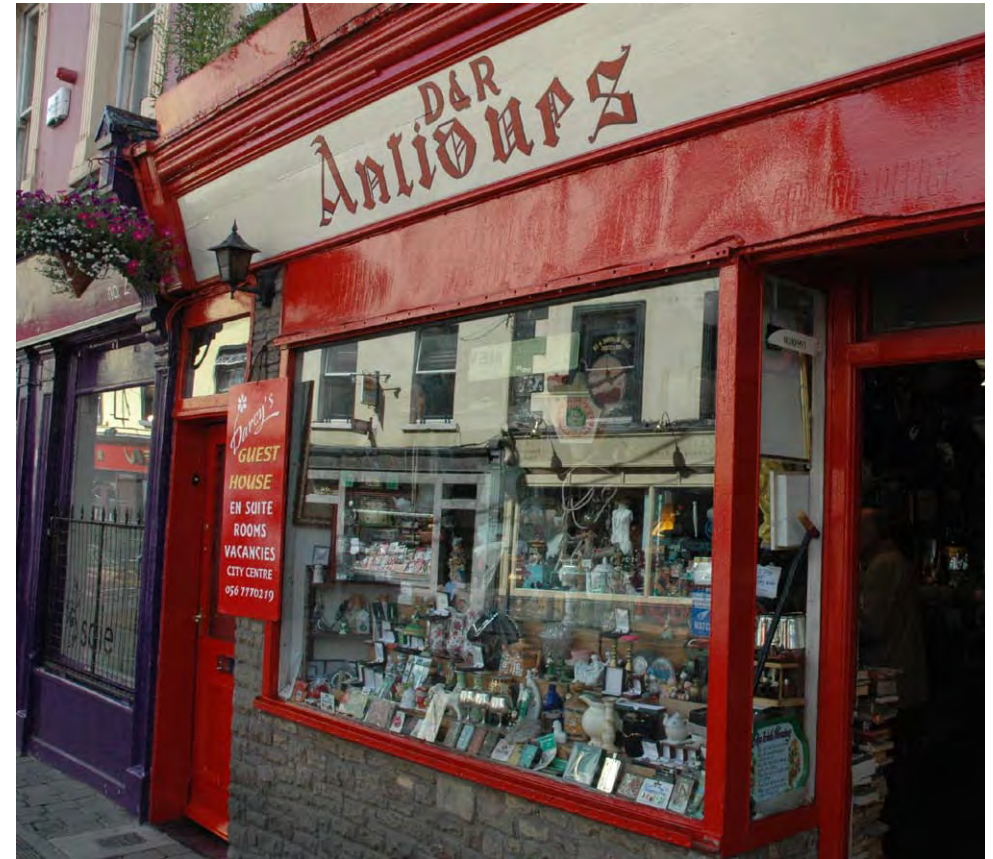
Commercial Premises Paint Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application Forms, Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Assist with the cost of painting the front façade of buildings and traditional signage within the relevant Municipal District.



Target Group:	Commercial Rate Payers		
Budget:	Maximum grant €450 per project	Closing Date:	30th April 2018
Match Funding:	50% cost of works		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Streetscape-Paint-Scheme-2018.html

Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Verbal expression of interest to Council Liaison followed by application where appropriate. Internal Evaluation Process.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The overall objective of this scheme is to respond to the need for better community, recreational and cultural facilities for community groups through the provision of a capital grant. The scheme is open to groups operating within the Community Sector who have a recognised legal structure, operate on a 'not-for-profit' basis, demonstrate a policy of inclusion and demonstrate the capacity to manage and operate the proposed facilities.

Examples: Examples of projects eligible for support could include the development of open spaces, walks and parklands; play areas, broad-based recreational facilities, community radio, community hall upgrades, community, sensory gardens, Ballykeeffe amphitheatre, arts projects and projects that conserve the built and natural heritage of the county.



Target Group:	Local Development Groups		
Budget:	€250,000	Closing Date:	4th May 2018
Match Funding:	75% of costs (€9,000 min – max of €45,000). The grant beneficiary will have to provide the remaining 25% match funding.		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Environment/Environment_Grants/

Communities Facilities Scheme (CFS)

Funding Authority: Dept of Rural & Community Development

Application Process: Application Form following Public Advertisement, Local Community Development Committee Recommendation & Municipal District Approval.

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The scheme is for purchase of equipment for sports activities, office equipment, provision of small-scale improvement works such as toilet facilities, wheelchair ramps, safety works, storage facilities, electricity connection, walking & heritage trails and information boards, playground equipment, meeting room equipment, defibrillators, energy-efficient equipment, research facilities etc.

Note: Scheme is currently under review



Target Group:		Community Groups in disadvantaged urban & rural areas can apply for funding under the Communities Facilities Scheme	
Budget:	€64,500 (avg grant €1,400)	Closing Date:	None
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

Community Involvement in Roadworks

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application Form, Internal Evaluation and Submission to the Dept Transport Tourism & Sport*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

- Where the local community contribution is monetary only a minimum contribution rate of 15% will apply.
- Where the local community contribution is works only a minimum contribution rate of 30% will apply.

Examples: Road-Strengthening works, pothole repairs, surface-dressing, repair of footpaths, construction of new footpaths, providing hardstands, removal of grass verges or banks, opening inlets, opening backshores, unblocking shores.



Target Group:	Targeted at resurfacing local territory roads.		
Budget:	€10,000,000 Nationwide	Closing Date:	Annually
Match Funding:	15%-30% (certain criteria applies)		
Contact:	<p>Municipal District Castlecomer Castlecomer Area Office, Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794450</p> <p>Municipal District Kilkenny City West Callan Area Office, Prologue, Callan Tel. 056-7755520</p> <p>Municipal District Kilkenny City East Thomastown Area Office, Ladywell Thomastown Tel. 056-7793340</p> <p>Municipal District Piltown Ferrybank Area Office, Ferrybank Shopping Centre via Waterford Tel. 056-7794271</p>		

Creative Ireland

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Internal evaluation and decision making process*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Projects that are culture-based designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. It is a legacy project to the successful national 1916 Centenary Programme. Local authorities have a crucial role in the overall local delivery of the entire Creative Ireland programme and are exclusively mandated, through their Culture Teams, to deliver Pillar 2 of the programme - Enabling Creativity in Every Community. The Creative Ireland Programme builds on existing work programmes in Local Authorities. Creative Ireland provides a framework to support and strengthen all of this existing work.

For more information on the Creative Ireland Programme see <http://creativeireland.ie/>



Target Group:

It is a five-year all-of-government initiative, from 2017 to 2022, which at its core is a wellbeing strategy which aims to improve access to cultural and creative activity in every county across the country.

Budget: €64,500

Closing Date: Further details pending.

Match Funding: Further details pending.

Contact:

Dearbhla Ledwidge,
Kilkenny County Council
Tel. 056-7794931
Email: dearbhla.ledwidge@kilkennycoco.ie

Estate Management Grant

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application form in hard copy, Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Open to community committees in local authority estates to fund projects which promote estate management, and improve environmental management. To qualify for assistance under the Estate Management Grant Scheme, applications must be submitted on behalf of an established County Council Residents Association and proposed projects/activities must be deemed to promote the interests of estate management in the community. Selection process will include active assessment by Kilkenny County Council.

Examples: Landscaping, Tree Planting, Purchase of Equipment, Purchase of Trees & Plants in Kilkenny County Council housing estates in County Kilkenny.



Target Group:	Resident & Community Groups in Kilkenny County Council Housing Estates		
Budget:	€100,000 (avg grant is €800)	Closing Date:	12th April 2018
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: ronan.ryan@kilkennycoco.ie		

Estate Grant (Larger Projects)

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application form in hard copy, Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant is intended for single-estate enhancement projects within Kilkenny County Council Housing Estates.

Examples of projects or activities that will qualify include: Landscaping of a public area in the estate; improvement of existing open spaces/amenity tree planting; clearing of unsightly areas within estates

Examples: Enhancement of entrance to the Butts Housing Estate, enhancement of the walkway amenity in Church Avenue (Castlecomer) and the enhancement of old playground in Castle (Avenue,Thomastown).



Target Group:	Resident & Community Groups in Kilkenny County Council Housing Estates		
Budget:	€16,000	Closing Date:	June 14th 2018
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: ronan.ryan@kilkennycoco.ie		

Festival and Events Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Application form. Internal Assessment, Proposed Allocation sent to Corporate Policy Group. Final Proposed Allocation sent to Elected Members for Approval and Adoption*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant scheme aims to promote and support local festivals and to support and assist those events that have a tourism, cultural/artistic or community perspective. The main purpose of the Grants Scheme is to provide financial assistance to individuals, groups and organisations engaged in projects, events or developments at local level. The emphasis of the scheme is on providing funding for a diverse range of projects thus ensuring that the limited financial resources available are used to the maximum benefit of the community at large.

Examples: Cat Laughs Festival, JJ Reddy Run, Savour Kilkenny, Kilkenomics, Urlingford Field Day.



Target Group:	Groups hosting festivals & events		
Budget:	€105,000	Closing Date:	9th March 2018
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Brian Tyrell, Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794500 Email: festivalgrants@kilkennycoco.ie		

Graveyard Grant Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Graveyard Grant Scheme aims to support community groups/organisations in the maintenance of graveyards and encourage best practice in graveyard management. Any recognised community group/organisation can apply.

Projects eligible for funding in graveyards include:

- Graveyard maintenance
- Graveyard recording schemes
- Heritage studies of graveyards



Target Group:	Local Community Groups		
Budget:	€10,000 (avg grant is €400)	Closing Date:	29th March 2018
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Environment section Tel. 056- 7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Environment/Environment_Grants/

Healthy Ireland

Funding Authority: Dept of Health allocation to the Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee.

Application Process: No open call for applications, a local consultation process is underway to identify local healthy Ireland projects.

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Examples: Development of a strategic plan, Ageing with Confidence workshops, a LGBTI Peer Support Programme, a campaign for non-smoking/tobacco free campaign and promotion (regional action), Pilot 6 areas in partnership the 4 FRCs in the county, the LEADER Partnership Company (Castlecomer) and the KTCM (Travellers) for a physical activity, healthy eating, whole community and family approach, targeting those who experience health inequalities. Signposting walks in the City Centre and on the River Nore walk to Bennettsbridge.



Target Group:	General population and people who experience health inequalities.		
Budget:	Expected Funding in 2018- €100,000 (LCDC) and €38,000 Children & Young Peoples Service Committees. (CYPSC)	Closing Date:	Varies annually
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

Heritage Grant Scheme (Community)

Funding Authority: *Heritage Council*
Application Process: *Online*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Creative, engaging projects that provide a way for the public to learn about and manage our natural and cultural heritage during European Year of Cultural Heritage. Promote appreciation and enjoyment of heritage, to make a lasting difference to heritage, people and communities, promote a bottom-up approach to heritage management, and reach out to new audiences by telling heritage stories in innovative ways to stimulate public interest and engagement.



Target Group:

The scheme is open to not-for-profit voluntary and community groups, and heritage-related non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Applications from other organisations or individuals will not be accepted.

Budget: €750,000
Nationally

Closing Date: 9th February
2018

Match Funding: 75% of the funding of the total project expenditure, up to a maximum of €8,000

Contact: For further information see www.heritagecouncil.ie or contact mail@heritagecouncil.ie

Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application Form, Departmental Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

To promote sustainable development via small-scale environmental projects i.e. Community Group/Tidy Towns, Environmental Education.

Examples: Grow Your Own, Rain Water Harvesting, Environmental Workshops.

Target Group:	Community Groups, Men's Sheds, Tidy Towns, Schools		
Budget:	€20,000 County (avg €500 - €3,000)	Closing Date:	Varies Annually
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Environment Section Tel. 056-7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Environment/Environment_Grants/



Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

Funding Authority: Dept of Rural & Community Development

Application Process: Application Form, Internal Evaluation & Submission to Department

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Eligible roads are non-public roads, often leading to houses and important community amenities such as graveyards, beaches, piers, mountains, etc. or other non-public roads that provide access to parcels of land, or provide access for harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons.

Non-Eligible roads are roads leading to commercial premises.



Target Group:	Residents on private lanes which service two or more agricultural holdings.		
Budget:	€ as determined by Department	Closing Date:	Annually
Match Funding:	10%		
Contact:	Municipal District Castlecomer Castlecomer Area Office, Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794450		
	Municipal District Kilkenny City West Callan Area Office, Prologue, Callan Tel. 056-7755520		
	Municipal District Kilkenny City East , Thomastown Area Office, Ladywell Thomastown Tel. 056-7793340		
	Municipal District Piltown , Ferrybank Area Office, Ferrybank Shopping Centre via Waterford Tel. 056-7794271		

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Funding Authority: Dept of Rural & Community Development
Application Process: Application Form to KCC, Submitted to the Department for Assessment, Selection & Approval.

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The focus of the Scheme: The Scheme is part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development and provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure.

Examples: Walking trails, cycle ways and blue ways, as well as the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of existing infrastructure. e.g. Environmental Rehabilitation of the River Nore Walks from Kilkenny to Bennettsbridge and Thomastown to Inistioge, Kings River Walking Trail between Kells and Stoneyford, South Leinster Way Trail Kilkenny.



Target Group:	County-wide scheme Rural Development/Community Groups		
Budget:	€140,000 (2017), Similar expected 2018	Closing Date:	Varies Annually
Match Funding:	20%		
Contact:	Brian Tyrell, Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794500 Email: brian.tyrell@kilkennycoco.ie		

Public Participation Network

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny Public Participation Network*

Application Process: *Short Concise Funding Application & Decision by Secretariat of PPN*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Community Capacity Building Events.

Examples: Funding for insurance costs to hold a Community Street Feast gathering. Sponsorship for young adults to study a leadership programme, Community groups to hold capacity building events during Yulefest e.g. solidarity dinner in Kilkenny City, Moneenroe and Clara senior citizen Christmas dinner, Driochead FRC community gathering.



Target Group:	All PPN Member Groups		
Budget:	€140,000 (2017), Similar expected 2018	Closing Date:	No fixed closing date
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Katherine Peacock (PPN Development Worker) Tel. 056-7794710 Email: ppnkilkenny@kilkennycoco.ie		

Rapid Scheme (1)

Funding Authority: Dept of Rural & Community Development
Application Process: Application form, submitted to the Kilkenny Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), recommendations made to the Kilkenny Municipal Districts for Approval.

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Aimed at Capital Works in Disadvantaged Urban Areas or on a thematic basis aligned to the Local Economic Community Plan.

The scheme is for structural works to community buildings, equipment for youth & community groups, youth facilities, outdoor pursuits.

Examples: Roof & Regulatory-Compliant works to Castlecomer Community Hall, equipment for Callan Boxing Club, youth facilities at Ballyragget Community Hall, Graignamanagh Outdoor Pursuits Sports Hub, U-Casadh kitchen project Ferrybank.



Target Group:

Groups in disadvantaged areas or aligned to the Local Economic & Community Plan as determined by the Local Community Development Committee.

Budget: €64,500

Closing Date: Varies Annually

Match Funding: None

Contact:

Kilkenny County Council,
 Community Development
 Tel. 056-7794931
 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie

Rapid Scheme (2)

Funding Authority: *Dept of Rural & Community Development*
Application Process: *Internal Evaluation & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Aimed at former designated Rapid areas in Kilkenny City – Disadvantaged Urban Areas.

Types of works: Estate enhancement, summer sports programmes, Community garden.

Examples: Hebron Park (Community Garden & Community Facility), Newpark Close (Men’s Shed, Estate Enhancement Summer Sports Programme) Loughboy Community Facility Enhancement, Bishop Birch Place (Estate Enhancement Works) The Butts (Summer Sports Programmes).



Target Group:	Groups in former designated Rapid Areas in Kilkenny City		
Budget:	€TBC	Closing Date:	None
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

Small Business Vacant Premises Incentive Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Expression of Interest*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Kilkenny County Council operates a Small Business Vacant Premises Incentive Scheme. The aim of scheme is to aid regeneration of towns and villages, support job creation by viable businesses, ease financial challenges of start-ups and micro businesses. The purpose of the scheme is to provide a grant incentive for small businesses to occupy previously vacant commercial premises (vacant for 6 months or more). The grant is based on a correlation to the business's commercial rates paid on a reducing basis over 3 years.

1. The applicant business must not have traded in a similar business or premises used for the same purpose within a three kilometre radius prior to opening.
2. The applicant business does not cause displacement to existing businesses locally.
3. The following business categories are excluded: Betting Shops, Casinos, Head Shops, Adult Shops, Amusement Arcades, Nightclubs/Private members Clubs, Moneylenders, Pawn Brokers or Cash for Gold Shops, Liquid Tobacco/Electric Cigarettes Shops, Tattoo Parlours, Sunbed/Tanning Studio, Hot Food Takeaways.



Target Group:		Small Business Owners (rates bill €2,000 or less)	
Budget:	€3,000 (over 3 years)	Closing Date:	None
Match Funding:		75% grant Year 1, 50% grant Year 2, 25% grant Year 3	
Contact:		Brid Hynes Economic Development Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794196 Email: brid.hynes@kilkennycoco.ie	

<http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Economic-Development/Small-Business-Vacant-Premises-Scheme-.html>

Structures at Risk Fund

Funding Authority: Dept of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, (Grants are administered by Kilkenny County Council).

Application Process: Application forms, eligible applications sent to Department for decision

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The purpose of the Structures at Risk Fund is to assist with works to safeguard structures included in the Record of Protected Structures and structures which contribute to the character of Architectural Conservation Areas. The Department will, in exceptional circumstances, consider structures which are within the amenity of a National Monument. Only structures or parts of structures in immediate danger of significant deterioration will qualify for consideration for funding by Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht. Consult with Conservation Officer for further details.



Target Group:	Individual or group		
Budget:	€1,324,000* countrywide (minimum grant €15,000 – maximum €30,000)	Closing Date:	31st January 2018
Match Funding:	Up to 80% funded, remainder to be paid by applicant *Grant allocation may vary annually		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Conservation Officer Tel. 056-7794010 Email: planning@kilkennycoco.ie		

<http://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Planning/Conservation/Protected-Structures-and-Architectural-Conservation-.html>

Town & Village Renewal

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council applies for funding to the Dept of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht.*
Application Process: *Expression of Interest following Council Advertisement.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Successful proposals will demonstrate close collaboration between communities and business interests in the design and delivery of proposed projects and must have the support of the Local Authority.

Examples: Capital Works-Community Centre/Youth and Adult education, Callan River project, Pedestrian Bridge, Public realm improvements, Enterprise centre, Quayside and tourist-related works, Heritage centre extension, Stabilising works to protected structure, and Community co-operative ventures such as Co-op shops.



Target Group:		Applications developed with communities & submitted by Kilkenny County Council to the Department. Towns/Villages population under 10,000.	
Budget:	€12M in 2017, €873,000 received by KCC in 2017	Closing Date:	Varies
Match Funding:	20% (Local Authority or Community 10% may be in kind)		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme for GLAS Farmers

Funding Authority: *Heritage Council*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Grants for GLAS (agri-environment scheme) participants to carry out approved conservation works to traditional farm buildings including roofs, outside surface of walls, windows and doors. Grants will also be available for other related structures such as historic yard surfaces and landscape features around the farmyard such as walls, gate pillars and gates. Buildings and other related structure must have architectural or vernacular heritage character and make a contribution to their setting.



Budget:	A maximum grant of €25,000 and a minimum grant of €4,000 being made	Closing Date:	Applications will be invited at regular intervals throughout the Programming period to end December 2020
Match Funding:	Grants awarded will not exceed 75% of the cost of the works with.		
Contact:	For further information see http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/architecture/our-initiatives/traditional-farm-buildings-scheme/		

Waste Prevention Grant

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

What is Waste Prevention? Essentially it's a process of re-thinking how we do things in order not to create waste. Preventing waste is about finding ways to keep items in use longer and not generating as much waste in the first place. It's about rethinking the way we do things – redesigning the items we use – changing attitudes and changing behaviours about what we buy and what we throw away, but most of all, working together and thinking creatively to do something about it.

Examples: Repair Skills Workshops, Up-cycling Workshops, Elimination of single-use items, Food Waste Prevention.



Target Group:	This scheme aims to support communities to take steps on waste prevention, re-use and repair activities in their local areas and encourage partnership between local businesses, schools, charities and voluntary groups.		
Budget:	€5,000	Closing Date:	27th April 2018
Match Funding:	50% funding upfront & remainder paid when report received detailing project outcomes		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Environment Section Tel. 056- 7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie		

