

# VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT

## CROÍ CÓNAITHE TOWNS FUND



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The grant of up to **€50,000 or €70,000** is available to property owners who intend to refurbish a vacant or derelict property and turn it into their permanent home or rent it to long term tenants (minimum of 10 years). You can apply for this grant if you own the property or if you are in the process of acquiring it.

Kilkenny has seen **262** applications approved to date with some applicants receiving up to **€70,000\*** maximum.



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An Roinn Tithíochta,  
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht  
Department of Housing,  
Local Government and Heritage

## 1. Who can apply?

You can apply if you own the property already or if you are in the process of buying it.

If you're in the process of buying the property you'll need to provide proof that you're in active negotiations to make the purchase, for instance confirmation from the estate agent or the current owner. The grant will not be paid until after the purchase goes through.

## 2. What kind of properties are eligible for the grant?

Eligible properties must have been built up to and including 2007.

The property must have been vacant for at least two years when you make your application. A property cannot be deliberately left vacant in order to qualify for the grant.

You will need to confirm in your application whether you intend to make the property your permanent home or whether you intend to rent it out. If you intend to rent it out you will need to register the tenancy with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) before the grant is paid.

## 3. How much is available?

Up to €50,000 may be awarded under this scheme.

If the property is derelict an additional top-up grant of €20,000 may be available, bringing the maximum amount of grant up to €70,000 for a derelict property. To qualify for the top-up you'll need proof that the property is structurally unsound and dangerous, or that the property is on the local authority's Derelict Sites Register.

You need to live in or rent out the property for at least 10 years after the grant is paid. There are clawback conditions in place. This means that if you sell the property, move out, or if it's no longer available to rent within 10 years you will need to pay back the local authority some or all of the grant.

## 4. What can the grant be used for?

The grant can be used to refurbish the property and make it suitable for use as a home. All works proposed must be approved by the local authority in advance.

## 5. How are applications assessed?

Once your local authority reviews your application and makes sure it meets the conditions of the scheme, they will arrange for a site visit to visit the property and assess the projected costs. If your application is successful they will let you know in writing.

Further details available on the

Council's website at

<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/town-regeneration/vacant-homes-refurbishment-grant-scheme-croi-conaithe-towns-fund.html>

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