



Report to Council on the Amenity Grant Scheme 2017

Amenity grants are administered by the Parks Department every year to provide small grants to community groups and residents associations to maintain their recreational and outdoor amenities. Each year there is an increase in the number of applicants and this year the application number is up from 127 in 2016 to 162 in 2017. This increase is largely due to increased awareness and also due to an increase in the number of estates being taken in charge.

A number of applications however totaling 17 in number were transferred to the Estate Management Grant Scheme operated through the Housing Department as the estates were either Local Authority estates or estates containing a significant percentage of social housing.

A total of seven applications were deemed to be invalid for the scheme as they were primarily applications for interior fittings such as showers and toilets, painting of interiors of halls, a defibrillator and a school nutrition project. These applicants will be advised that they may be eligible to apply to the new Community Facilities Scheme funded through the LCDC.

One application from Big Wood Park committee was deemed ineligible as it was seeking funds to build a playground. This would be more suited to the Community and Cultural Capital Facilities Scheme and the group have been advised of same and have met staff from Community and Culture in this regard already.

162 applications were received under the Amenity Grant Scheme 2017. Overall funding sought amounts to over €343,103 and the budget allocation is €127,000. 137 of the applications are now being recommended for approval at the May, 2017 Council Meeting (see summary attached).

Recommendation:

Approval is hereby sought for a funding commitment of €127,000 for 137 Amenity Grants.

**Mary Mulholland,
Director of Services,
Planning, Economic and Environmental Services**

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Refere	Name	Address	Description of Project	Amt. sought	Grant awarded	No of houses	Taken in Charge	Notes
45	Freshford Heritage Committee	Freshford	Upkeep and insurance	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,000.00			Millenium Park /No for insurance
46	Freshford Development Association	Freshford	Hanging baskets	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00			Baskets at bridge
47	Freshford Tidy Towns	Freshford	Maintenance & Improvements	€ 1,550.00	€ 1,550.00			General for Village
48	Clontubrid Village Group	Freshford	Upkeep	€ 1,500.00	€ 750.00			
49	Abbeygrove Residents Association	Gowran	Estate Maintenance & equipment	€ 4,320.00	€ 2,000.00	28		
50	Gowran Pitch & Putt Club	Gowran	Improve Car parking & green area	€ 2,300.00	€ 1,000.00			
51	Gowran Development Association	Gowran	Maintenance & purchase of Equipment	€ 3,500.00	€ 1,500.00			Lawnmower, paint etc
52	Bradog Way	Gowran	Estate Maintenance	€ 800.00	€ 500.00	39		
53	Young Irelands GAA Club	Gowran	Equipment	€ 11,500.00	€ 1,000.00			Freely accessible to public confirmed 21.4.17
54	Urlingford Tidy Towns	Urlingford	Grass Edger Machine	€ 1,200.00	€ 1,200.00			
55	Togher Lawns Res. Committee	Urlingford	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,200.00	€ 500.00	21	TC 123	
56	Riverside Park Residents	Urlingford	Estate Maintenance	€ 600.00	€ 500.00	30		Bike stand at Playground
57	Paulstown Community Playground Group	Paulstown	Bicycle Stand	€ 500.00	€ 500.00			
58	Oaklawns Residents Association	Paulstown	Grass Cutting & Tree Planting	€ 500.00	€ 500.00	77	TC 14	For maintenance of village amenity areas
59	Paulstown Development Association	Paulstown	Lawnmower & Strimmer	€ 2,000.00	€ 1,500.00			Paint, trees, flower bulbs etc
60	Barrack St Residents Group	Goresbridge	Upkeep of street	€ 350.00	€ 350.00			Playground special project
61	Lower Grange Residents Group	Goresbridge	New Flower Bed	€ 960.00	€ 500.00			
62	Goresbridge Community Park Dev Comm Ltd	Goresbridge	Beech hedge & shrubs	€ 2,300.00	€ 1,500.00			
63	Goresbridge Rural Development	Goresbridge	Maintenance & signage	€ 3,000.00	€ 1,500.00			
64	Ballyragget Playground Committee	Ballyragget	Tree Planting	€ 1,500.00	€ 1,500.00			Tree planting on Durrow Road
65	Brookfield Residents Assoc	Ballyragget	Lawnmower	€ 1,700.00	€ 1,700.00	25		Equipment - Special project
66	Ballyragget Development Association	Ballyragget	Name plaque & flowers	€ 1,500.00	€ 1,500.00			Entrance to Donoughmore Graveyard
67	Ballyfoyle Management Committee (The Green)	Ballyfoyle	Estate Maintenance	€ 350.00	€ 350.00	9		
68	Ballyfoyle Community Council	Ballyfoyle	Maintenance	€ 700.00	€ 700.00			Peace Garden and entrance to church
69	Galmoy Community Group	Galmoy	Maintenance	€ 1,000.00	€ 750.00			Hanging baskets, flower beds in village
70	Tullaroan Development Association	Tullaroan	Maintenance & Signage	€ 3,780.00	€ 1,500.00			The Walkway, Tullaroan
71	Muckalee Grotto Restoration Committee	Muckalee	Upgrade of grotto	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00			Clorinka, Muckalee, Co. Kilkenny - Special project
72	Dungarvan Residents Association	Dungarvan	Repair cemetery wall and tree planting	€ 4,000.00	€ 1,500.00			Note: Special project, replacement of trees. For tree planting only works to graveyard walls to be checked with Conservation officer
73	Arbourmount Residents	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,800.00	€ 500.00	16		
74	Christendom Estate Res. Group	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,000.00	€ 750.00	15		
75	The Beeches	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,000.00	€ 750.00	55		
76	Estuary Woods, Christendom	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 300.00	€ 300.00			
77	Hollybrook Res. Assoc	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 600.00	€ 600.00	60	TC 36	
78	Ard Glas Res. Assoc	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 800.00	€ 800.00	123		
79	Abbey Park Residents Association	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,000.00	€ 950.00	153		
80	Vision Mooncoin	Mooncoin	Security barrier around centre	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00			
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Amenity Grant Allocations 2017 Queries for Ronan Ryan - Estate Management Grants

Reference	Name	Address	Description of Project	Amt. sought	No of houses	Taken in Charge	Notes
	Robertshill Residents Association	Roberts Hill, Circular Road, Kilkenny	Estate Maintenance	€ 2,500.00	201	TC 138	
	Fairways Res Association	Fairways, Kilkenny	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,500.00	98	TC 29	Agree seating location with Co Council
	Newpark Res. Assoc	Newpark, Kilkenny	Public Seating	€ 2,235.00	100		
	Loreto Park Res. Assoc	Loreto Park, Troy's Lane, Kilkenny	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,250.00	15	TC 120	
	Millennium Court Community Centre	Millennium Court	Memorial Garden	€ 550.00			
	Donaguile/Hillside View Res. Assoc	Castlecomer	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,000.00	60	TC 50	
	Donaguile Heights Res. Assoc	Castlecomer	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,200.00	26	TC 8	
	Woodview Residents	Freshford	Estate Maintenance	€ 677.56	73		
	Parkmore Residents Association	Gowran	Estate Maintenance	€ 900.00			
South	Belfield Residents Group	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 3,600.00	235		
	Clovermeadows Res. Assoc	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,500.00	80		
	Ferrybank Comm Dev Residents Group	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 600.00			
	Ferrybank Allotments & Sensory Garden	Ferrybank	Upkeep of allotment	€ 800.00			
East	The Meadows Residents Association	Piltown	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,400.00	32	TC 4	
	Berkley Lawn Residents Committee	Thomastown	Estate Maintenance	€ 500.00	20	TC 10/TC 118	
	Cois na Bearu Residents Association	Graigueanamagh	Estate Maintenance	€ 1,000.00	45		
	Ferrybank Comm Dev Residents Group	Ferrybank	Estate Maintenance	€ 600.00			
	Total amount sought			€ 21,812.66			

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Queries for Lindsey Butler - Community Facilities Grant, LCDC

Reference	Name	Address	Description of Project	Amt. sought	Notes
	Clogh Community Defibrillator Work Group Clogh Handball Club	Clogh Clogh	Defibrillator Showers & Heaters	€ 800.00 € 1,500.00	Not amenity Interior fittings
	Ballyragget Community Hall Committee	Ballyragget	Upgrade of toilets in community hall	€ 3,000.00	Interior fittings
	Big Wood Park Committee Rosbercon Hall & Sports Centre	Bigwood, Mullinavat Rosbercon	Playground Sport Centre repairs	€ 50,000.00 € 700.00	Group not ready for project, planning, site lease etc- advised by CCFCS officer Interior fittings
	Thomastown Mens Shed Thomastown Town of Food	Thomastown Thomastown	Mens Shed School nutrition project	€ 1,000.00 € 2,100.00	No clarification from applicant - application unclear Education project
	Castlewarren Community Development	Castlewarren	Painting of Community Hall	€ 800.00 € 59,900.00	Interior and exterior painting, Lindsey has met the group

