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Kilkenny County Council GRANTS BOOKLET

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HELP US HELP THE POLLINATORS

Leading the way in pollinator protection, Kilkenny County Council became Ireland's first local authority to officially partner with the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

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Kilkenny County Council's Heritage Office has a selection of Pollinator Friendly advice leaflets for the Garden, Local Communities, Faith Communities and Farmland communities.

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To find out what you can do to help our pollinators and get a free copy of whichever leaflet suits your purpose please email the Heritage Office at heritage@kilkennycoco.ie

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VISIT:
kilkennyheritage.ie/natural-heritage/pollinators/

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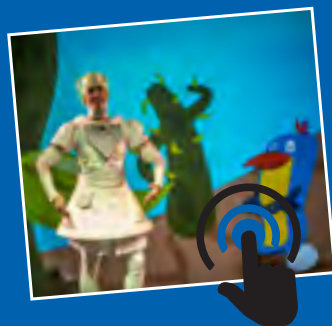


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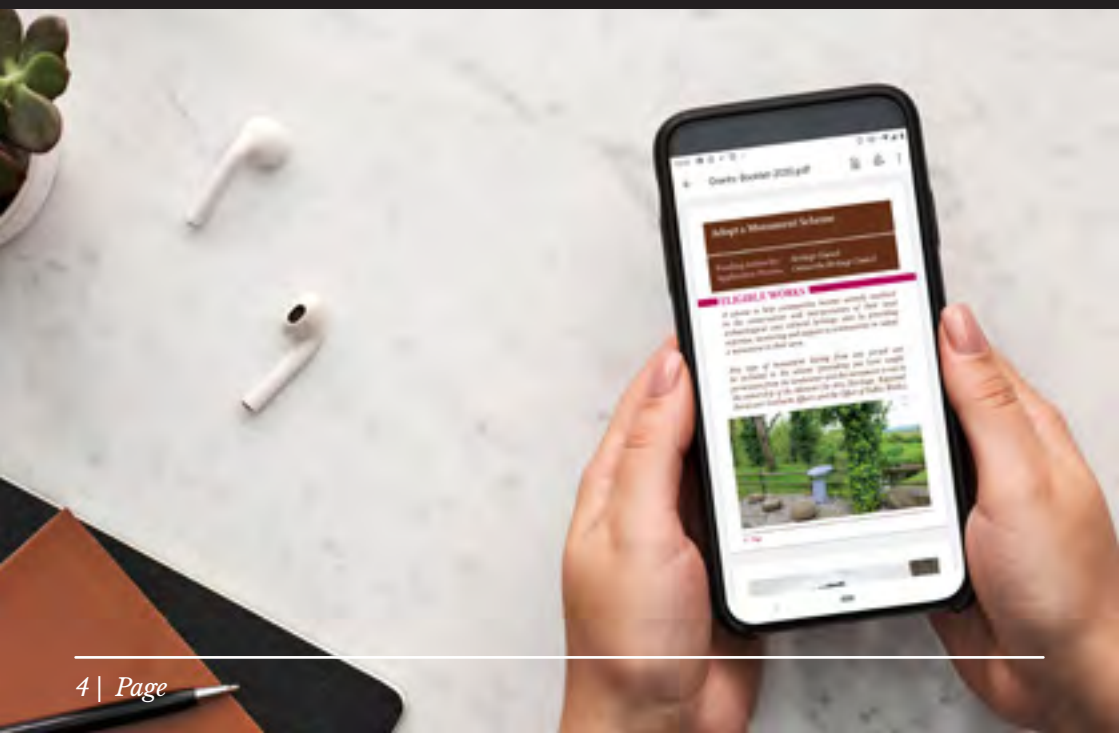
This grant booklet summarises the key elements of Kilkenny County Council and other National Community Grants. It informs community groups of funding streams available to carry out and complete various types of community activities and projects in their neighbourhoods.

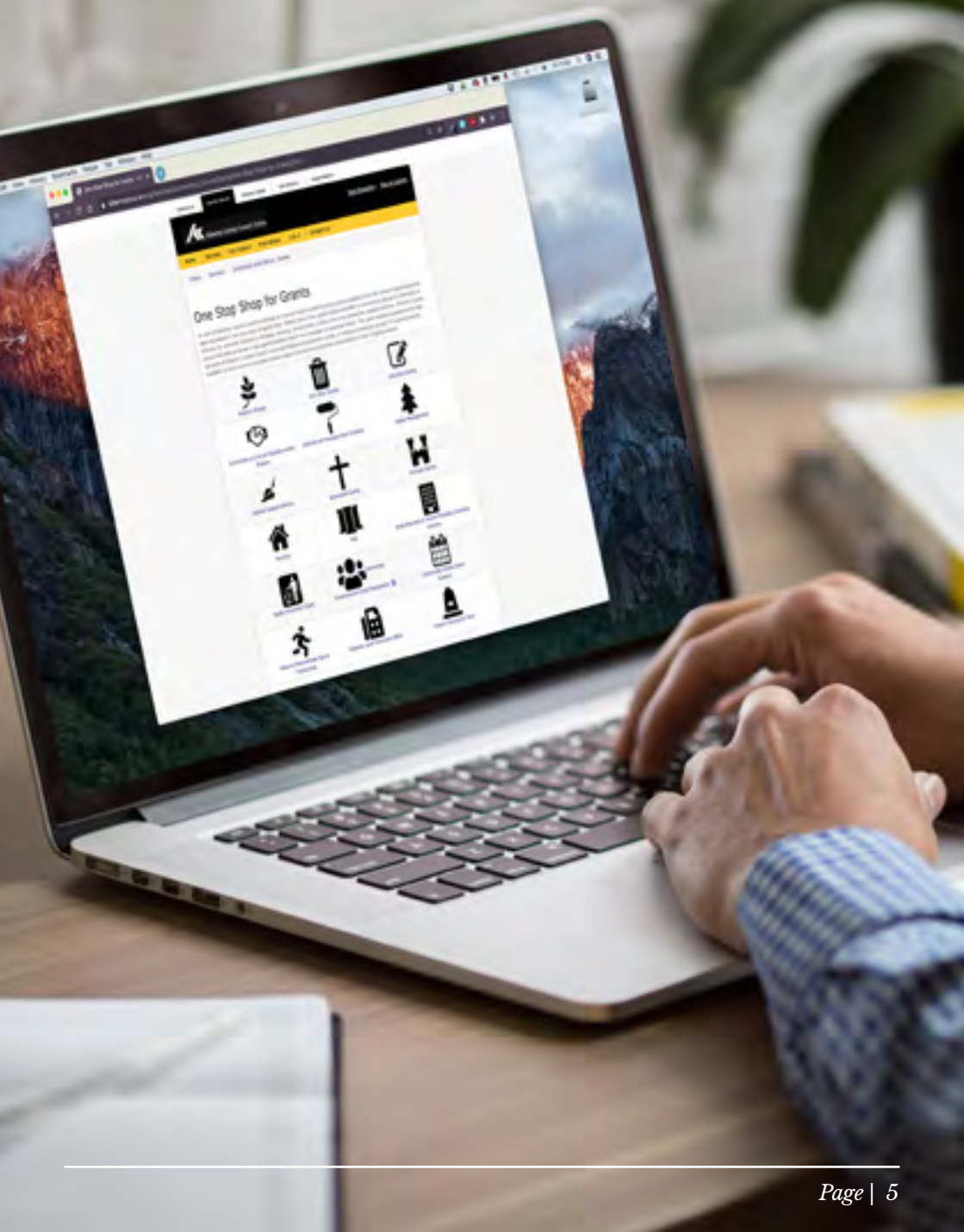
Online

In order to improve how we communicate grant information and availability we have also developed an online one stop shop which can be accessed at:



www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Grants/One-Stop-Shop-for-Grants.html





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/enhancement of natural or manmade amenities. e.g. grass cutting, purchase of lawnmowers, tree & flower planting.

Works that will qualify include:

- Improvements to or maintenance of, parks and open spaces, green areas in residential areas and other public open areas
- Works for the conservation or protection of natural or manmade amenities, - scenic walks, nature trails, planting of trees, shrubs etc.

(This scheme will only cover public amenity areas where access is available free of charge, it will not cover clubs where a membership fee applies)

Examples: General upkeep and maintenance of amenity areas and grass cutting in housing estates.



Target Group:		Local Community Groups, Resident Groups, Tidy Towns Groups	
Budget:	€140,000	Closing Date:	25th March 2022
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Parks Department Tel. 056-7794441 Email: lisa.bourke@kilkennycoco.ie	

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

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Community Grant

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

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Projects that support community groups/organisations to combat litter and graffiti issues in their local community.

Projects eligible for funding include:

- Community clean ups on public lands
- Community art projects to combat/deter graffiti
- Environmental awareness litter themed workshops





Target Group:		Local Community Groups, Youth Groups	
Budget:	€10,000 (Range €150- €1500)	Closing Date:	22nd March 2022
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Bernadette Moloney Environment Section, Kilkenny County Council. Tel. 056-7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie	

Arts Act Grants

Funding Authority:	<i>Kilkenny County Council</i>
Application Process:	<i>Independent panel appointed by Arts Officer</i>

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.



Target Group:		Arts Act Grants - Organisations/ Community Groups for the purpose of stimulating public interest in Arts & Individuals to enable them to pursue their practices.	
Budget:	€20,000 (Avg €200-€1000)	Closing Date:	24th January 2022
Match Funding:	Match funding requirement (for beneficiary) is minimum 20%		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council Arts Office Tel. 056-7794547 Email: artsoffice@kilkennycoco.ie		

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

Other National Arts Grants

Funding Authority: *Dept of Tourism Culture Arts
Gaeltacht Sport & Media*

Application Process: *Application Form*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

- Visual Arts Ireland Residency Award-1 Weeks 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 - 4. Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media - Managed by Music Network-Funding for the purchase of musical instruments to assist non professionals.
- Music Recording Scheme Funded by Arts Council-managed by Music Network-Funding for musical recording of Irish composers.



Contact:

Kilkenny County Council

Arts Office

Tel. 056-7794547

Email: artsoffice@kilkennycoco.ie

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

Better Energy Communities 2022

Funding Authority: *Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland*
Application Process: *Application to SEAI coordinated by
3 Counties Energy Agency (3cea)*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Better Energy Communities is a national retrofit initiative managed by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). BEC grant aims to deliver energy saving projects to communities and private sector organisations. Under the BEC programme, up to 50% funding is available for some non-commercial community projects and up to 30% funding is available for organisations, SMEs and commercial buildings.

How can 3cea help?

- We will help you manage the complex parts of the grant application and take you through the process from start to finish, providing technical support.
- Over the past 8 years, 3cea have assisted in the delivery of cumulative energy savings of more than €19.6 million through the BEC programme.
- 3cea team are highly experienced in writing successful grant applications that require a high level of technical information and knowledge.
- An energy audit to assess your building's BER is the first step in understanding your energy use and identifying energy saving opportunities.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades supported:

- Building fabric upgrades such as wall and attic insulation, replacement of windows and doors
- Technological and system improvements such as boiler replacement or controls upgrades. *Note fossil fuel boiler upgrades & lighting projects are not funded.
- Renewable energy solutions such as Solar PV, solar thermal, wind turbines, biomass solutions
- Heat recovery solutions
- Smart metering, micro generation
- Electric vehicle chargers



Target Group:		Commercial Buildings, Local Community Groups, SME's, Housing groups, Tidy Towns groups, Sports clubs, Schools, Voluntary Groups, Farmers	
Budget and funding criteria:	How to get involved? Click here to watch the BEC Information Session on Energy Grants.	Closing Date:	First closing date 29th January 2022, subsequent applications in Q1/Q2 2022 as funding is allocated
Match Funding:	Up to 50% for Not for profit/ Communities, up to 30% for Private and Public Sector		
Contact:	Visit www.3cea.ie or Email: contact@3cea.ie and include a short description of the project you have in mind.		

<http://3cea.ie>

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2022

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

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The aim of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme is to investment in a significant number of small-scale, labour-intensive conservation projects throughout the county and to support the employment of conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.

Each Local authority is allocated a fixed amount from the overall national fund of €4 m as determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and will support the works to protected structures, Proposed Protected Structures, and Structures in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs), or within the amenity of a National Monument, where exceptional circumstances are deemed by the Department to apply.





Target Group:		Small-scale, labour-intensive conservation projects throughout the county and to support the employment of conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.	
Budget:	€4,000,000 Nationally	Closing Date:	26th January 2022
Match Funding:	50% match funding		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Architectural Conservation Officer Tel. 056-7794010 Email: planning@kilkennycoco.ie		

<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/conservation/conservation-grants/>

CLÁR Programme

Funding Authority: *Department of Rural and Community Development*

Application Process: *Applications to Kilkenny County Council for Measures 1, 2 and 3; decisions made by the Department of Rural & Community Development. Measure 3a and 3b applications are made directly to the Department by registered first responder organisations.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The CLÁR scheme is a targeted investment programme towards identified CLAR 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: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures, Play Areas (including MUGAs), Community Wellbeing Measure and Sensory Gardens.





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:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:	Approx 10% (TBC)		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

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 throughout the county.





Target Group:		Commercial Premises street facing facade.	
Budget:	€10,000	Closing Date:	6th May 2022
Match Funding:	50% cost of works or max grant €450		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Grants/Streetscape-Paint-Scheme.html

Community Environment Action Fund

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council & Dept. of Communications, Climate Action & Environment (DCCAE)*
Application Process: *Internal Assessment with final decision made by the DCCAE*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Environmental projects that promote sustainable development at a local level e.g. circular economy, climate change & biodiversity.

Projects eligible for funding include:

- Biodiversity Enhancement Projects
- Waste Management Projects
- Climate Change Awareness Workshops





Target Group:		Community Groups, Men's Sheds, Tidy Towns, Schools	
Budget:	€20,000 County (avg €500 - €2,500)	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:		Not required but preferred. Funding is released 50% upfront & remainder paid when a project completion report is received.	
Contact:		Bernadette Moloney, Environmental Department Tel: 056 7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie	

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

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, arts projects and projects that conserve the built and natural heritage of the county.





Target Group:		Local Development Groups	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	April 2022
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/Community_Culture/Community-Cultural-Facilities-Capital-Scheme-CCFCS/

Community Enhancement Programme*

Funding Authority: *The CEP is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (the Department) and administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area.*

Application Process: *Application Form, Internal Evaluation, LCDCs are responsible for allocating funding to projects in their area as they are ideally placed to identify suitable local projects.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Grants will be provided towards capital projects and equipment to enhance facilities across the County. The scheme does not provide funding for the employment of staff.



** The Community Enhancement grant builds on and replaces the Communities Facilities Scheme and the recast RAPID programme.*



Target Group:		Locally based community and voluntary groups in disadvantaged urban and rural areas, and, not-for-profit organisations.	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:		Not Required	
Contact:		Post or email to Cora Nolan, Community and Culture Department, Kilkenny County Council, Johns Green House, Johns Green, Kilkenny. Tel. 056-7794931 Email: cora.nolan@kilkennycoco.ie	

Community Events Grant Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Application Form,
Internal Evaluation*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant scheme will assist community event organisers with the development promotion and the running of small scale community events in Kilkenny during 2022.

The emphasis of the scheme is on providing funding for Community Events/ Development with a focus on local engagement.

For further details on the Community Events Grant Scheme criteria please contact cora.nolan@kilkennycoco.ie, ronan.ryan@kilkennycoco.ie, or phone 056-7794931.





Target Group:		Community Events	
Budget:	€21,000	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:		NA	
Contact:		<p>Completed applications, together with supporting documentation, must be submitted by post or email to Cora Nolan, Community and Culture Department, Kilkenny County Council, Johns Green House, Johns Green, Kilkenny. Tel. 056-7794931 Email: cora.nolan@kilkennycoco.ie</p>	

Community/Local Heritage Grants 2022

Funding Authority: *Heritage Council*

Application Process: *Contact the Heritage Council*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Details of this grant scheme will be announced by the Heritage Council in January 2022.





Target Group:	Community Groups and Not for Profit Organisations		
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	For updates visit: www.heritagecouncil.ie
Contact:	The Heritage Council, Kilkenny Email. aryan@heritagecouncil.ie		

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/funding-schemesww>

Community Involvement in Roadworks

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

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

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) is an opportunity for communities to have road repair work carried out at relatively modest cost on local roads and cul-de-sacs that would not normally be included on the Council's main roadworks programme. Local communities or individuals can identify qualifying improvement works on their local public roads. Subject to a community financial contribution of 15% of the cost of the works, the balance of the cost of the works may be funded by a specific grant from the Department of Transport.



Target Group:		Private Residents and Land Owners	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:		15%-30% (certain criteria applies)	
Contact:		Municipal District Castlecomer Castlecomer Area Office. Tel. 056-7794450	
		Municipal District Kilkenny City, City Hall. Tel. 056-7794290	
		Municipal District Callan/ Thomastown Callan Area Office Tel. 056-7755520 Thomastown Area Office Tel. 056-7793340	
		Municipal District Piltown, Ferrybank Area Office. Tel. 051-831370	

Community Monuments Fund 2022

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant scheme is for the conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. It recognises the need to build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change. Funding is available in three streams.

Stream 1: *Essential repairs and conservation works at archaeological monuments.*

Stream 2: *Conservation Management Plans/Reports for archaeological monuments*

Stream 3: *Enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation at archaeological monuments*

Please note the requirement for an appropriately qualified building conservation professional to oversee any proposed conservation works, and for a comprehensive Method Statement and Schedule of Works to accompany all applications.

The scheme is funded by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government and administered by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council.

How to apply: *Contact Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer, Kilkenny County Council to register interest, and see <https://kilkennyheritage.ie/2021/11/community-monuments-fund-2022/>*



Target Group:		Local authorities, private owners, custodians and community groups.	
Budget:	Total national budget €5,000,000	Closing Date:	15th February 2022
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Dearbhala Ledwidge, Heritage Officer Tel. 056-7794925 Email: heritage@kilkennycoco.ie	

<https://kilkennyheritage.ie/2021/11/community-monuments-fund-2022/>

Community Water Development Fund

Funding Authority: *Local Authority Waters Programme*
Application Process: *Contact Local Community Water
Community Water Officer before submitting application*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Groups may apply for capital funding for works to include River Restoration Works, Silt Trapping, Pollution Management, Invasive species, Creation of habitat (full list of capital works available on www.watersandcommunities.gov.uk.)

Creating Public Awareness through community led surveys, booklets, information session, signage etc.

Enhancing a public area i.e. picnic area, river walk etc.





Target Group:		This scheme aims to support communities in progressing water based projects and initiatives. Not for profit Community& Voluntary groups, Rural & Urban Networks, Environmental NGO's, Clubs & Associations	
Budget:	€380,000	Closing Date:	12 noon February 2022
Match Funding:		Minimum 5% cash contribution of total project costs	
Online Platform:		Complete via online www.lawaters.ie closing date 9th February at 8.00pm.	
Contact:		Ann Phelan, Community Water Officer Tel. 085 808 4067	
Application Form and Guidance Notes in respect of the Community Water Development Fund 2021 are available to download at https://lawaters.ie/ or by contacting the Waters and Communities Office at 0761 06 5260 or info@lawaters.ie			

Creative Ireland & Cruinniú na nÓg Grant Scheme 2022

Funding Authority: *Creative Ireland*
Application Process: *Application Form /
Independent assessment panel.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The aim of the scheme is to provide financial support to local and community groups and individuals, artistic and creative practitioners, and those involved in creative, cultural and heritage activities and projects, in order to encourage cultural participation throughout Kilkenny, and support the delivery of the Creative Ireland Kilkenny Culture & Creativity Strategy 2018-2022.

This scheme also includes funding for projects which will help deliver the Cruinniú na nÓg programme in Kilkenny. Cruinniú na nÓg (June 2022) is the national day of free creative activity for children and young people up to 18 years of age, and is part of the national Creative Ireland Programme.

The scheme is co-funded by the Creative Ireland Programme, and co-ordinated by the Kilkenny County Council Culture Team.



Target Group:		Artists, creative practitioners and communities	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		The Culture Team, Kilkenny County Council	

<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/>

Decade of Centenaries Grant Scheme 2022

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The aim of the scheme is to provide support to communities and individuals to develop projects that commemorate the Decade of Centenaries in County Kilkenny. Projects by artists and creatives which interpret and respond creatively to this period in Kilkenny will also be encouraged. The scheme encourages projects which recognise all of the dimensions of this period of conflict – the military activity, the political context, and social, economic and cultural aspects and legacies.

The scheme is co-ordinated nationally by the national Commemorations Unit of the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and managed locally by the Heritage Office, Kilkenny County Council.





Democracy and Change

The 1920 Local Elections in Ireland

Local Government Archivists and Records Managers
in association with the
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Target Group:		Heritage societies, local historians, communities and artists	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Heritage Office Tel. 056-7794925/0567794938 Email: heritage@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.

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: Clearing of Derelict sites within Estates, Planting, Landscaping, Equipment purchase.





Target Group:		Resident & Community Groups in Kilkenny County Council Housing Estates	
Budget:	Avg. €600-€700	Closing Date:	25th March 2022
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Kilkenny County Council Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: cora.nolan@kilkennycoco.ie	

Festival Grants Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application form. Internal assessment, proposed allocation sent to Corporate Policy Group (CPG). Final proposed allocation sent to Elected Members for approval and adoption.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Festival Supports Grants scheme 2022. Kilkenny County Council will provide funding for festival organisers to aid with the development and promotion of festivals with a significant tourism impact.

The main purpose of the Festival Support Grants scheme is to support festivals which drive tourism in Kilkenny, underpinning Kilkenny County Council's Tourism strategy and improving the visitor experience in Kilkenny city and county.

Examples: The Kilkenny Cat Laughs Comedy Festival, Kilkenny Roots Festival, Savour Kilkenny Food Festival, Subtitle European Film Festival, Kilkenomics, Kilkenny Animated, Tradfest.





Target Group:		Groups hosting festivals	
Budget:	€91,000	Closing Date:	16th February 2022
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Tourism Dept Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794097 Email: festivalgrants@kilkennycoco.ie	

Graveyard Grant Scheme

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

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, including appropriate works to help pollinators
- Graveyard recording schemes
- Heritage studies of graveyards





Target Group:		Local Community Groups	
Budget:	€13,000	Closing Date:	26th February 2022
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Kilkenny County Council Environment Section Tel. 056-7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie	

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

Heritage In Schools Programme

Funding Authority: *Heritage Council*

Application Process: *Contact the Heritage Council*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Heritage in Schools programme provides a panel of Heritage Specialists who visit primary schools to teach children about their local heritage – from biodiversity to history and folklore.

In 2022, the Heritage Council will offer a blended Heritage in Schools programme to primary schools, providing a mix of online and in-person visits. The Scheme will continue to promote hands-on, interactive learning and the outdoor classroom in 2022. Visits will be part-funded by schools and the Heritage Council.

A fantastic scheme for schools who would like their pupils to learn about heritage in a fun and engaging way, whilst addressing the national curriculum requirements. The programme is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council.



Target Group:		Primary Schools. The scheme supports the Social, Scientific and Environmental Education (SESE) curriculum.	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	30 November 2022
Match Funding:		Required –See here www.heritageinschools.ie/about/how-it-works	
Contact:		Maria Walsh, Heritage in Schools Programme Manager, The Heritage Council Tel: 086 083 4685 Email: mwalsh@heritagecouncil.ie	

<http://www.heritageinschools.ie>

Historic Structures Fund 2022

Funding Authority: *The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.*

Application Process: *Applications sent to Kilkenny County Council for assessment, where select project forwarded to the Department for final decision.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Total funding available nationally under the Historic Structures Fund in 2022 will be €4m. The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund will be on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the broader benefit of communities and the public.

Stream 1 *will offer grants from €15,000 up to €50,000 and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.*

Stream 1, Historic Shopfronts sub-stream – *To incentivise the conservation of historic shop fronts, each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use. An additional application for Irish-language shopfronts is also available.*

Stream 2 *will offer a small number of grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where a clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated.*

Vernacular Structures Stream – *To incentivise the conservation of historic shop fronts, each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use, with funding between €5,000 and €10,000.*



Target Group:		Individual or group	
Budget:	€4,000,000 Nationally	Closing Date:	26th January 2022
Match Funding:	Varies (see left) *Grant allocation may vary annually		
Contact:	Kilkenney County Council, Architectural Conservation Officer Tel. 056-7794010 Email: planning@kilkennycoco.ie		

<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/conservation/conservation-grants/>

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership*

Application Process: *Application Form (online/paper)*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

1. *Club Development Grant – designed to support clubs and volunteers to increase participation in sport and physical activity in Kilkenny. This fund aims to encourage the setup of new clubs and assist existing clubs to attract new participants.*
2. *Restart and Renewal Fund - designed to enable community groups and organisations to provide and sustain safe environments for the return to physical activity.*
3. *Women in Sport Support Fund - designed to enable clubs and organisations to develop programmes that specifically target and support women's participation in sport.*
4. *Dormant Accounts Volunteer Support Fund – designed to enable clubs and organisations to increase the number of people of all ages playing a leadership role in developing sports and physical activity in their communities.*
5. *COVID 19 Small Grants Scheme 2022 – designed to support sports clubs and organisations experiencing additional financial challenges in providing and sustaining safe environments for the return to physical activity.*



Target Group:		Sports Clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport. Community Groups and Organisations. (Differs between funding programmes).	
Budget:	Varies depending on funding programme	Closing Date:	Varies depending on funding programme
Match Funding:		No	
Contact:		CSDO Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership 5 Dean Street, Kilkenny Tel. 056 7794991 Email: info@krsp.ie	

www.krsp.ie

Local Enterprise Office

Funding Authority:	<i>Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny, Kilkenny County Council</i>
Application Process:	<i>Formal Application Process for Grant Support Schemes</i>

ELIGIBLE WORKS

ARE YOU IN BUSINESS OR THINKING ABOUT SETTING UP A BUSINESS?

Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny services to new and established businesses in county Kilkenny include:

- *Business Information, Signposting and Advice*
- *Enterprise Development Training including Start Your Own Business Courses*
- *One to One Business Specific Mentoring*
- *Business Expansion Services including Management Development Training and LEAN Business process programmes*
- *Direct Financial Assistance**

** Where eligibility criteria are met, the Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny offers a range of financial supports to assist the start-up, and expansion of small businesses in the manufacturing and export services sectors:*

- *Priming Grant (for business trading less than 18 months)*
- *Business Expansion Grants (for businesses trading greater than 18 months)*
- *Feasibility Study/Innovation Grants*
- *Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters*
- *Microfinance Ireland Loan Scheme*
- *Trading Online Voucher Scheme – aimed at micro-enterprises*



Target Group:		Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners (Businesses with 10 employees or less)	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:	50% requirement for grant aid schemes		
Contact:	<p>Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny, Kilkenny County Council, John Street, Kilkenny Tel. 056-7752662 Email: info@leo.kilkennycoco.ie #makingithappen <i>For up to date information on events -</i> <i>Follow us on Face-book, Instagram</i> <i>& Twitter</i></p>		

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/kilkenny>

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

Funding Authority: *Dept of Rural & Community Development*
Application Process: *Application Form, internal evaluation & submission to Department*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) provides funding to help local authorities carry out improvement works on private and non-publicly maintained roads. Often these roads lead to a number of homes, farms or fields in use, or to lakes, rivers and beaches.

Eligible roads under the Local Improvement Scheme are:

- *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; or*
 - *non-public roads leading to important community amenities such as graveyards, beaches, piers, mountains, etc*
- Non-eligible roads include:*
- *Roads serving only houses or buildings occupied or used by persons not engaged in Agriculture, and*
 - *Roads leading to commercial enterprises.*



Target Group:		Private Residents	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:		The maximum amount that any house-hold/landowner is required to contribute is capped at €1,200.	
Contact:		Municipal District Castlecomer Castlecomer Area Office. Tel. 056-7794450	
		Municipal District Kilkenny City, City Hall. Tel. 056-7794290	
		Municipal District Callan/ Thomastown Callan Area Office Tel. 056-7755520 Thomastown Area Office Tel. 056-7793340	
		Municipal District Piltown, Ferrybank Area Office. Tel. 051-831370	

National Home Retrofit Scheme 2022

Funding Authority: Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
Application Process: Application to SEAI coordinated by
3 Counties Energy Agency (3cea)

ELIGIBLE WORKS

National Home Retrofit Scheme is a new grant scheme designed to encourage achieving the All of Government Climate Action Plan home energy retrofit targets. 3cea's One Stop Shop approach offers homeowners a complete home energy upgrade solution where a bespoke upgrade plan will be provided to help you achieve a warmer and more comfortable home.

Which upgrades are covered?

Multiple energy upgrades are required (fabric first approach) to be eligible for the grant, some of these works typically include:

- Attic, floor or wall insulation, internal or external insulation
- Heating system upgrade, for example a heat pump to replace oil or gas
- Window and door replacement
- Demand Control Ventilation or Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery
- Certified Wood Burning Stoves
- Solar PV panels for electricity



A minimum BER rating of B2 is required post works.



"I found 3cea very easy to work with. Both the administrative and technical staff were helpful, accessible, efficient and very personable."
- Homeowner in Kilkenny -

Target Group:		Private Homeowners Local Authority Homes Housing Associations	
Budget:	Maximum grant amount available is €2 million.	Closing Date:	Currently open for applications and 3cea are accepting applications on a rolling basis.
Match Funding:		Up to 35% for private homeowners Up to 35% for Local Authority homes Up to 50% for Housing Associations	
Contact:		Visit www.3cea.ie for more information. To get started, fill in our homeowner form here . Read our Home Energy Upgrade Stories here .	

www.3cea.ie

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Funding Authority: *Dept of Rural & Community Development*

Application Process: *Application Form to KCC for Measure 2, submitted to the Department for competitive 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. It also supports the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland.

Examples: Walking trails, cycle ways and blue ways, as well as the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of existing infrastructure. E.g. Woodstock Walkway & Graiguenamanagh Hub funding.





Target Group:	County Wide Scheme Rural Development/Community Groups
Closing Date:	Varies Annually
Budget:	<p>Criteria and values set by Dept of Rural and Community development: e.g. for 2018</p> <p>Measure 1: Small maintenance/promotion of existing infrastructure (max grant €20,000) (administered by CKLP)</p> <p>Measure 2: Medium scale repair/upgrade and development of new small/medium infrastructure (max grant €200,000), (administered by Kilkenny County Council)</p> <p>Measure 3: Repair/upgrade and development of larger more strategic projects (grant between €200,001 and €500,000). Confined to Councils / State agencies</p>
Match Funding:	20%
Contact:	<p>Senior Executive Officer, Tourism Department, Kilkenny County Council, Economic Development and Tourism Tel. 056-7794103</p>

CLIMATE ACTION

Tips to make your project climate friendly

Our climate is changing and we need to protect ourselves, future generations and the planet. By working together, we can help to reach Ireland's goal of a climate neutral country by 2050.

Here are some simple things you can do to make your project more climate friendly:



PLAN AHEAD

Think how you can make each stage of your project more climate friendly (e.g. design, materials, meetings, maintenance)



BUY LESS, CHOOSE WELL

- ✓ Avoid waste by buying only essential goods
- ✓ Ask where products have come from
- ✓ Use locally sourced materials where possible
- ✓ Choose natural or recycled materials where possible
- ✓ Avoid single use items

GREEN GUIDELINES

Adopt green guidelines for festivals and events

<https://localprevention.ie/topics/greening-events/>

CUT DOWN ON GREENHOUSE GASES

- ✓ Use renewable sources of energy
- ✓ Reduce travel and meet online where possible
- ✓ Cut out/down pesticides
- ✓ If your project involves managing grassy areas, cut grass less often (Don't mow – let it grow)

SPREAD THE WORD

- ✓ Let others know about the positive actions you have taken
- ✓ Encourage climate action in your community, schools, work and home
- ✓ Tell us about your climate actions in your application forms

PROTECT NATURAL HABITATS AND BIODIVERSITY

- ✓ Retain native habitats such as hedges, trees and wetlands
- ✓ Use native plants where possible
- ✓ Choose pollinator friendly plants
- ✓ Make grassy areas more biodiversity rich by cutting less often

CLIMATE JARGON BUSTER

Confused by all the climate terms? Want to find the right terms to use? See an easy-to-read A-Z guide of climate action words (pdf) in the Climate Jargon Buster booklet.

**REDUCE
YOUR
CARBON
FOOTPRINT**



Small Business Vacant Premises Incentive Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Expression of Interest followed by formal application.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The purpose of the 'Small Business Vacant Premises Incentive Scheme' is to give an incentive, to a start up business or a small business expanding, to occupy previously vacant commercial property. Entry costs are lowered through a grant related to the level of rates payable on the property (not exceeding €5000p.a.). The grant is based on a correlation to the business's commercial rates paid on a reducing basis of 75%, 50% and 25%, over a three year period. This scheme will allow a business to receive up to €7500 over the three years of the scheme.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant business must occupy commercial premises that have been vacant for at least 6 months prior to the applicants letting.
2. 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.
3. The applicant business does not cause displacement to existing businesses locally.
4. 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, Sun bed / Tanning studio, Hot Food Takeaways.



Target Group:		Small Business Owners occupying previously vacant commercial property where rates bill €5000 or less)	
Budget:	Up to €7,500 (over 3 years)	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:	75% grant Year 1, 50% grant Year 2, 25% grant Year 3		
Contact:	Economic Development Officer, Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny County Council. Tel. 056-7752662 Email: info@leo.kilkennycoco.ie		

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

Town & Village Renewal

Funding Authority: *Town & Village is funded by Department of Rural and Community Development.*

Application Process: *Expression of Interest following Council Advertisement. Applications developed with communities & submitted by Kilkenny County Council to the Department.*

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:		Towns/Villages population under 10,000	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
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

Funding Authority: *The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Annual grant scheme for the conservation and repair of traditional farm buildings, and related structures, for farmers in GLAS (Green Low-Carbon Agri-environment Scheme). The grant is available for the conservation of traditional farm outbuildings, including roofs, walls, structural repairs, windows and doors, and also for other related farm structures including historic yard surfaces, walls, gate pillars and gates.

The scheme is funded by The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and co-ordinated by the Heritage Council.





Target Group:		Farmers in GLAS (Green Low-Carbon Agri-environment Scheme).	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC. Applications will be invited at regular intervals throughout the programme
Match Funding:		Grants awarded will not exceed 75% of the cost of the works	
Contact:		Anna Meenan, Project Manager Heritage Council Email: ameenan@heritagecouncil.ie	

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/traditional-farm-buildings-grant-scheme>

Waste Prevention Grant

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Internal assessment & decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Community projects that promote waste prevention, re-use or repair activities and/or workshops that assist in changing attitudes and behaviours about what we buy and what we throw away.

Projects eligible for funding include:

- Repair Skills Workshops
- Up-cycling Workshops
- Zero waste workshops
- Projects that eliminate single-use items





Target Group:		Community Groups, Men's Sheds, Tidy Towns, Youth Groups	
Budget:	€5,000	Closing Date:	13th May 2022
Match Funding:	None		
Payment Arrangements:	50% funding upfront & remainder paid when report received detailing project outcomes		
Contact:	Bernadette Moloney Kilkenny County Council Environment Section Tel. 056-7794470 Email: bernadette.moloney@kilkennycoco.ie		

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

Notes:



Kilkenny County Council

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTS CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Where relevant, grant actions should help to build climate resilient communities, and protect people, ecosystems, businesses, infrastructure and buildings from climate change.



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The Heritage Council



An Roinn Forbartha
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