

# Leitrim County Council

## Community Funding Information Session

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**Welcome to Leitrim County Council's  
Community Funding Information Session**

# Welcome

- **Local Enhancement Programme**
- **Community Climate Action Fund**
- **Creative Communities Open Call**



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- **Local Enhancement Programme**
  - Empowering Communities through Small Capital Funding



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- **Local Enhancement Programme**

	Main LEP Allocation	Women's Groups Allocation	Total Funding
Leitrim	€99,775.36	€19,955.07	€119,730.43



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- **Local Enhancement Programme**

- **Who can apply?**

- . Community Groups, Local Clubs and Organisations
  - . Emphasis on Disadvantaged Areas
  - . Commercial organisations and individuals are not eligible for funding
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- **Local Enhancement Programme**

- **What is eligible?**

- . Support necessary repairs and small capital works
  - . Facilitate improvements to community facilities
  - . Provide funding for the purchase of equipment for community use
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# Examples of projects

- Accessibility improvements-wheelchair access
- Improvements to town parks and common areas and spaces
- Improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs
- Purchase of laptops, tablets
- Maintenance of premises, including painting and repairs
- Capital works to increase biodiversity, or to reduce the carbon footprint of a facility
- Cleaning of community facilities



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- **Local Enhancement Programme**
  - **What is not eligible?**
    - Employment costs
    - Legal fees
    - Project management fees
    - Purchase of lands or buildings
    - Feasibility studies
    - Private or commercial operations
    - Costs which are being paid for by another funder or department
    - Utility Bills
    - General operating costs
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- **Local Enhancement Programme  
Timeline**

Closing Date	Complete Local Evaluation and Notify DRCD	Funding Announcement	Project Completion
18 <sup>th</sup> February	28 <sup>th</sup> March	April	October

# Local Enhancement Programme 2024

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The Local Enhancement Programme 2024 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Please see the following link to the press release announcing the Local Enhancement Programme 2024 at national level, by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD:

[Press Release](#)

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**To apply for funding, please fill out this online application form.**

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Before you start your application please take a few moments to read the [Guidelines](#) and [Terms and Conditions](#)

Please note that as part of ~~this online application form~~, you will need:

1. Three current estimates/quotations from suppliers
2. Details of other funding received by your organisation including the amount received, date received and who your organisation received this payment from.

This application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the application.

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# One-to-One Support for Online Application Form

Wed 7th Feb at Manorhamilton Library  
from 2pm-5pm

Thurs 8th Feb at Ballinamore Library from  
2pm-5pm

*Booking Essential: Call 071-9620005 ext  
855 or 157*





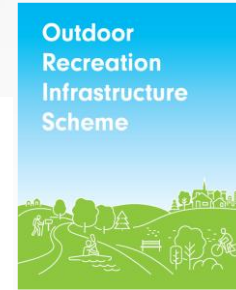


**Any Questions**



Town and Village  
Renewal Scheme

Funding



Outdoor  
Recreation  
Infrastructure  
Scheme

Funding

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Town and Village  
Renewal Scheme

Building Acquisition  
Measure 2023



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CLÁR Scheme  
2023

# Department of Rural and Community Development



Dowra Rest Stop



Market Yard Canopy



Carrigallen Pedestrian Bridge



Drumshanbo Mart Wall & Carpark

# TOWN & VILLAGE PROJECTS



Mohill Enterprise Centre



Glenfarne Trail



Sheemore Trail



Blueway Pause Points



Tullaghan Access to Sea

# ORIS PROJECTS



Fowley's Falls Trail



# Introduction to Leitrim's Community Climate Action Fund

Fintan Coyle, Climate Action Co-ordinator

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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Agenda

- Community Climate Action Programme
    - Background and Overview
    - Programme Objectives
    - Overview of Climate Action Fund
    - Eligibility
    - Funding Available
    - Project Themes
    - Application and Evaluation
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# Local Authority Climate Action Plan

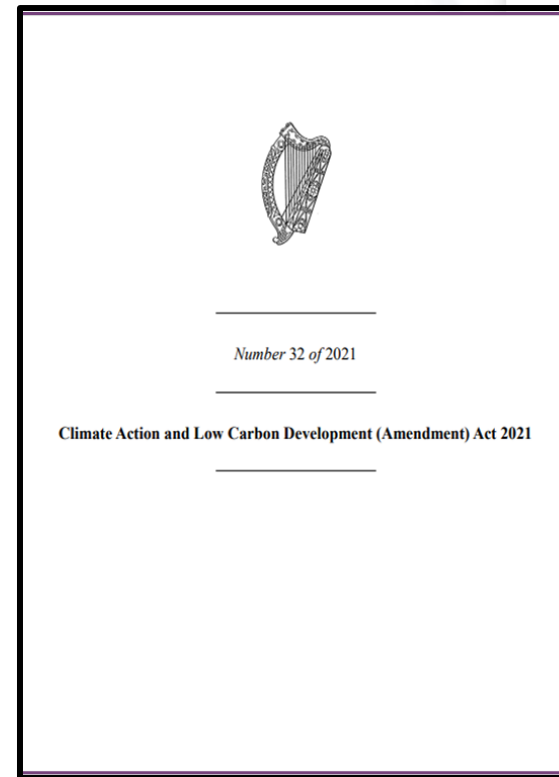
## Background and Overview

The Climate Action and Low Carbon (Amendment) Act 2021 prescribes that each local authority shall prepare and make a Local Authority Climate Action Plan (LACAP).

The LACAP will outline adaptation and mitigation measures brought across from our adaptation plan and developed by our various departments.

Leitrim's Climate Action Plan 2024-2029

- Upcoming Public Consultation Period (Nov/Dec 23)  
LACAP must be completed and adopted by February 2024.



# Community Climate Action Fund

## Programme Objectives

- The Community Climate Action Programme is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level
  - Shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities in a coherent way to contribute to national climate and energy targets
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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Climate Action Fund

### STRAND 1:

Strand 1 – Action: Building and Low Carbon Communities (€24m)

**€300,000 allocated to Leitrim Communities**

Strand 1A – Shared Island Community Climate Action (€3m) **No Specific Allocation**

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# Community Climate Action Programme

## Strand 1 Overview

- Open to community groups
- 100% funding
- This is a competitive fund, and we expect more project applications than the value of funding available
- **Direct climate action projects - capital expenditure items. Education/capacity building projects are currently not eligible under this fund**
- Option to prefund projects on a case-by-case basis
- Projects must be delivered within 18 months

**\*Please note, all information relating to the fund are based on details currently provided by the Department. Awaiting Grant Agreement document.**

# Community Climate Action Fund

## Community Organisation

### Eligibility

Community organizations meeting the requirements listed below are eligible to apply to partner with the Local Authorities to implement a project under this fund, they:

- Must be a **not-for-profit** organisation
  - Must be located in the operational area of the Leitrim County Council
  - Must submit a completed application form on or before the specified closing date and time (Dates to be announced)
  - **Must be registered** with a PPN or connected with other collectives e.g. The Wheel, Tidy Towns and /or a community group - Articles of Association or a Constitution - hold an AGM, approved minutes available
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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Community Organisation

### Eligibility

#### Furthermore:

- The project applied must be in line with the aim/purpose of the funding as set out in the section on projects eligible for funding below.
- Only one application per organisation may be submitted for consideration – projects proposed are encouraged to cut across several of the themes and be bundled together as part of a single application.

#### Communities Not Eligible

- Private individuals
  - Commercial undertakings (including sole traders)
  - Schools
  - National community and environmental organisations
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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Non-Eligible Projects and Activities

This list is not exhaustive

Projects that solely benefit an individual	Overheads, ongoing running costs
Teaching/staffing	Insurance
Travel and transport costs except in exceptional circumstances	Accommodation and subsistence
Equipment, unless directly associated with the project	Notional costs e.g. the room hire within the applicant's own premises
Income generating projects	Legal Fees
Penalties/Interest/Bank Interest/Charges	Loan repayments
Retrospective costs i.e. expenditure which has taken place prior to approval date of the project	Redundancy Costs

# Community Climate Action Fund

## Project Scale

Project Scale	Project Value
Small Scale Projects	Up to €20,000
Medium Scale Projects	€21,000 up to €50,000
Large Scale Projects	€50,000 up to €100,000

# Community Climate Action Fund

## Project Themes

Developing projects that deliver results in several themes is preferred to single action projects. Consider how additional actions can be incorporated into your proposal and how they can benefit your community.



Community Energy



Travel



Food & Waste



Shopping & Recycling



Local Climate & Environmental Action

# Community Climate Action Fund

## Theme 1: Community Energy

These projects aim to reduce the climate impact of buildings in communities by using less energy, utilising renewable energy and avoiding heat loss.

This can include:

- Small community renewable energy projects (solar, hydro, wind)
- Retrofitting community buildings
- LED community lighting
- Community EV charging point(s)





# Community Climate Action Fund

## Theme 2: Travel

- Projects which contribute to emissions reductions related to travel

This can include:

- Reductions in carbon footprint in services
- Improving access to cycle ways
- Cycle parking
- EV charging points
- Safe or active travel routes to schools



# Community Climate Action Fund

## Theme 3: Food and Waste

Projects that reduce food waste, promotes locally grown/sourced food and food security

This can include:

- Developing community gardens to promote local food production
- Allotments, community gardens
- Food pledges from local businesses
- Food markets
- Community composting facilities



# Community Climate Action Fund

## Theme 4: Shopping and Recycling

Projects of interest under this theme would increase the variety and number of recycling facilities in the local community and initiatives aimed at reducing, reusing and recycling

This can include:

- Initiatives aimed at reducing, reusing and recycling
- Elimination of single use plastic
- Community repair hubs
- Swap shops
- Water filling stations or single use plastics elimination in businesses in communities



# Community Climate Action Fund

## Theme 5: Local Climate & Environmental Action

We are interested in projects that take a holistic approach to managing the local environment

This can include for example

- Mini forests
  - Forest schools
  - Dispersed orchards
  - Community gardens
  - Roof gardens
  - Pollinator projects
  - Community water stations
  - Climate resilience projects
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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Next Steps

- Discuss with your community group
  - Contact the Community Climate Action Officer to discuss your project
  - EOI has opened on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and will be **closing on the 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm.**
  - All details are on the Leitrim County Council's Climate Action webpage and circulated through the PPN
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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Expression of Interest Form

- Section 1: Details on your group/organization
    - Who, What, Where etc.
  - Section 2: Project Details
    - Description of the project, Costs and other required details , procurement details to showcase value for money
  - Section 3: State Aid Questionnaire
    - Determine if the funding is State Aid (will depend on the organisation and type of project)
  - Section 4: De Minimis Questionnaire
    - List all other De Minimis state aid granted within the past three fiscal
  - Section 5: Declaration
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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Evaluation Process

### 1. Evaluation:

All projects will be evaluated on their own merits against the following criteria to ascertain those that will support the programme objective which is to;

***‘shape and build low carbon, sustainable communities in a coherent way to contribute to national climate and energy targets’*** .

This means that projects should work to achieve reasonable emission reductions/energy efficiency improvements, work to empower and build capacity within local communities on climate action and through that maximise the community gain as broadly as possible.

Applications that score 50% or above and meet the minimum score required under selected criteria as set out below, will be considered for a project partnership with Leitrim County Council.

Selection Criterion for Strand 1	Weighting	Min. Required
Relevance and Impact	30%	15%
Innovation and Scalability	20%	10%
Value for Money	20%	10%
Achievability	10%	5%
Partnership Approach	10%	5%
Governance Arrangements	10%	5%
	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>

# Community Climate Action Fund

## Evaluation Process

### 2. Selection:

Following evaluation, Leitrim County Council will try to ensure, insofar as is practical, that there is variety in projects, under each of the funding themes, to achieve the overall programme objectives. Selected projects will be put forward to the Department for approval.

### 3. Approval:

The Minister for the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) will decide what projects are approved and any specific conditions of funding.

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# Community Climate Action Fund

## Strand 1a -Shared Island Community Climate

### Action

€3 million is being provided by the Government's Shared Island Fund to support cross-border and all-island community climate action initiatives.

- Strand 1a projects will address the same five themes as Strand 1 and must have a clear North/South basis, with a cross-border partnership approach and impact.
- Strand 1a applications must be made by a lead organisation in this jurisdiction, with at least one partner organisation in Northern Ireland.
- Strand 1a applications will be submitted to the LA in this jurisdiction in which the lead organisation is based.
- Strand 1a applications must comprise a cross-border project in partnership with an organisation in Northern Ireland.
- Given the scope for all-island projects, national community and environmental organisations are eligible to apply under strand 1a.
- Partner organisations must be a not-for-profit organisation, a Local Authority, or a community or environmental organisation, registered in Northern Ireland.
- At least 50% of awarded funding will be for project delivery in Northern Ireland.
- Communities may apply for a project under strand 1 and may apply for a separate project under strand 1a

# Community Climate Action Fund

## Strand 1a -Shared Island Community Climate Action

Similar process and criteria for project evaluation as used for Strand 1

Selection Criterion for Strand 1a	Weighting	Min. Required
Relevance and Impact	30%	15%
Innovation and Scalability	20%	10%
Value for Money	20%	10%
Achievability	10%	5%
Cross Border Partnership Approach	10%	5%
Governance Arrangements	10%	5%
	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>



## Further Information

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For more information please visit:  
Climate Action - Leitrim County Council

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**Any Questions**



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Clár Éire Ildánach  
*Creative Ireland*  
*Programme*



# Creative Communities Open Call 2024

## Cruinniú na nÓg 2024

# What is Creative Ireland

- All-of-Government commitment to place culture & creativity at the centre of Government policy.
- Guided by a vision that every person in Ireland has the opportunity to realise their full creative potential.
- Collaboration is a central theme – between national & local government, between depts, with creative practitioners, with communities
- Culture and Creativity Strategy in each local authority to support Creative Ireland programme in their county
- Creative Ireland Culture team Leitrim across Arts, Libraries, Planning, Heritage, Enterprise in Leitrim County Council



Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme



Rialtas Áitiúil Éireann  
Local Government Ireland



**Leitrim**

# The Creative Ireland Vision Leitrim

- nurture and foster creative expression in all its diversity
- embrace and welcome new ideas
- create the conditions to help turn those ideas into reality
- embed creativity into all aspects of the social, economic and cultural life of Leitrim
- [Creative Ireland Webpage](#) take a look at some previous projects





# Application Process

- **Online Application**
- About your group
- About the project
- About the professional practitioners
- Income & expenditure & any other projected income
- Copy of accounts/statements
- Relevant info such as CV's, examples of work, website, publications, press, reviews etc.
- Relevant policies
- **Application deadline Cruinniú na nÓg Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March.**
- **Application deadline Creative Communities Open Call 17<sup>th</sup> March.**

# Creative Communities Public Information Evenings

## **Carrick-on-Shannon:**

Council Chamber, Leitrim County Council, Aras an Chontae Building, St. George's Tce.

Wednesday 07/02/24 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm

## **Manorhamilton:**

The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton

Tuesday 13/02/2024 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm

## **Ballinamore:**

Ballinamore Library

Wednesday 14/02/2024 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thank you!

More information on [www.leitrimarts.ie](http://www.leitrimarts.ie)

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Any Questions





Thank you