



Kilkenny County Council
Comhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh

Kilkenny

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023



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AIM OF THE FUND

To support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities in Kilkenny in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.

TARGET

Specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting BOTPs and/or International Protection applicants (new arrivals).

To support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community.

FUNDING

Allocation of €948,063 based on the number of new arrivals located in the County.

100% costs eligible.

Funding not to be used as a co-funding source for other Government Department Schemes. However funding can be used to deliver projects that are complementary to existing projects or a different phase of an existing project.

5% up to a maximum of €100,000 of the total allocation allowable for administration and technical costs - €47,403.

PROPOSAL

Must demonstrate that the funding is targeted at and specifically invested in communities, villages and towns where the highest level of new arrivals are located and where there is a clear need for investment needed.

Projects which do not display adequate levels of community engagement and appropriate targeting of support will not be approved.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Capital in nature;
- Deliver tangible benefits for the communities in which they are located;
- Capable of being delivered over the course of 2023 and 2024;
- A minimum spend of 60% of the allocation must be incurred in 2023 (claims to be submitted before 6th October 2023);
- No operational or running costs allowed;
- Project completion – 18th October 2024;
- National procurement guidelines must be adhered to;
- All expenditure subject to terms of Public Spending Code.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens including communication boards, allotments, and recreational areas;
- development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.;
- enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours;
- purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment;
- transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards; and
- purchase and refurbishment of buildings and/or the purchase of land for the development of community facilities such as play areas/ MUGAs or town parks/ community gardens, recreational areas etc. for community use where a clear need is identified.

APPLICATION PROCESS

A Funding proposal will be submitted to the Department for approval outlining the projects to be delivered, the indicative cost for each project broken down by the constituent elements, confirmation that the projects are to be located in the towns, villages and communities most impacted by new arrivals, and the community engagement undertaken.

Projects situated in areas that do not have high levels of new arrivals will not be deemed eligible.

The Department will examine each proposal and will revert to local authorities with any queries. No works should commence in advance of formal funding approval from the Department. All approved funding proposals will be the subject of a funding agreement between the local authority and the Department.

Funding proposals can be submitted to the Department as soon as they are ready but no later than **15th March 2023**. To expedite the process the Department will assess and approve the funding on a rolling basis as proposals are received.

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS

Total Numbers – 1,255

Kilkenny MD	902	72%	€682,605
Castlecomer MD	163	13%	€123,248
Callan/Thomastown MD	140	11%	€104,287
Piltown MD	50	4%	€ 37,923



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