

Recommendation to LCDC re Community Enhancement Programme 2020
July 9th 2020

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development to provide funding to community groups across Ireland to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. Waterford LCDC has been allocated €64,039 for 2020 (a 55% decrease from 2019).

This year the Department is allowing each LCDC to set the closing date for applications, as long as it is before the 30th September. The following is proposed;

- 10th July - Advertise the Scheme on Council website and email 'grant notification list' (740 groups)
- 15th July - Advert published in local newspapers
- 14th August - closing date for applications
- 31st August TBC - Assessment Group meet to access applications
- 10th September - Assessment Group recommendations to be on LCDC agenda for approval
- 31st May 2021 - groups to submit their receipts and photographs.
- Set the maximum allocation per applicant to €5,000
- Only one application allowed per group / organisation
- The guidance from the Department is that the LCDC ring-fence 30% of the fund to grants of €1,000 or less but the LCDC can adjust this depending on need. It is proposed that the Assessment Group decide the percentage when all applications are received, as last year only 16% of applications received from disadvantaged areas applied for the grant of €1,000 or less.