

Community Enhancement Programme for Community Centres & Community Buildings

This is a new fund, which is being made available under the Government's July Stimulus package. It is targeted at measures that seek to stimulate local economies, while enhancing facilities in disadvantaged areas. Waterford LCDC has been allocated €165,006.

The Department is allowing each LCDC to set the closing date for applications, as long as it is before the 31st October.

Matters to be decided by LCDC before advertising the scheme;

- Main focus of scheme shall be on Community buildings centres but allow for upgrade works outside of the building, e.g. carparks.
- Other than buildings, LCDC to decide if projects for sports pitches be eligible, e.g. dugouts or replacement of netting
- Set maximum amount applicant can apply for €5,000 / €8,000 / €10,000

I would propose the following;

- 14th September - Advertise the Scheme on Council website, in local newspapers, via PPN and email 'grant notification list' (740 groups)
- 16th October @ 4pm – closing date, hardcopy applications to be submitted
- 2nd November (TBC) - Assessment Group meet to access applications
- 12th November - Assessment Group recommendations to be on LCDC agenda for approval
- 31st May 2021 - groups to submit their receipts and photographs.
- 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. I would propose that the Assessment Group decide the percentage when all applications are received.