

Community Recognition Fund (CRF)– Window 2

We have yet to receive final approval from the Department of Rural and Community Development for the two projects recommended for funding under Window 2 of the Community Recognition Fund 2024, which we anticipate should be within the coming weeks.

Community Recognition Fund (CRF)– Window 3

Window 3 will launch December 04th and close for applications at 4pm on January 08th 2025.

The target areas for Window 3 are Dungarvan-Abbeyside-Ballinroad, Tallow, and Clonea Power-Mothel.

Supporting Waterford Grants

Waterford City and Council's Supporting Waterford grant budget for 2025 is: €240,338.00 .

Preparations are currently being put in place for the launch of Supporting Waterford 2025.

Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan to support LGBTI+ Community Organisations

One project was successful and awarded €19,800.00

The **Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)** provides funding to support community groups across Ireland.

Waterford City and County Council has been allocated €219,286

- €187,960 capital funding for the Local Enhancement Programme to use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment etc.
- €31,327 current funding to be used to cover running costs e.g. rental/lease costs, utility bills, insurance costs.

This fund will open for applications from January 01st – January 31st at 4pm.

The assessment group will meet before the February LCDC meeting to review applications and recommend allocations.

We are seeking two volunteers to form part of the assessment group. Applications will be assessed and brought to the LCDC meeting on February 13th for approval.

The Local Enhancement Programme will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas

- Groups will be able to use the capital element of funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment for e.g. such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.
- Groups will be able to use the current element of funding to support their non-pay running costs for example energy costs/bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges), rental/lease costs, insurance bills.

The Department has recommended that LCDCs ring-fence 30% funding to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less. Ring-fencing funding at this level will allow a larger volume of those with limited resources to receive some funding. The programme can also fund or partially fund larger scale projects to address disadvantage.