**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2021**

**Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development**

**NOTE: Closing Date: 12 Noon on Friday 11th June 2021**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received:

Reference Number:

LCDC recommendation:

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GROUP /ORGANISATION NAME:

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RETURNED BY EMAIL TO:**

**community@offalycoco.ie**

**By 12 Noon on Friday 11th June 2021**

**CLOSING DATE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO**

**Community & Culture Section**

**Offaly County Council**

**Áras an Chontae**

**Charleville Road**

**Tullamore**

 **Co. Offaly R35 F893**

**Phone: 05793 57401 / 05793 46800**

**Please read the CEP Application Guidelines before completing this form.**

**Department of Rural and Community Development**

**Community Enhancement Programme**

The Department of Rural and Community Development (“the Department”) operates a grant programme through the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs). This grant programme provides funding to enhance facilities in disadvantaged communities. Applications should relate to one or more key priority areas identified in the LCDC Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) in order to be eligible for consideration.

##### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

* Under the Community Enhancement Programme (CEP), which is funded by the Department, grants will be provided towards projects to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. The scheme does not provide funding for the employment of staff.
* The activity or project must benefit the local community and relate to the key priority areas identified in the LECP.
* The information supplied by the applicant group /organisation must be accurate and complete.
* Misinformation may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
* All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. The Department reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
* The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department and Local Authorities.
* The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the submission.
* It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place including appropriate insurance where relevant.
* Applications must be on the 2021 form.
* Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to the LCDC or their representative if requested.
* Grant monies must be expended and drawn down from the LCDC by end of year 2021. Photographic evidence may be required to facilitate draw down of grants.
* The Department’s contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant.
* Generally no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
* Late applications will not be considered.
* Completed applications should be scanned and emailed to community@offalycoco.ie **before 12 noon on Friday 11th June 2021**. If you need assistance please phone the Community Section at 057 93 57401 / 057 93 46800 or email community@offalycoco.ie .
* Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
* Please ensure the application form is completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
* In order to process your application it may be necessary for Offaly County Council to collect personal data from you. Such information will be processed in line with the Local Authority’s privacy statement which is available to view on [www.offaly.ie](http://www.offaly.ie).

## All questions on this form must be answered. Please write your answers clearly in block letters.

## SECTION 1 – YOUR ORGANISATION

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| **Name of Group / Organisation** |  |
| Address |  |
| **Eircode**  |  |
| Contact name |  |
| Role in Group/Organisation  |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| E-mail  |  |
| Website |  |
| Alternative Contact name |  |
| Alternative Telephone number |  |
| Alternative E-mail |  |

Please provide a brief organisational description of your group / organisation e.g. committee structure, meeting schedule etc.

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Has your Organisation / Group registered with the relevant local Public Participation Network (PPN)?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

If **NO**, then perhaps you would consider joining the PPN.

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| Year established |  |
| What is the purpose of group / organisation |  |

**Successful applications for funding under this programme will only be paid to the applicant organisation’s Bank Account. Please ensure you have your Bank Account details to hand if your application is successful.**

Have you received funding under any grants schemes from 2018 to current date- i.e. grants from Government Departments, Local Authority or LEADER?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

If **YES** please give details below

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| **Name of scheme** | **Funding organisation** | **Amount received** | **Date received** |
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If any of the above funding was paid through the Local Authority, have you submitted your Bank Account Details previously?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

Do you receive funding from any other organisation?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

If **YES** please give details below:

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| **Funding organisation** | **Amount received** | **Date received** |
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Is your organisation affiliated or connected to any relevant local regional or national body?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

If **YES** please give details below:

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| Name of organisation(s): |
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How does your organisation link in with other organisations in your area?

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| Charitable Status Number (if applicable) |  |

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| Tax Reference Number (if applicable) |  |

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| Tax Clearance Access Number (if applicable) |  |

**SECTION 2 – Project Details**

## How much funding are you applying for? Tick one of the below options.

## [ ]  Small scale grant of €1,000 or less

## [ ]  Grant in excess of €1,000

## PURPOSE OF GRANT

What will the funding be used for?

Note: This list is not exhaustive, but gives examples of types of expenditure. In general, upgrades to facilities, equipment or grants towards reopening are eligible.

[ ]  IT Equipment [ ]  Sports Equipment [ ]  Training Equipment

[ ]  Safety Equipment [ ]  Machinery & Equipment [ ]  CCTV

[ ]  Renovation of building [ ]  Construction works [ ]  Energy efficient upgrade

[ ]  Development of community facility [ ]  Grant towards reopening (Give details)

[ ]  Other (Give details)

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What is the purpose of the grant? (Outline details of the work).

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Please input exact location (X-Y co-ordinates) of where the proposed project will based.

Y ITM

X ITM

This information is required in **ITM format.** The simple guide we have provided with this form will show you how to find these on <https://irish.gridreferencefinder.com/> .

If this is for a specific project, when will your project begin?

If this is for a specific project, when will your project be completed?

Are all relevant permissions in place (e.g. planning, written consent from landowner/property owner if your project involves the development of a property)?

**Not applicable** [ ]  **YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

Is this part of a phased development and/or linked with (or funded by) other schemes operated by Government Departments or the Local Authority?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

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| If **YES** please provide the details below: |
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**FUNDING**

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| Amount being applied for under the CEP:If this amount is for equipment or the upgrade of facilities, please provide details for A and B and C below. If it is for a reopening cost that is not for equipment or the upgrade of facilities, please provide details for D below. |
| A. Is this amount a partial or total project cost?€B. If partial, give the estimated total project cost: | [ ] Partial | [ ] Total |
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**C. Important note:** Please include supporting documentation outlined below for your project. The Local Authority may also request specific documentation to support the application e.g. Bank statement to confirm available funds.

If your total project cost is less than €5,000 and is not related to building/landscaping/construction works, then please include estimates/quotes from a minimum of three different independent suppliers with this form. For all other cases, please email community@offalycoco.ie or telephone 057 93 57401 / 057 93 46800 for information on the required supporting documentation.

**To be eligible for funding under this programme you must state where you will source any shortfall of funding. Please provide these details below.**

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| **Source** | **Amount** |
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D. If your application is related to a reopening cost that is not for equipment or the upgrade of facilities, please provide supporting documentation below. This could include utility bills that fall due for payment in 2021. If you are unclear about what to provide, please email community@offalycoco.ie or telephone 057 93 57401 / 057 93 46800 for information on the required supporting documentation.

The Local Authority may also at a later stage request specific documentation to support the application e.g. Bank statement to confirm available funds.

E. Has your organisation availed of funding under the 2018 CEP, or the 2018 Men’s Shed fund, or the 2019 CEP, or the 2019 Men’s and Women’s Shed fund, or the 2020 CEP, or any rounds of the 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Fund?

**YES** [ ]  **NO** [ ]

If  **YES**, please give details of the project which received funded in 2018 and/or 2019 and/or 2020:

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| Please state how your group proposes to publicly acknowledge the Department, LA or LCDC­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ |
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The LCDC will check to ensure that this application works towards addressing priorities within its Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which you can access on your local authorities’ website. **If your application is for an amount greater than €1,000**, please complete the below table to state which key priority area(s) in the LECP this grant application relates to and the estimated number of people to benefit.

If your application is for a small scale grant of €1,000 or less, then you may wish to complete the below table, but you are not required to do so.

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| **Key priority area of LECP** | **No. of beneficiaries** |
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**SECTION 3 - DECLARATION**

* I declare that the information given in this form is correct.
* I confirm I have read and fully understand the Terms and Conditions of the Community Enhancement Programme (see page 2 of this form).
* I confirm that I have read the Community Enhancement Programme Application Guidelines prior to completing this form.
* I confirm that this grant application is submitted in acceptance of and compliance with the Terms and Conditions.
* I confirm that the applicant group/organisation does not have the funding to undertake the work/project without this grant aid or alternatively that the grant will facilitate a larger project which they would otherwise be unable to afford.
* I confirm that the applicant group/organisation is tax compliant (if tax registered).

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| **Name in block capitals (on behalf of group / organisation):**  |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Position held in group / organisation (block capitals):** |  |
| **Date:** |  |