

Policy Criteria for Cork City Council Community Grants 2019

There are two types of grants:

1. The Community Development *Capital* Grant is for *Community Associations in Cork City* for works of a capital or major building maintenance nature, to be applied for on the Capital Grant application form provided.
2. The Community Development *Project* Grant is for once off, small scale programme activities for *any community group in Cork City* to be applied for on the Project Grant application form provided. This is once off funding for small scale programmes and is not intended to be an annual source of funding.

Community Development Grants are subject to Council's approval.

Sports and Arts projects are not eligible for Community Development Project Grants (see *Other Criteria* below)

All applications must be received by the stated deadline of Friday 1st March 2019

Community Development CAPITAL Funding (for Community Associations only)

- In general work funded in previous years must be completed and grant fully drawn down before further funding can be allocated.
- Funding is for works of a capital nature being carried out by a recognised Community Association including major maintenance works.
- Successful applicants must seek competitive tenders or quotations prior to starting works and drawing down the grant.

Community Development PROJECT Funding

- Applications can be submitted by community groups in the city, including community associations themselves.
- The maximum grant will be €2,500. However, the average grant awarded is generally €300 to €400.
- Successful PROJECT Grant applicants must carry out projects and submit receipts and other required documentation **before** grants will be paid to community groups. **The deadline for completing projects and submitting required documentation is 25th October 2019. If submitted after that date grant will not be paid.**

- Acknowledgment of Cork City Council's contribution to the funding of a project will be required in any publicity associated with the project.
- Projects must be inclusive, non religious, non sectarian and non political.
- The community group must have a bank or building society or credit union account which requires at least two signatures.
- Grants awarded can only be spent on the purpose applied for.

The following types of activities will be considered:

- ❖ Support for capacity building and training of officers, committee members and members of Community Associations and Community Groups in governance, finance, project management, child protection, building management etc.
- ❖ Support for communication and information giving by community groups i.e. newsletters, notices, meetings etc.
- ❖ **Once off** programmes or projects which are of general social or economic benefit to an area-based community or which address social exclusion in various ways.
Examples could include: drop-in or meeting facilities for elderly / unemployed / young parents /parent and toddler groups; youth projects / youth cafes; friendly call/ visiting projects for the elderly; mental health projects; community gardens; social economy schemes; integration of new communities / Travellers; etc. provided there is local community participation in managing and providing the service or project.

Other criteria

- ❖ Funding will not generally be made available to sports, arts or cultural groups independently as they have other sources of funding. Sport or arts / music / cultural activity *may* be approved as part of a varied and broader programme or project.
- ❖ Small scale equipment or capital expenditure can be considered to enable a broader programme or project to be delivered.
- ❖ Project promoters will be required to have appropriate child protection policies and training, and suitable adequate insurance cover.
- ❖ It will be possible to combine funding from other sources. However this must be transparent and disclosed when applying.