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VISIT:
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natural-heritage/pollinators/](http://kilkennyheritage.ie/natural-heritage/pollinators/)

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pollinators,
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appropriate.

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OUR
POLLINATORS**



INTRODUCTION

This grant booklet summarises the key elements of Kilkenny County Council and other National Community Grants. It informs community groups of funding streams available to carry out and complete various types of community activities and projects in their neighbourhoods.

Online

In order to improve how we communicate grant information and availability we have also developed an online one stop shop which can be accessed at:



www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Grants/One-Stop-Shop-for-Grants.html





Amenity Grants

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Internal Assessment*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The scheme is intended to improve outdoor community facilities for the protection or improvement/enhancement of natural or manmade amenities. e.g. grass cutting, purchase of small gardening equipment/tools, tree & flower planting.

Works that will qualify include:

- Improvements to or maintenance of, parks and open spaces, green areas in residential areas and other public open areas
- Works for the conservation or protection of natural or manmade amenities, - scenic walks, nature trails, planting of trees, shrubs etc.

(This scheme will only cover public amenity areas where access is available free of charge, it will not cover clubs where a membership fee applies)

Examples: General upkeep and maintenance of amenity areas and grass cutting in housing estates.



Target Group:		Local Community Groups, Resident Groups, Tidy Towns Groups	
Budget:	€140,000	Closing Date:	31st March 2023
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Parks Department Tel. 056-7794441 Email: lisa.bourke@kilkennycoco.ie	

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Parks/Amenity_Grant_Scheme/

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Community Grant

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Projects that support community groups/organisations to combat litter and graffiti issues in their local community.

Projects eligible for funding include:

- Community clean ups on public lands
- Community art projects to combat/deter graffiti
- Environmental awareness litter themed workshops





Target Group:		Local Community Groups, Youth Groups	
Budget:	€10,000 (Range €150- €1500)	Closing Date:	5th May 2023
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Environment Section, Kilkenny County Council. Tel. 056-7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie	



Arts Act Grants

Funding Authority:	<i>Kilkenny County Council</i>
Application Process:	<i>Independent panel appointed by Arts Officer</i>

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Any organisation or individual based in the Kilkenny administrative area involved in activities, which promote, develop the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts is eligible to apply for the Arts Act Grant.

1. Groups and Organisations promoting arts

Kilkenny County Council will consider applications from organisations involved in the promotion of the arts in Kilkenny.

2. Individual Artists all Art forms

Kilkenny County Council will consider applications from practising artists living in Kilkenny to enable them to pursue their practice and to develop within their chosen discipline, including professional development and project awards.



Target Group:		Arts Act Grants - Organisations/ Community Groups for the purpose of stimulating public interest in Arts & Individuals to enable them to pursue their practices.	
Budget:	€20,000 (Avg €200-€1000)	Closing Date:	30th January 2023
Match Funding:		Match funding requirement (for beneficiary) is minimum 20%	
Contact:		Kilkenny County Council Arts Office Tel. 056-7794547 Email: artsoffice@kilkennycoco.ie	

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Arts/Grants_Awards

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2023

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The aim of the Built Heritage Investment Scheme is to investment in a significant number of small-scale, labour-intensive conservation projects throughout the county and to support the employment of conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.

Each Local authority is allocated a fixed amount from the overall national fund of €4 m as determined by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and will support the works to protected structures, Proposed Protected Structures, and Structures in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs), or within the amenity of a National Monument, where exceptional circumstances are deemed by the Department to apply.





Target Group:		Small-scale, labour-intensive conservation projects throughout the county and to support the employment of conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.	
Budget:	€4,500,000 Nationally	Closing Date:	20th January 2023
Match Funding:	50% match funding		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Architectural Conservation Officer Tel. 056-7794010 Email: planning @kilkennycoco.ie		

<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/conservation/conservation-grants/>

CLÁR Programme

Funding Authority: *Department of Rural and Community Development*

Application Process: *Applications to Kilkenny County Council for Measures 1, 2 and 3; decisions made by the Department of Rural & Community Development. Measure 3a and 3b applications are made directly to the Department by registered first responder organisations.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The CLÁR scheme is a targeted investment programme towards identified CLAR areas in County Kilkenny. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLAR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.

Examples: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures, Play Areas (including MUGAs), Community Wellbeing Measure and Sensory Gardens.





Target Group:		The CLÁR scheme is a targeted investment programme towards identified CLAR areas in County Kilkenny. The aim of CLÁR is to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:	Approx 10% (TBC)		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council Community Development Tel. 056 7794920 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

Community & Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Verbal expression of interest to Council Liaison followed by application where appropriate. Internal Evaluation Process.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The overall objective of this scheme is to respond to the need for better community, recreational and cultural facilities for community groups through the provision of a capital grant.

The scheme is open to groups operating within the Community Sector who have a recognised legal structure, operate on a 'not for profit' basis, demonstrate a policy of inclusion and demonstrate the capacity to manage and operate the proposed facilities.

Examples: Examples of projects eligible for support could include the development of open spaces, walks and parklands; play areas, broad based recreational facilities , community radio, community hall upgrades, community sensory gardens, arts projects and projects that conserve the built and natural heritage of the county.





Target Group:		Local Development Groups	
Budget:	€250,000	Closing Date:	April 2023
Match Funding:	75% of costs (€9,000 min – max of €45,000). The grant beneficiary will have to provide the remaining 25% match funding.		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council Community Development Tel. 056 7794920 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Community-Cultural-Facilities-Capital-Scheme-CCFCS/

Climate Grants

CLIMATE ACTION GRANTS

There are lots of grants to help communities, individuals, businesses, artists, and sports clubs to take positive action on climate. Please note that new grants are announced regularly and existing grants updated, so please contact the relevant grant giving organisation to confirm the most up-to-date details.

South East Energy Agency Grant Advice

The South East Energy Agency (SEEA), based in Kilkenny, is a “One Stop Shop” for the South East Region whose team of energy experts provide advice on grants, and reducing energy in your home, community or business. They act as an intermediary for a range of sectors including domestic houses, business, communities, public sector, agriculture, transport.

The SEEA doesn't administer grants but is a useful first port of call for information on grants. See <https://southeastenergy.ie/services/>



Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland Grants

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) grants are available to help homeowners, business owners, communities and large industry to reduce their energy costs and greenhouse emissions.

Homes

There are now more ways than ever to make your home warmer and more energy efficient. SEAI grants include (i) complete home energy upgrade, (ii) individual grants, and (iii) fully funded energy upgrades for homeowners in receipt of certain benefits. For more information see

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/home-energy-grants/>

Electric Vehicles

SEAI electric vehicle grants make it more affordable to switch to an Electric Vehicle (either private or commercial vehicle). They have grants for (i) EV's, and (ii) EV Charging Points (home, public, apartment).

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/electric-vehicle-grants/>

Communities

The SEAI Community Grant supports energy efficiency community projects through capital funding, partnerships, and technical support. This includes grants for Building Fabric Upgrades; Technology and System upgrades; Integration of Control Systems; Integration of renewable energy sources; Domestic Combined Fabric Upgrade; Single Building Demonstration projects

<https://www.seai.ie/grants/community-grants/overview/>



Start a Sustainable Energy Community

Start an energy community and work together to achieve a sustainable energy goal/plan. Sustainable Energy Communities can avail of a free mentor service and grant funding to help achieve community energy goals

<https://www.seai.ie/community-energy/sustainable-energy-communities/>

Renewable Electricity Support Scheme

The Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (RESS) promotes investment in renewable energy generation in Ireland.

<https://www.seai.ie/community-energy/ress/overview/>

Business Grants & Supports

Do you want to cut down on energy costs or meet energy saving targets? The SEAI business grants can help make significant savings.

<https://www.seai.ie/business-and-public-sector/business-grants-and-supports/>

CREATIVE CLIMATE ACTION II: AGENTS OF CHANGE

The Creative Ireland Programme and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications co-ordinate the “Creative Climate Action II: Agents of Change” grant programme for creative projects that can connect people with the profound changes that are happening in our environment, society and economy arising from climate change, and can transform that connection into understanding and action. There are two strands:

Strand 1: Spark - Grants between €20,000 and €50,000 for projects delivered between Summer 2023 and end 2024.

Strand 2: Ignite – Grants between €50,001 and €250,000 for projects delivered between Summer 2023 and end 2025.

For more information, see <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/news/new-e3-million-creative-climate-action-fund-launched-by-government/>

The closing date for applications is 13th March 2023





SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

- ENERGY • WATER • WASTE
- BIODIVERSITY • TRANSPORT

GAA Green Clubs Programme

The GAA Green Clubs programme supports GAA clubs to take simple and effective sustainability action in their grounds and activities. Closing date is Sunday January 29th. These clubs will be eligible for seed funding and support to implement sustainability action

<https://greenclubs.gaa.ie/>

The free GAA Green Club Programme Toolkit is available to all GAA clubs. It contains practical advice and guidance on Energy, Water, Waste, Biodiversity and Travel & Transport, tailored for GAA clubs, as well as inspiring case studies from clubs from across the island of Ireland.

<https://learning.gaa.ie/greenclub>.



Community Climate Action Fund

Kilkenny County Council will administer 2 new grant schemes to support community climate action in 2023, funded by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, under the Community Climate Action Fund. Details of the grants will be announced early in 2023.

For further information climate@kilkennycoco.ie

Commercial Premises Paint Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Application Forms,
Internal Assessment & Decision*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Assist with the cost of painting the front façade of buildings and traditional signage throughout the county.





Target Group:		Commercial Premises street facing facade.	
Budget:	€10,000	Closing Date:	5th May 2023
Match Funding:	50% cost of works or max grant €450		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council Community Development Tel. 056 7794920 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie		

https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Grants/Streetscape-Paint-Scheme.html

Community Involvement in Roadworks Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application Form, Internal Evaluation
& Submission to the Department Transport Tourism and Sport.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) is an opportunity for communities to have road repair work carried out at relatively modest cost on local roads and cul-de-sacs that would not normally be included on the Council's main roadworks programme. Local communities or individuals can identify qualifying improvement works on their local public roads. Subject to a community financial contribution of 15% of the cost of the works, the balance of the cost of the works may be funded by a specific grant from the Department of Transport.





Target Group:		Private Residents and Land Owners	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:		15%-30% (certain criteria applies)	
Contact:		Municipal District Castlecomer Castlecomer Area Office. Tel. 056-7794450	
		Municipal District Kilkenny City, City Hall. Tel. 056-7794290	
		Municipal District Callan/ Thomastown Callan Area Office Tel. 056-7755520	
		Thomastown Area Office Tel. 056-7793340	
		Municipal District Piltown, Ferrybank Area Office. Tel. 051-831370	

Community/Local Heritage Grants 2023

Funding Authority: *Heritage Council*

Application Process: *Contact the Heritage Council*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Details of this grant scheme will be announced by the Heritage Council in January 2023.





Target Group:	Community Groups and Not for Profit Organisations		
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	For updates visit: www.heritagecouncil.ie
Contact:	The Heritage Council, Kilkenny Email. aryan@heritagecouncil.ie		

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/funding-schemesww>

Community Events Grant Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Application Form,
Internal Evaluation*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant scheme will assist community event organisers with the development promotion and the running of small scale community events in Kilkenny during 2023.

The emphasis of the scheme is on providing funding for Community Events/ Development with a focus on local engagement.





Target Group:		Community Events	
Budget:	€21,000	Closing Date:	24th February 2023
Match Funding:		NA	
Contact:		<p>Completed applications, together with supporting documentation, must be submitted by post or email to Ashling Slattery, Community and Culture Department, Kilkenny County Council, Johns Green House, Johns Green, Kilkenny. Tel. 056 7794920 Email: ashling.slattery@kilkennycoco.ie</p>	

Community Monuments Fund 2023

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant scheme is for the conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments. It recognises the need to build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change. Funding is available in three streams.

Stream 1: *Essential repairs and capital works for the conservation and repair of archaeological monuments*

Stream 2: *Development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that are aimed at identifying measures for conservation of archaeological monuments and improving public access.*

Stream 3: *Enhancement of access infrastructure and interpretation (including virtual) at archaeological monuments.*

The scheme is funded by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government and administered by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council.

Applications by private owners or community groups for funding under the CMF must be made to Kilkenny County Council by 1st February 2023. Application forms and guidance notes are available from the Heritage Office.

Email heritage@kilkennycoco.ie



Target Group:		Local authorities, private owners, custodians and community groups.	
Budget:	Total national budget €6,000,000	Closing Date:	1st February 2023
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Heritage Officer Tel. 056 7794923 Email: heritage@kilkennycoco.ie		

<https://kilkennyheritage.ie/2023/01/community-monuments-fund-2023-open-for-applications/>

Community Support Fund 2023

Funding Authority: *The CSF is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development (the Department) and administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area*

Application Process: *Application Form, Internal Evaluation, LCDCs are responsible for allocating funding to projects in their area as they are ideally placed to identify suitable local projects.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The CSF will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas with their non-pay costs, for example energy costs (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-paying operating costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills. Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment, for example, tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.





Target Group:		Locally based community groups and voluntary groups in disadvantaged urbans and rural areas, and not for profit organisations.	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	31st March 2023
Match Funding:	Not required		
Contact:	Cora Nolan, Community and Culture Department, Kilkenny County Council, Johns Green House, Johns Green, Kilkenny. Tel: 056 7794931 Email: cora.nolan@kilkennycoco.ie		

Community Water Development Fund

Funding Authority: *Local Authority Waters Programme*
Application Process: *Contact Local Community Water Officer before submitting application*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Groups may apply for capital funding for works to include River Restoration Works, Silt Trapping, Pollution Management, Invasive species, Creation of habitat (full list of capital works available on www.watersandcommunities.ie.)

Creating Public Awareness through community led surveys, booklets, information session, signage etc.

Enhancing a public area i.e. picnic area, river walk etc.





Target Group:		This scheme aims to support communities in progressing water based projects and initiatives. Not for profit Community& Voluntary groups, Rural & Urban Networks, Environmental NGO's, Clubs & Associations	
Budget:	€500,000	Closing Date:	7th February 2023
Match Funding:		NA	
Online Platform:		Complete via online www.lawaters.ie closing date 9th February at 8.00pm.	
Contact:		Ann Phelan, Community Water Officer Tel. 085 808 4067	
Application Form and Guidance Notes in respect of the Community Water Development Fund 2021 are available to download at www.watersandcommunities.ie or by contacting the Waters and Communities Office at 0761 06 5260 or info@lawaters.ie			

Creative Ireland & Cruinniú na nÓg Grant Scheme 2023

Funding Authority: *Creative Ireland*
Application Process: *Application Form /
Independent assessment panel.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

This grant scheme aims to provide financial support to local community groups and individuals, artistic and creative practitioners, event organisers and those involved in creative, cultural and heritage activities and projects, in order to encourage cultural participation throughout Kilkenny and support the delivery of the Creative Ireland Kilkenny Culture and Creativity Strategy 2023-2027.

This scheme also includes funding for projects which will help deliver the Cruinniú na nÓg programme in Kilkenny. Cruinniú na nÓg (June 2023) is the national day of free creativity activity for children and young people up to 18 years of age, and is part of the national Creative Ireland Programme.

The scheme is co-funded by the Creative Ireland Programme, and co-ordinated by the Kilkenny County Council Culture Team.





Target Group:		Local and community groups and individuals, artistic and creative practitioners, event organisers and those involved in creative, cultural and heritage activities and projects.	
Budget:	Creative Ireland €30,000 Cruinniú na nÓg €30,000	Closing Date:	Creative Ireland 13th March 2023 Cruinniú na nÓg 3rd April 2023
Match Funding:	NA		
Contact:	The Culture Team, Kilkenny County Council Email: creativeireland@kilkennycoco.ie		

<https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/>

Decade of Centenaries Grant Scheme 2023

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The aim of the scheme is to provide support to communities and individuals to develop projects that commemorate the Decade of Centenaries in County Kilkenny. Projects by artists and creatives which interpret and respond creatively to this period in Kilkenny will also be encouraged. The scheme encourages projects which recognise all of the dimensions of this period of conflict – the military activity, the political context, and social, economic and cultural aspects and legacies.

The scheme is co-ordinated nationally by the national Commemorations Unit of the Dept of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and managed locally by the Heritage Office, Kilkenny County Council.





Democracy and Change

The 1920 Local Elections in Ireland

Local Government Archivists and Records Managers
in association with the
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Target Group:		Heritage societies, local historians, communities and artists	
Budget:	€50,000	Closing Date:	6th March 2023
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	Heritage Office Tel. 056 7794923/056 7794938 Email: heritage@kilkennycoco.ie		

Estate Management Grant

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Internal Assessment*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Open to community committees in local authority estates to fund projects which promote estate management.

To qualify for assistance under the Estate Management Grant Scheme, applications must be submitted on behalf of an established County Council residents association and proposed projects/activities must be deemed to promote the interests of estate management in the community. Selection process will include active assessment by Kilkenny County Council.

Examples: Clearing of Derelict sites within Estates, Planting, Landscaping, Equipment purchase.





Target Group:		Resident & Community Groups in Kilkenny County Council Housing Estates	
Budget:	Avg. €600-€700	Closing Date:	26th March 2023
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Lianne Kelly Housing Department Kilkenny County Council Johns Green House, Kilkenny Email: lianne.kelly@kilkennycoco.ie Tel: 087 237 2221	

Festival Grants Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application form. Internal assessment, proposed allocation sent to Corporate Policy Group (CPG). Final proposed allocation sent to Elected Members for approval and adoption.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Festival Supports Grants scheme 2023. Kilkenny County Council will provide funding for festival organisers to aid with the development and promotion of festivals with a significant tourism impact.

The main purpose of the Festival Support Grants scheme is to support festivals which drive tourism in Kilkenny, underpinning Kilkenny County Council's Tourism strategy and improving the visitor experience in Kilkenny city and county.

Examples: The Kilkenny Cat Laughs Comedy Festival, Kilkenny Roots Festival, Savour Kilkenny Food Festival, Subtitle European Film Festival, Kilkenomics, Kilkenny Animated, Tradfest.





Target Group:		Groups hosting festivals	
Budget:	€88,000	Closing Date:	14th February 2023
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Tourism Dept Kilkenny County Council Tel. 056-7794097 Email: festivalgrants@kilkennycoco.ie	

Graveyard Grant Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Application form & Internal Assessment*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Graveyard Grant Scheme aims to support community groups/organisations in the maintenance of graveyards and encourage best practice in graveyard management. Any recognised community group/organisation can apply.

Projects eligible for funding in graveyards include:

- Graveyard maintenance, including appropriate works to help pollinators
- Graveyard recording schemes
- Heritage studies of graveyards





Target Group:		Local Community Groups	
Budget:	€20,000	Closing Date:	24th February 2023
Match Funding:		None	
Contact:		Kilkenny County Council Environment Section Tel. 056-7794470 Email: environment@kilkennycoco.ie	

www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Environment/Environment_Grants/

Heritage In Schools Programme

Funding Authority: *Heritage Council*

Application Process: *Contact the Heritage Council*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Heritage in Schools programme provides a panel of Heritage Specialists who visit primary schools to teach children about their local heritage – from biodiversity to history and folklore.

In 2023, the Heritage Council will offer a blended Heritage in Schools programme to primary schools, providing a mix of online and in-person visits. The Scheme will continue to promote hands-on, interactive learning and the outdoor classroom in 2023. Visits will be part-funded by schools and the Heritage Council.

A fantastic scheme for schools who would like their pupils to learn about heritage in a fun and engaging way, whilst addressing the national curriculum requirements. The programme is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council.



Target Group:		Primary Schools. The scheme supports the Social, Scientific and Environmental Education (SESE) curriculum.	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	November 2023
Match Funding:		Required –See here www.heritageinschools.ie/about/how-it-works	
Contact:		Maria Walsh, Heritage in Schools Programme Manager, The Heritage Council Tel: 086 083 4685 Email: mwalsh@heritagecouncil.ie	

<http://www.heritageinschools.ie>

Historic Structures Fund 2023

Funding Authority: *The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.*

Application Process: *Applications sent to Kilkenny County Council for assessment, where select project forwarded to the Department for final decision.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Funding for the Historic Structures Fund (HSF) is being made available as part of Project Ireland 2040. Total funding available nationally under the Historic Structures Fund in 2023 will be €4.5m. The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund will be on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the broader benefit of communities and the public.

Stream 1 *will offer grants from €15,000 up to €50,000 and is aimed at essential repairs and smaller capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of heritage structures.*

Stream 2 *will offer a small number of grants from €50,000 up to €200,000 for larger enhancement, refurbishment or reuse projects involving heritage structures, where a clear community or public benefit has been demonstrated.*

Vernacular Structures Stream *- In the context of the recent strategy for built vernacular, the vernacular structures stream is to support conservation repairs and small capital works to vernacular structures that are not listed in local authority Records of Protected Structures or otherwise legally protected. Such structures may be located within an Architectural Conservation Area. All local authorities can apply for funding for specific projects of between €5,000 and €10,000 for eligible projects.*

Historic Shopfronts – *To incentivise the conservation of historic shop fronts, each Local Authority is invited to submit an additional application under Stream 1 for eligible essential repairs and small capital works for the refurbishment and conservation of historic shop facades, windows, signage and other associated details to safeguard them and keep them in use. funding between €5,000 and €10,000.*



Target Group:		Small-scale, labour-intensive conservation projects throughout the county and to support the employment of conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.	
Budget:	€4,500,000 Nationally	Closing Date:	20th January 2022
Match Funding:		Varies (see left) *Grant allocation may vary annually	
Contact:		Kilkenny County Council, Architectural Conservation Officer Tel. 056-7794010 Email: planning@kilkennycoco.ie	

<https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/planning/conservation/conservation-grants/>

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership*

Application Process: *Application Form (online/paper)*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

1. *Club Development Grant – designed to support clubs and volunteers to increase participation in sport and physical activity in Kilkenny. This fund aims to encourage the setup of new clubs and assist existing clubs to attract new participants.*
2. *Women in Sport Support Fund - designed to enable clubs and organisations to develop programmes that specifically target and support women's participation in sport.*
3. *Dormant Accounts Volunteer Support Fund – designed to enable clubs and organisations to increase the number of people of all ages playing a leadership role in developing sports and physical activity in their communities.*





Target Group:		Sports Clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Sport. Community Groups and Organisations. (Differs between funding programmes).	
Budget:	Varies depending on funding programme	Closing Date:	Varies depending on funding programme
Match Funding:		No	
Contact:		CSDO Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership 5 Dean Street, Kilkenny Tel. 056 7794991 Email: info@krsp.ie	

www.krsp.ie

Local Enterprise Office

Funding Authority:	<i>Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny, Kilkenny County Council</i>
Application Process:	<i>Formal Application Process for Grant Support Schemes</i>

ELIGIBLE WORKS

ARE YOU IN BUSINESS OR THINKING ABOUT SETTING UP A BUSINESS?

Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny services to new and established businesses in county Kilkenny include:

- *Business Information, Signposting and Advice*
- *Enterprise Development Training including Start Your Own Business Courses*
- *One to One Business Specific Mentoring*
- *Business Expansion Services including Management Development Training and LEAN Business process programmes*
- *Direct Financial Assistance**

** Where eligibility criteria are met, the Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny offers a range of financial supports to assist the start-up, and expansion of small businesses in the manufacturing and export services sectors:*

- *Priming Grant (for business trading less than 18 months)*
- *Business Expansion Grants (for businesses trading greater than 18 months)*
- *Feasibility Study/Innovation Grants*
- *Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters*
- *Microfinance Ireland Loan Scheme*
- *Trading Online Voucher Scheme – aimed at micro-enterprises*



Target Group:		Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners (Businesses with 10 employees or less)	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:		50% requirement for grant aid schemes	
Contact:		<p>Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny, Kilkenny County Council, John Street, Kilkenny Tel. 056-7752662 Email: info@leo.kilkennycoco.ie #makingithappen <i>For up to date information on events - Follow us on Face-book, Instagram & Twitter</i></p>	

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/kilkenny>

Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

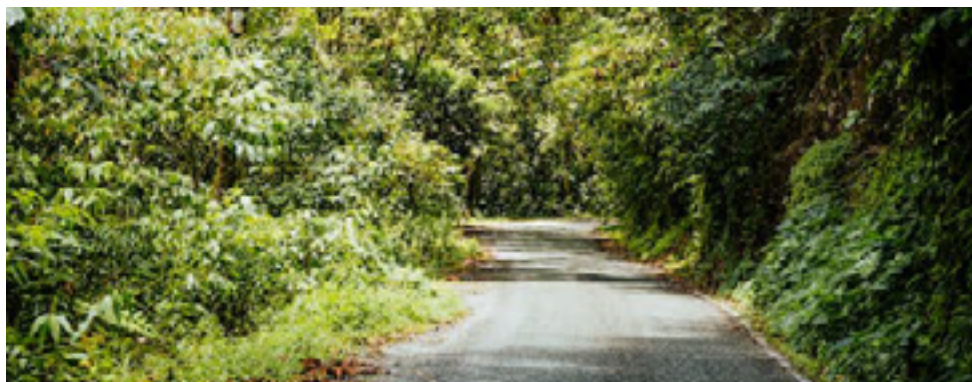
Funding Authority: *Dept of Rural & Community Development*
Application Process: *Application Form, internal evaluation & submission to Department*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) provides funding to help local authorities carry out improvement works on private and non-publicly maintained roads. Often these roads lead to a number of homes, farms or fields in use, or to lakes, rivers and beaches.

Eligible roads under the Local Improvement Scheme are:

- *non-public roads that provide access to parcels of land, or provide access for harvesting purposes (including turf or seaweed) for two or more persons; or*
 - *non-public roads leading to important community amenities such as graveyards, beaches, piers, mountains, etc*
- Non-eligible roads include:*
- *Roads serving only houses or buildings occupied or used by persons not engaged in Agriculture, and*
 - *Roads leading to commercial enterprises.*



Target Group:		Private Residents	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:		The maximum amount that any house-hold/landowner is required to contribute is capped at €1,200.	
Contact:		Municipal District Castlecomer Castlecomer Area Office. Tel. 056-7794450	
		Municipal District Kilkenny City, City Hall. Tel. 056-7794290	
		Municipal District Callan/ Thomastown Callan Area Office Tel. 056-7755520 Thomastown Area Office Tel. 056-7793340	
		Municipal District Piltown, Ferrybank Area Office. Tel. 051-831370	

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme

Funding Authority: *Dept of Rural & Community Development*

Application Process: *Applications are prepared and submitted to DRCD by KCC for assessment, selection and approval. If Community Groups, Recreational Providers or Social Enterprises identify a suitable project they should contact KCC to discuss proposals.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The focus of the Scheme -The Scheme is part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development and provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure. It also supports the maintenance, enhancement and promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland.

Examples: The scheme supports the provision of outdoor infrastructure that is, in the main, freely available to the public. The type of projects typically funded by the Scheme include trails, walkways, cycleways, blueways, mountain access routes, bridleways and open water amenities at rivers. E.G. Woodstock Estate Looped Walks, Silaire Wood Boardwalk in Graiguenamanagh, & The Ardra Looped Walk in the Castlecomer Discovery Park.





Target Group:	Community Groups, Recreational Providers or Social Enterprises
Closing Date:	Varies Annually
Budget:	<p>Measure 1: Small Scale Repair/Development/Promotion and Marketing (Up to €30,000);</p> <p>Measure 2: Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail/Amenity Development (Up to €200,000);</p> <p>Measure 3: Strategic Large-Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategic Trail/Amenity Development (Up to €500,000);</p> <p>Project Development: Development Costs for Strategic Large-Scale Projects (Up to €50,000).</p>
Match Funding:	10%
Contact:	<p>Frank Stafford A/ Senior Engineer Project Office & Parks Kilkenny County Council Tel: 056-7794441 Email: frank.stafford@kilkennycoco.ie</p>

Small Business Vacant Premises Incentive Scheme

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*
Application Process: *Expression of Interest followed by formal application.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

The purpose of the 'Small Business Vacant Premises Incentive Scheme' is to give an incentive, to a start up business or a small business expanding, to occupy previously vacant commercial property. Entry costs are lowered through a grant related to the level of rates payable on the property (not exceeding €5000p.a.). The grant is based on a correlation to the business's commercial rates paid on a reducing basis of 75%, 50% and 25%, over a three year period. This scheme will allow a business to receive up to €7500 over the three years of the scheme.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. The applicant business must occupy commercial premises that have been vacant for at least 6 months prior to the applicants letting.
2. The applicant business must not have traded in a similar business or premises used for the same purpose within a three kilometre radius prior to opening.
3. The applicant business does not cause displacement to existing businesses locally.
4. The following business categories are excluded:
Betting shops, Casinos, Head Shops, Adult shops, Amusement arcades, Nightclubs/Private members clubs, Moneylenders, Pawn brokers or Cash for Gold Shops, Liquid Tobacco / Electric cigarettes Shops, Tattoo parlours, Sun bed /Tanning studio, Hot Food Takeaways.



Target Group:		Small Business Owners occupying previously vacant commercial property where rates bill €5000 or less)	
Budget:	Up to €7,500 (over 3 years)	Closing Date:	Ongoing
Match Funding:		75% grant Year 1, 50% grant Year 2, 25% grant Year 3	
Contact:		Economic Development Officer, Local Enterprise Office Kilkenny County Council. Tel. 056-7752662 Email: info@leo.kilkennycoco.ie	

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kilkenny/Financial-Supports/Small-Business-Vacant-Premises-Scheme/>

Town & Village Renewal

Funding Authority: *Town & Village is funded by Department of Rural and Community Development.*

Application Process: *Expression of Interest following Council Advertisement. Applications developed with communities & submitted by Kilkenny County Council to the Department.*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Successful proposals will demonstrate close collaboration between communities and business interests in the design and delivery of proposed projects and must have the support of the Local Authority.

Examples: Capital Works-Community Centre/Youth and Adult education, Callan River project, Pedestrian Bridge, Public realm improvements, Enterprise centre, Quayside and tourist related works Heritage centre extension, Stabilising works to protected structure, and Community co-operative ventures such as Co-op shops.





Target Group:		Towns/Villages population under 10,000	
Budget:	TBC	Closing Date:	TBC
Match Funding:		20% (Local Authority or Community 10% may be in kind)	
Contact:		Kilkenny County Council, Community Development Tel. 056-7794931 Email: community@kilkennycoco.ie	

Tyrone Guthrie Residency Bursary

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council.*

Application Process: *Independent panel appointed by Arts Officer*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Artists of all art forms, born or domiciled within the Kilkenny administrative area, who can show significant achievement in their chosen field. This bursary offers artists the opportunity to spend two weeks at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Co. Monaghan. Providing time to work intensively on a “project” alongside others in a unique environment.





Target Group:		Individuals to enable them to research/develop existing or new projects.	
Budget:	1-2 weeks residency fully paid	Closing Date:	30th January 2023
Match Funding:	NA		
Contact:	Kilkenny County Council, Arts Office Tel: 056 7794547 Email: artsoffice@kilkennycoco.ie		

Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant (Croí Cónaithe Towns Fund)

Funding Authority: *Kilkenny County Council*

Application Process: *Application form*

ELIGIBLE WORKS

Funding is available for the refurbishment of vacant properties for occupation as a principal private residence, including the conversion of a property which has not been used as residential heretofore, subject to appropriate planning permission being in place. This is subject to upper limits for the types of work specified below having regard to a reasonable cost assessment by the local authority. The Grant is inclusive of the VAT cost of the works.

The level of Grant will be contingent on the works approved by the local authority and will be paid based on vouched expenditure following a final inspection by the local authority. An SEAI Better Energy Home Scheme Grant may be available in combination with this Grant. Works covered by SEAI Better Energy Homes Scheme will therefore not be under the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant. The local authority must satisfy themselves that proposed works are not claimed for under any other grant.



Target Group:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Time Buyers or those who qualify under the 'Fresh Start' principle. 2. Applicants who have particular needs – specifically, disabled people or older people who are moving from their current home which they are selling or have sold and want to refurbish and live in a vacant property. 3. Applicants who are moving from their current home which they are selling or have sold and want to refurbish and live in a vacant property. 	
Budget:	Up to max of €30,000 Top-up Grant if Property is Derelict: up to max of €20,000	Closing Date:	NA
Match Funding:	None		
Contact:	vacanthomes@kilkennycoco.ie		

How can you help meet our Climate Action targets?

In order to meet our climate targets, we need everyone in County Kilkenny to play an active role. Many people want to help, but don't know what to do or where to start.

Below are suggestions for actions we can all take which will help to reduce our carbon footprints at home, work, community:



Join a Sustainable Energy Community and avail of a FREE support programme to learn how to make energy improvements and secure funding for your community

<https://southeastenergy.ie/sectors/community-groups/>



Encourage your GAA club to join the GAA Green Clubs programme. Closing date for Phase 2 (2023-2024) is 29th Jan.

See [Green Clubs Get Involved \(gaa.ie\)](https://gaa.ie)



Reduce your carbon footprint by using public transport, walking, and cycling as much as possible. Participate in developing a new Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan for Kilkenny City. See https://kilkennycoco.ie/eng/services/community_culture/kilkennytravel-and-transport/



Reduce your energy use and improve energy efficiency in your home.

<https://www.seai.ie/publications/SEAI-ReduceYourUse-Booklet.pdf>

Reduce food waste in your home.

<https://stopfoodwaste.ie/>



Use your money and purchasing power to buy sustainable products and services where possible.

This helps to support the circular economy and avoids producing unnecessary waste and energy.

Avail of grants to reduce the carbon footprint of your home, community or business (see “Grants for Climate Action” for details).



Support nature by planting trees, hedges and pollinator-friendly plants in your garden or community. Healthy habitats will absorb carbon and provide greensolutions to the climate crisis.

Avoid using pesticides where possible



Kilkenny County Council

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTS CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Where relevant, grant actions should help to build climate resilient communities, and protect people, ecosystems, businesses, infrastructure and buildings from climate change.



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The Heritage Council



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