



Tionscadal Éireann
Project Ireland
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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development

CLÁR 2020

Application Form

Measure 1: School / Community Safety Measures

Please submit your completed application as follows:

To: Galway County Council by e-mail to: clar@galwaycoco.ie

On or before 13 Monday July 2020 at Midnight

Your application must include:

1. Fully completed Application Form – incomplete applications may not be considered.
2. Up-to-date Bank or Credit Union Account Statement as evidence of match funding.
3. Proof of Ownership/Title if any of the works are on privately owned land.
4. Proof of Planning Permission or any other required approvals.
5. Breakdown of Total Estimated Project Costs.

Applicant Information:

Name of Applicant Organisation / Group:	
If applicant is a School, please provide your Roll No:	
Project Name:	
Contact Person:	
Correspondence Address:	
Correspondence Email:	
Correspondence Telephone No:	

Location in Clár Area:

Location/Address of proposed works:	
GPS Co-Ordinates or EIRCODE of Location of Works:	

DED Name & No. of location of works:	
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Please indicate the intervention(s) being applied for:

CLÁR 2020 will consider support for interventions that make the school/community facility environs healthier and safer for the children attending the schools, and for children and adults using the community facilities. This measure has been broadened to allow additional investments to adapt areas around schools and community facilities to help meet new public health requirements arising from COVID-19. In this context the table below outlines some of the supports eligible for funding in CLÁR areas under this measure. Under the 2020 scheme, the list below **is not definitive** as the Department will allow other types of interventions that reflect local public health and safety needs in light of the impact of COVID-19 on communities.

Type of Intervention	Possible Funding to be allocated	Please tick as appropriate
Purchase and replacement of Flashing Amber Safety Lights.	Max €7,000 per set	
Purchase of Child safety signs	Max €1,000 per sign	
Purchase of digital speed safety signs indicating that cars are entering a particular zone.	Max €14,000 per set	
Upgrade Road markings on approach roads to Schools / Community Facilities.	Max €1,000	
Erect Pedestrian Crossings in small towns and villages at Schools / Community Facilities.	Max €22,000	
Construction and upgrade of access footpaths next to Schools or Community Facilities.	Max €30,000	
Car Parking facilities to access Schools or Community Facilities.	Max €30,000	
Provision of Bus Shelters	Max €25,000	
Provision of Public Lighting	Max €30,000	
COVID-19 safety related intervention (need and rationale must be demonstrated in the following Project Information section of the application form).	Max €50,000	
Overall maximum per project if there are a number of elements above included in an application for a single location.	Max €50,000	

Project Information:

Outline the nature and scope of the works:
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Outline the need and rationale for the works:	
How will these works improve safety and accessibility of your school or community facility?	
Was an application in respect of this facility approved under CLÁR in the past 3 years? (Yes/No). If yes, please provide details.	
Has an application for funding for this project been submitted to any other scheme or programme in the past? (Yes/No) If yes, please provide details.	

Financial Information:

Total Estimated Project Costs including Administration / Professional Fees:	€
Administration Costs / Professional Fees element <i>(maximum of 10% of Total Estimated Project Costs)</i>	€
Amount of Match Funding being provided <i>(minimum 10% of total estimated project costs)</i>	€
Amount of Clár Funding requested <i>(maximum 90% of total estimated project costs)</i>	€

Area Engineer Verification

This application has been discussed with me prior to submission to clar@galwaycoco.ie and I am satisfied that there is a need for these works and that all statutory requirements are in place.	
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Applicant Declaration:

I confirm that the particulars of this application are correct and that:

- The project is based in a CLÁR area
- Evidence of match funding is provided and is ring-fenced for the project
- All necessary permissions are in place
- Evidence of ownership/title is provided (if applicable)
- The project conforms to the LECP and other local or regional plans
- No funding has been allocated for the same project from any other sources.

Signed: _____
On behalf of Applicant Organisation/Group

Date: _____



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Outline of Measure 1

School / Community Safety Measures

CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais) is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. 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. The funding works in conjunction with local/Agency and other Departmental funding programmes and on the basis of locally identified priorities.

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Eligible Applicants:

Schools, Community Groups, Local Development Companies, Local Authorities.

Eligible Costs

Applications should detail all of the costs associated with the proposed project and only items of a capital nature that are integral to the project should be included. All administration costs/professional fees associated with the proposed project should be kept to a minimum and be clearly detailed on the Application Overview. Such costs will be eligible up to a maximum of 10% of the overall project costs.

Rate of Aid

Minimum grant	€5,000
Maximum grant	As listed for each type of intervention with an overall maximum of €50,000 per project if there are a number of interventions included in an application for a single school / community.
Maximum grant rate	90% of the cost or the maximum amount outlined per intervention, whichever is the lesser.
Match funding rate	The remaining 10% or balance of the cost should be provided through Local Authority/community/other resources with a minimum of 5% cash contribution from the School/Community.

Timelines:

Completed applications submitted to Galway County Council at clar@galwaycoco.ie	On or before Monday 13 July 2020 at Midnight
Prioritised applications submitted by Galway County Council to Department	By 28 August 2020
Departmental assessment and decisions, contracts issued	By end of October / beginning of November 2020
Projects finalised and drawdowns completed (unless an extension is granted in writing by the Department)	By 31 August 2021

Assessment Criteria:

10 Projects across Measures 1 & 2 will be prioritized by the Council for submission to the Department based on the following criteria:

- Application made by eligible Group/Organisation located in a CLÁR area
- Clear evidence of need and impact outlined in application form, i.e.
 - Need and rationale for safety measures specified
 - Need and rationale on how project will address challenges posed by Covid-19
 - Impact on safety and accessibility and social/economic/environmental benefits
- Quality and clarity of supporting documentation, i.e.
 - evidence that all necessary permissions are in place
 - evidence where applicable that ownership/title is in place
 - full estimated costs including administration/professional fees (procurement not required at this point)
 - evidence that match funding is in place where relevant
- Relevance to the LECP/other developmental plans and other policy considerations

The Departmental assessment of applications for recommendation to the Minister will take into account a number of factors including the indicated order of priority; the range, mix, quality and impact of proposed projects; previous funding provided; how the project addresses the challenges posed by COVID-19 and other relevant considerations.

Project Delivery

It is expected that the local authority will take a lead role in the delivery of many of the projects approved by the Department. However, LDC's may, with the agreement of the LA and the relevant community applicants, be permitted to take on the project delivery phase. In such cases the Department will enter into a contract directly with the LDC and not the LA.

Grant Payment arrangements

Payment arrangements: in arrears of 50% on completion of at least 50% of the project, and 50% when the project has been fully completed.

Drawdown requests for payment should only be submitted to the Department of Rural & Community Development by the LA/LDC when the LA/LDC has itself incurred the expense. It is not acceptable that a drawdown request be submitted to the Department if invoices etc. submitted to the LA/LDC by community groups/contractors remain unpaid.



CLÁR Funding 2020 Local Authority Assessment

To be completed by the Local Authority prior to submission to Department of Rural and Community Development:

Project Name:	
Indicative Priority given by LA (1-10):	
Contact Person:	
Correspondence Address:	
Correspondence Email:	
Correspondence Telephone No.:	
Project implementation directly by the Local Development Company (Yes/No) Please provide contacts details, if applicable:	
Rationale for selection by the LA, including detail from LECP, conformance to local village/town plans or other development plans, Covid-19 priorities, where relevant:	
Confirmation that application is in compliance with all Scheme requirements, i.e. in Clár area, match funding available, ownership/title and permissions in place, not double-funded.	

Signed: _____
Director of Services, Galway County Council

Date: _____