



Tionscadal Éireann
Project Ireland
2040



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



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

CLÁR 2020

Application Form

Measure 2: Community Recreation Areas

Please submit your completed application as follows:

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

On or before Monday 13 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 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:	
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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Project Information:

CLÁR 2020 will consider support for the enhancement of existing and/or the development of new accessible Community Recreation Areas where people can socialise outdoors in safe community spaces.

Outline the nature and scope of the works:	
Outline the need and rationale for the works:	
How will these works impact the safety and accessibility of outdoor community recreation spaces in your local area?	
Will the Community Recreation Area be open to the public at all times without appointment? Yes/No. How will this be facilitated and communicated?	
Was an application in respect of this facility approved under CLÁR in the past 3 years? (Y/N) If yes, please provide details.	

Has an application for funding for this project been submitted to any other scheme or programme in the past? (Y/N)	
If yes, please provide details.	

Financial Information:

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

Area Engineer Verification

Is requested for project proposals on public areas /Council owned lands:

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 Community Recreation Area will be open to the public without appointment
- The project is based in a CLÁR area
- Evidence of match funding is provided and is ringfenced for the project
- All necessary permissions are in place
- Evidence of ownership/title is provided
- 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 Group

Date: _____



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Outline of Measure 2

Community Recreation Areas

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.

In the context of the impact of COVID-19 on communities, CLÁR 2020 will consider support for the enhancement of existing and/or the development of new accessible Community Recreation Areas where people can socialise outdoors in safe community spaces.

Types of Intervention

The measure will support a variety of **capital** interventions provided that they contribute to the enhancement of existing and/or the development of new, accessible Community Recreation areas where people can socialise outdoors in safe community spaces. The examples below provide an indication of the types of interventions that may be supported, but is not exhaustive:

- Covered Seating and Picnic Benches
- Covered BBQ Areas
- Public Toilets and Bins
- Car and Bike Parking
- Outdoor Electricity Connection
- Outdoor Cinema Screen, Bandstand, Amphitheatre, Blackboard
- Outdoor Drinking Water Fountain
- Exercise Class Space
- Handball Alley Renovation
- Associated Landscaping and Path Widening

The application form must clearly outline the need and rationale for the interventions put forward. All projects must display and encourage abidance by Leave no Trace principles. The cost of appropriate signage may be included in the overall project costings.

Eligible Applicants

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 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	€50,000
Maximum grant rate	90% of the project cost or a maximum of €50,000, 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 Community. Philanthropic contributions may be accepted as full or part of match funding costs.

Timelines:

Completed applications submitted to Galway County Council at clar@galwaycoco.ie	On or before Monday 13 July 2020 at Midnight
Prioritized 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 prioritised 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 / impact outlined in application form, i.e.
 - Need and rationale for project
 - Social, economic and environmental impact and benefit of community recreation area works / project
- Quality and clarity of supporting documentation, i.e.
 - evidence that all necessary permissions are in place
 - evidence that match funding is in place where relevant
 - evidence where applicable that ownership/lease is in place or express permission of the landowner on file for any project involving lighting of fires
 - full estimated costs including administration/professional fees (procurement not required at this point)
- Clear social benefit, i.e. facility open to the public without appointment
- Relevance to the LECP and other local or regional developmental plans or policies

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; 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.



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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, 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: _____