



Community Support Schemes 2025

Working together to maintain County Galway as a uniquely attractive place in which to live, work, invest and visit.

AIMS

- ✓ To encourage community and voluntary groups to take an active part in the development of their local community.
- ✓ To fund projects which are of benefit to the wider community, and by doing so, improve local economic, community, and cultural development.
- ✓ To promote local economic benefits, by encouraging all applicants to *“Shop Local”* as collectively this can make a big difference.
- ✓ To promote the PPN as the main structural link between communities and the local authority by requiring all applicants to be members of the PPN.

Economic Development Support Scheme

Tourism Events and Festivals – max €3,000

- To promote a diverse range of tourism events and festivals (arts, culture, food, activity-based, outdoor).
- Successful events/festivals will be promoted as part of a Calendar of Events.
- Priority to events with high quality programming and ability to attract visitors – unique, innovative, creative, potential.

Economic Development Initiatives – max €3,000

- Projects/Works promoting economic activity or business opportunities
- Upgrade of Festive Lighting, Farmers Markets, Community Shops, Shop Local Campaigns
- Priority for sustainable improvements, e.g., works/equipment versus hire/rental

Taste of Oranmore/Clarinbridge



Inishbofin Arts Festival



Connemara Mountain Walking Festival



Ballinasloe Something for Everyone Weekend



Community Development Support Scheme

Community Amenities – max €3,000

- To enhance outdoor community amenities and green spaces.
- Freely available - playgrounds, parks, community gardens, community walkways, etc.
- NB: accessibility - contact me to do Walkability Audit (087 1044 820)

Tidy Towns Activities in Public Spaces – max €3,000

- Equipment/Works/Projects by Groups entering the National Competition
- Issues raised in Judging Reports, issues identified locally, Plans, Maps
- Priority for sustainable improvements, e.g., Plans to underline planting

Local Enhancement Programme 2025 – LCDC - €213,601 (meeting spaces, equipment)

Planting at Clifden Car Park



Street Planting in Ballygar



Outdoor Chess Table in Leenane Park



Polytunnel at Mountbellew Men's Shed



Cultural Development Support Scheme

Arts Act Grants – max €2,500

- Funding towards community arts activities and projects.
- Priority is promoting interest, knowledge, and practice of the arts – literature, theatre, visual arts, music, drama, film, community arts projects, etc.

Heritage Grants – max €1,500

- Funding towards heritage activities and projects
- Priority is promoting awareness, knowledge and practice in heritage activity – events, surveys, training, plans, workshops, recordings, etc

Irish Language Promotional Activities Grant – max €1,000

- Funding towards Irish Language events and projects
- Priority is projects increasing use, knowledge, positive attitude towards Irish language – events, workshops, classes, Seachtain na Gaeilge events



Portumna Arts Group – Take a walk in my shoes



Connemara Sea Week Project



Corrib Lacemakers Exhibition
Aras Eanna



Oughterard Courthouse Arts Programme
Group Exhibition

Online Application Process

- ❑ Name of your Group = your Supplier Set-Up Form / Bank Statement
- ❑ Recommend you use a generic e-mail for your Group
- ❑ Start your application early – can save in stages.
- ❑ Make sure you ‘submit’ and ‘validate’ before closing date

Submit compulsory documentation:

- Bank/Credit Union Statement
- Public Liability Insurance (community playgrounds – insert a note)
- 1 quotation for each expenditure item
- Other items required for a Support Scheme, e.g. Festival Programme

Please contact us as early as possible for telephone support or one-to-one assistance with the online system or other queries:

Economic Development:

tourism@galwaycoco.ie

Community Development:

communitysupportscheme@galwaycoco.ie

Arts Grants:

artsoffice@galwaycoco.ie

Heritage Grants:

heritage@galwaycoco.ie

Irish Language Grants: (not online)

gaeilge@cocogaillimh.ie

Key take-away points from today

- GOING LIVE EARLY DECEMBER
- START THE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST DAY/MINUTE!
- CLOSING DATE FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCHEMES = 24TH JANUARY 2025 AT 4 P.M.
- APPROVALS AT FEBRUARY PLENARY MEETING
- OFFERS TO SUCCESSFUL GROUPS
- FEEDBACK TO UNSUCCESSFUL GROUPS



THANK YOU!