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Introduction

Waterford City & County Council is committed to encouraging communities / residents and empowering communities to make a difference to their areas/communities. To support this, the Council is inviting applications to the 2018 Supporting Waterford Communities Fund.

The Supporting Communities Fund provides grant aid assistance to Community Groups, Residents Associations, Sports Clubs and other groups/committees who are engaged in community activity, providing community services or carrying out improvement works at local or county level.

The emphasis of the scheme is on providing a diverse range of funding to enable Waterford's proud tradition of Community to strengthen further encouraging as broad a range of community activity and local services as possible.

There are 3 different funding-lines within the Fund:

Residents Association Fund:

This strand provides grant aid assistance to Residents Associations, groups or committees who are engaged in community activity or carrying out improvement works within their own estates/neighbourhoods/areas.

- This fund provides assistance to residents associations to contribute towards the improvement of Housing Estates and streets/villages with special emphasis on the following:
- Provision and maintenance of green areas
- Contribution towards insurance costs, room hire and ongoing operational costs of residents association activity
- Provision of flower beds, shrubs, trees etc.
- Organised Community Clean-ups or Fun days/Sports Days etc.
- Improvement projects to areas of historical/cultural nature

The above list is not exhaustive and works other than those specified may qualify for grant assistance.

Community Activity Fund

The Community Activity Fund is specifically established to assist communities or a combination of communities to work together towards developing a local plan for their own area(s). The fund will enable communities to organise themselves and establish sustainable structures that will enable communities to identify and meet their own needs – “helping them to help themselves”. The Fund can also be used for up-grade or replacement of equipment.

Funds are made available for:

- Activities and/or events which promote innovative communication to improve community engagement and encourage participation towards establishing a localised development plan for the area.
- Activities and/or events that bring different areas or communities together to help plan the future of such communities.
- ICT/Office equipment
- Landscaping/Gardening equipment
- Furnishing upgrades
- Tools/utensils
- Repairs etc.
- Room hire / Transport costs / Insurance
- Community events/productions

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. It has been prepared to give a flavour of the kind of things that the fund will support.

Sport & Recreation Fund:

Sport & Recreation Strand provides grant aid assistance to Sports Clubs and Recreational Organisations who are engaged in community activity, providing sports opportunities across all ages and abilities. It has been created to assist Sports Clubs to provide or improve on the range of Sport and Leisure opportunities to Waterford's Communities.

Funds are made available for:

- The purchase of sports equipment that will have a positive impact on the level or quality of sports participation within the club e.g. bibs, balls, cones, fitness equipment, etc.
- Room hire
- Transport costs
- Insurance
- Sports Specific Coach Education
- Accredited courses run by the Irish Sports Council (ISC), Coaching Ireland or National Governing Body of Sport
- Referee, umpire or official accreditation

Please note that this list is not exhaustive. It has been prepared to give a flavour of the kind of things that the fund will support.

General Information

- Projects are encouraged to access other sources of match funding as part of the project total budget
- Applicants can only apply/qualify for funding **under one** Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018 Strand
- Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018 allocations will be distributed as equitably as possible across the Metropolitan, Comeragh and Dungarvan / Lismore areas of Waterford.
- Preference will be given to those organisations that have not received any support from Waterford City Council or Waterford County Council grant schemes previously
- Groups/Organisations are encouraged to register with the Waterford Public Participation Network (PPN)
- All successful Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018 applicants on completion of their project **must submit copies of invoices and receipts.**

Who can apply

The Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018 is open to all community groups / voluntary groups / Residents Associations / Sports Clubs that meet the following criteria:

Criteria and Eligibility

- Applying Groups/committees/organisations must be formally constituted i.e. hold an A.G.M. and have regular meetings - Copy of minutes of recent committee meeting **must be** submitted with application.
- Applicants **must provide** evidence of relevant policies/safeguards if the funding will be used in relation to children, young people or vulnerable adults
- Applicants of the Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018 should be based in Waterford and beneficiaries of the Fund should be living within Waterford.
- Where required, an up to date quotation for goods/services will need to be submitted with the application.
- Applications from 'not for profit' clubs or organisations that are open to public membership are eligible for the Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018
- For profit groups, commercial organisations and private facility owners are ineligible to apply for the Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018
- Group/organisations receiving an allocation must have a bank/credit union account in the same name as the group/organisation
- Applying Sports Clubs must provide evidence of their affiliation to an ISC recognised National Governing Body of Sport
- Please note that incomplete applications shall be deemed invalid.

How to apply

All applicants must complete a Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018 application form which can be downloaded from the Waterford Council's website

www.waterfordcouncil.ie

Alternatively you can collect an application pack at Waterford City & County Council Customer Service points in Waterford City at Baileys New St. or at the Civic offices, Davitt's Quay, Dungarvan or alternatively you can email waterfordcommunitiesfund@waterfordcouncil.ie to have an application pack sent out to you.

Once completed please submit your application with required documents attached by email to

waterfordcommunitiesfund@waterfordcouncil.ie or in hard copy to:

Colette O' Brien,
Supporting Waterford Communities Fund 2018,
Waterford City & County Council,
Bailey New Street,
Waterford.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL SECTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
AND THE DECLARATION ON PAGE 6 IS SIGNED.**

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 28th February 2018

No applications will be accepted after this date