



Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022

Information & Guidelines

CREATIVE IRELAND FUNDING

Creative Ireland is a culture-based programme designed to promote individual, community and national wellbeing. The core proposition is that participation in cultural activity drives personal and collective creativity, with significant implications for individual and societal wellbeing and achievement. Its vision is:

‘That every person living in Ireland will have the opportunity to fully realise his or her creative potential’

Waterford, like all Local Authorities under Creative Ireland, has been tasked with implementing Pillar Two of the Five Pillars of the National Creative Ireland Programme.

Pillar 2: Creative Communities - Enabling Creativity in Every Community

Under the Creative Ireland Programme applications are now being sought for projects and initiatives which will take place in 2022.

Cross-sectoral, collaborative creative projects of a community origin/focus will be given priority. To be successful, applications must show how communities are being actively encouraged to be more creative.

The maximum grant available to an individual project in this round of funding is €8,000. Grant applications for lesser amounts are also welcomed. Up to 75% of the approved project cost will be supported by the Creative Ireland Waterford Programme with 25% being met by the successful applicants.

Applications are open to community and voluntary groups, organisations, venues, artists, writers, performers, archaeologists, historians, architects, archivists, schools, colleges, and individuals who have something to contribute to creativity and culture within Waterford.

The objective is to relate your project to the Creative Ireland Waterford Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 and to one or more of the Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 Key Themes. (Waterford’s Strategy and Creative Communities Toolkit are available at <http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/culture-heritage/creativeireland.htm>)



The Key Themes for Creative Ireland Waterford’s Open Call 2022 are:

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Community
- Participation
- Inclusivity
- Empowerment
- Innovation

We now invite you to see yourselves as co-creators of your own cultural and creative experiences and to mobilise communities of interest. We encourage **new**, ambitious, and meaningful collaborations between people and communities, artists / archaeologists / historians / archivists and everyone else involved in the culture and creative sectors within Waterford.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply you must complete and submit the Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 Application Form. The deadline for submissions is 4pm on 28/02/2022.

It is anticipated that successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing by end March 2022.

Criteria for funding

- Your application will be judged under the following criteria. Ensure all fields are completed.
- Evidence of how this planned project links to one or more of the Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 Key Themes (30 marks)
- Quality, ambition and evidence of collaboration within the planned project (20 marks)
- Outline of who the ‘audience is’ and who will participate (10 marks)
- Outline of the sustainability and legacy of the project over time (15 marks)
- Capacity/ability and evidence of the applicant to undertake and realise the project (10 marks)
- Quality and feasibility of the proposed budget submitted (15 marks)

Examples of potential projects could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Projects that enhance the sustainability of those who work in the culture and creativity sectors.
- Projects that encourage people to explore their own creativity, particularly young people.
- One-off projects or events in performing or visual arts, literature, culture or heritage.
- Work that can be piloted through Creative Ireland funding and built on over time.
- Projects that explore culture and heritage in creative and innovative ways.



- Workshops, talks or lectures in performing or visual arts, literature, culture or heritage.
- Commissions for new creative work that can be showcased in Waterford.
- Research projects that add to the knowledge base about creativity in Waterford & the Southeast.

Eligibility criteria for applicants

- This Open Call is geared primarily towards not-for-profit groups/organisations to undertake innovative programmes, events and initiatives that use culture and creativity as the means to create positive community impacts. The projects must be collaborative and aim to foster creative communities with active participation by people. We encourage partnership between creative and community organisations & groups who seek to develop long term programmes.
- We encourage **new or developing** ambitious and meaningful collaborations between people and communities and artists/archaeologists/historians/archivists and everyone else involved in the culture and creative sectors within Waterford.
- To be eligible for funding, the project must be based in Waterford.
- All projects funded by and associated with Creative Ireland (Waterford) must comply with Government Covid 19 restrictions.
- The project must take place in the calendar year in which the money is granted.
- Funding will not be allocated to cover general administrative costs.
- Funding assistance shall not be given in respect of commercial activities.
- Eligible applicants will have fully read, understood and complied with the online Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 Information Sheet provided by the Waterford City & County Council website.
- If artists / creative professionals are engaged in the project, evidence must be shown in the budget of the proposed fees.
- There is no guarantee of funding for projects/events that nonetheless may have achieved the minimum eligibility criteria.
- The fund is limited and eligible applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis.
- Geographical representation within Waterford and distribution of funds will play a part in the overall awarding of grants.
- Please note if you intend to work with children and young people you must show evidence of your child protection policy or the child protection policy of your partner organisation (Evidence will be sought if applicant is successful).
- The Waterford City & County Council (WCCC) will require all applicants working with children, young and or vulnerable people, to be Garda vetted.
- Groups/organisations/self-employed individuals/artists must be tax compliant, have appropriate insurances in place and meet all Health & Safety requirements.
- The value of this grant is up to €8,000 per project, inclusive of all costs including any fees, transport, expenses, materials, insurance, services required and any VAT that falls due on costs.



- It is the responsibility of the grantee to ensure that all permissions, approvals, licences or consents needed for your project are secured.
- Waterford City & County Council and Creative Ireland logos should appear on all printed material and be acknowledged on event websites and social media.
- Successful Candidates who find it necessary to re-schedule their project/activity to another date within the approved timeframe or who need to change their planned project in any manner should contact the Creative Waterford immediately with this proposal. Successful Candidates who are unable to reschedule within the approved timeframe will not be entitled to draw down the funding.
- Recipients of Creative Waterford funding must produce relevant receipts for the grant to be drawn down.
- Successful candidates are required to provide a short progress report / update to Creative Ireland Waterford Team on or before 31st Oct 2022.

Items and expenses excluded from the Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 funding:

- Spend on alcoholic beverages, accommodation costs, fines, penalty payments, legal costs, audit fees, financial consultancy fees and wages and salaries of consultants.
- Any proposal where it is determined that the main beneficiary would be a private entity.
- Projects that do not relate to Waterford's Culture and/or the Creative Ireland Programme
- Capital costs are not eligible for funding under this grant, including electronics, building costs etc. If in doubt contact creativewaterford@waterfordcouncil.ie

Please note: an independent External Panel will be appointed to assess all applications.

Creative Ireland Waterford – Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022

<http://www.waterfordcouncil.ie/departments/culture-heritage/creativeireland.htm>

Vision:

‘Create a cultural and creative ecosystem in Waterford which builds on existing core strengths, increases cultural competency across the county to develop and deliver programmes reflective of community needs, and provides opportunities for access, participation and engagement in culture and creativity for all citizens.’

We ask you to directly link your idea/proposal/initiative to one (or more) of the Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 Key Themes, which are outlined below.



Creative Ireland Waterford Open Call 2022 Key Themes:

Theme 1: Collaboration

Objective: Play a leadership role, with partners, to support a collaborative environment that provides opportunities for shared resourcing to promote culture and creativity.

Theme 2: Communication

Objective: Develops awareness of culture and creativity. Has the potential to reach and engage with the target audience and other audiences.

Theme 3: Community

Objective: Supports culture and creativity across all communities, such as artistic and cultural players, Irish language communities, children, young people and new communities. Provides evidence of community development in the areas of culture and creativity and adherence to the values of equality, diversity and access for all.

Theme 4: Participation

Objective: Provides greater opportunities for participation in cultural activities, either locally or at county level for people.

Theme 5: Inclusivity

Objective: Demonstrates the value of inclusivity and has inclusion as a key element in the aims of the project.

Theme 6: Empowerment

Objective: Seeks to empower local communities to enhance their way of life through cultural expression and participation in cultural activities.

Theme 7: Innovation

Objective: Utilises new methods for expressing creativity and culture, e.g. through animation, use of digital technology, new ways of reaching audiences particular “hard to reach” audience.

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If you require further information, you can contact creativewaterford@waterfordcouncil.ie