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Galway City Council

Community Climate Action Fund

Application support





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Strand 1: Building low carbon communities

Galway City- **€446,000**



CCAF Explained:



- **€446,000 available**
- **100% project funding**
- **For direct climate action/Capital projects**
- **Project must be completed in 18 months from letter of offer**
- **Supported by your Community Climate Action Officer and Galway City Council**

Project Scale

Project Value

Small Scale Projects

**Up to €20,000
(10%)**

Medium Scale Projects

**€21,000 to €50,000
(40%)**

Large Scale Projects

**€51,000 to €100,000
(50%)**

Who can apply?

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Located in operational area of Galway City council
- Registered with PPN –Galway City Community Network
or
connected with other collectives e.g. The Wheel, Tidy Towns
and /or a community group - Articles of Association or a
Constitution - hold an AGM, approved minutes available

NOT eligible:

- Private individuals
- Commercial undertakings (including sole traders)
- Schools
- *National* community or environmental organisations





Project aims

- **Reduce, or support the reduction of , greenhouse gas emissions**
- **Increase the productions of, or use, of renewable energy**
- **Improve energy efficiency**
- **Increase climate resilience**
- **Identify nature-based projects that enhance biodiversity and seek to reduce, or increase the removal of, green house gas emissions or support climate resilience**
- **Assist regions within the sectors of the economy impacted by the transition to a low carbon economy**
- **Involve potentially innovative solutions to address the above tasks**



Theme 1

Community/energy

These projects aim to reduce the climate impact of buildings in communities by using less energy, utilising renewable energy and avoiding heat loss.

This can include

- Small community renewable energy projects (solar, hydro, wind)
- Retrofitting community buildings
- LED community lighting
- Community EV charging point(s)



Theme 2: Travel

Projects which contribute to emissions reductions related to travel

- This can include
 - Improving access to cycle ways
 - Cycle parking
 - EV Charging points
 - Cargo Bikes



Theme 3: Food and Waste

Projects that reduce food waste

This can include:

- Developing community gardens to promote local food production
- Allotments
- Food pledges from local businesses
- Food markets
- Community composting facilities



Theme 4: Shopping and Recycling

Projects of interest under this theme would:

Increase the variety and number of recycling facilities in the local community ---and initiatives aimed at reducing, reusing and recycling

We are interested in projects that

- Increase the variety and number of recycling facilities in the local community
- Initiatives aimed at reducing waste
- Community repair hubs
- Swap shops
- Water filling stations or single use plastics elimination in communities



Theme 5: Local Climate & Environmental Action

We are interested in projects that take a holistic approach to managing the local environment, including in relation to climate action

This can include for example

- Mini forests
- Dispersed Orchards
- Ponds
- Community gardens
- Roof gardens
- Pollinator projects
- Climate resilience projects



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Example: Community group building and grounds



What is funded?

Eligible costs must be:

- Predominantly capital
- For the sole purpose of implementing the project and necessary for delivery
- Verifiable and reasonable
- No duplicate public funding but can have match funding as long as the CCAP funding component can stand on its own merits and be independent of the other funding.
- Must comply with State Aid requirements



VAT can be included
with costs if your
group cannot
reclaim their VAT

What is not funded?

- Projects that solely benefit an individual
- Teaching/staffing
- Travel and transport costs except in exceptional circumstances
- Equipment, unless directly associated with the project
- Income generating projects
- Overheads, ongoing running costs
- Insurance
- Accommodation and subsistence
- Redundancy costs
- Penalties/Interest/Bank Interest/Charges
- Loan repayments
- Retrospective costs i.e. expenditure which has taken place prior to approval date of the project
- Costs for which more appropriate funding opportunities already exist are ineligible, where it is clear that Community Climate Action Programme funding is a substitute for other public funding which is currently available
- Notional costs e.g. the room hire within the applicant's own premises
- Legal Fees

This list is not exhaustive.

How will projects be evaluated, selected and approved?

1. Evaluation by LA:

Need to achieve at least 50% and the minimum requirements against the evaluation criteria

2. Selection by LA:

Final selection of projects taking account of:

- the geographical distribution of projects
- the desirability to fund a variety of different projects and across multiple themes
- the contribution of the projects to the climate action objectives of GCC

3. Approval by DECC:

Decision made by Minister of the Climate, Energy and Environment (8-12 weeks)

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Relevance and impact	30%
Innovation and scalability	20%
Value for money	20%
Achievability	10%
Partnership Approach	10%
Governance arrangements	10%
	100%

Application process:

Checklist - what you will need in advance of applying for the CCAF:

Groups should request up to 3 quotes from suppliers for each of the components of their projects

- Supporting documentation which set out the governance arrangements for your organisation such as terms of reference, constitution, AGM minutes etc
- Charitable Status Number, PPN Registration Number, Tax Reference Number and Tax Clearance Access Number (if applicable), INSURANCE
- Optional supporting documents in support of your application: Energy Audit, Environmental Study, Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)at Screening, Community Survey, Conservation Plan, Energy Master Plan, Green Club GAA, Biodiversity Action plan, Feasibility Study.



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Next Steps:

- Applications open *17 October 2025*
Close *12 December 2025*
- Project start date- *April 2026 TBC*
- 18 months to complete project
- Further information: climate@galwaycity.ie

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