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Local Enhancement Programme 2026

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Group/organisation name	
Date Received	
Reference Number	
LCDC recommendation	

All applications must be completed online at <https://submit.link/4y5>

By closing date: 27 February 2026

Closing date will be strictly adhered to.

Please read and make yourself familiar with the Application Guidelines for the 'Local Enhancement Programme 2026' before completing this form.

All questions on this form must be answered.

Please write your answers clearly in block letters.

Section 1 –Organisation Details

Name of Group / Organisation	
Address	
Eircode	
Website	
Year Group/Organisation was established	
Group/Organisation Charitable Status Number (if applicable)	
Group/Organisation Tax Reference Number (if applicable)	
Group/Organisation Tax Clearance Access Number (if applicable)	

Contact name	
Role in Group/Organisation	
Telephone number	
E-mail address	

Alternative Contact name	
Role in Group/Organisation	
Alternative Telephone number	
Alternative E-mail address	

<p>Has your Organisation / Group registered with the relevant local Public Participation Network (PPN)?</p> <p><i>Please consider registering with the relevant PPN if you have not already done so.</i></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>What is the purpose of the group /organisation</p>

<p>Please provide a brief organisational description of your group / organisation e.g. committee structure, meeting schedule, and if applicable, registration with Company Registration Office, the Charities Regulator etc.</p>

<p>Is your group/organisation affiliated or connected to any local, regional or national organisation?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>If you answered Yes to the above question, then please enter the name of organisation(s) below.</p>

How does your organisation link in with other organisations in your area?

Section 2 – Project Details

Project Category	
<i>Note: Please tick the box(es) that describe what the funding will be used for. Tick multiple boxes if appropriate</i>	
Accessibility improvements <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audio equipment e.g. speakers, microphone <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community centre maintenance/refurbishment <input type="checkbox"/>	Maintenance of building/premises (painting and minor repairs) <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintenance of building/premises (refurbishment) <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety equipment <input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture <input type="checkbox"/>	Training equipment <input type="checkbox"/>
Gardening equipment e.g. lawnmowers, power washer, gardening tools <input type="checkbox"/>	Video equipment e.g. television, screen, projector <input type="checkbox"/>
General equipment <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ICT equipment e.g. laptop, PC, printer <input type="checkbox"/>	Works to increase biodiversity or to reduce the carbon footprint of a facility <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Provide details below) <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Costs Details	Number of units	Item cost per unit	Total Cost
1	(Please enter only one type of item on each line)			
2				
3				

4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
Total Cost				

What is the purpose of the grant?

(Provide a brief description of the equipment or project that will be supported by the funding using a maximum of 10 words)

- **What equipment purchasing**
- **What work will be carried out if successful**

If you wish to provide a business case/statement of need to support the application, please use a maximum of 50 words.

If this is for a project involving works, when will your project begin?

If this is for a project involving works, when will your project be completed?

Section 3 – Funding

Amount of funding being applied for under the LEP	€
Is the amount being applied for €1,000 or less?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is amount being applied for a partial or total project cost?	Partial <input type="checkbox"/>
	Total <input type="checkbox"/>
If partial, please provide the estimated total project cost	€

Please include supporting documentation outlined below for your project. The Local Authority may also request specific documentation to support the application e.g. Bank statement to confirm available funds.

You may wish to request that community groups submit documentation to show compliance with the procurement requirements outlined on Page 28 of the [Public Procurement Guidelines](#). Please feel free to change/delete the text in this section as required.

Contracts less than €5,000 can be awarded on the basis of verbal or written quotes from one or more competitive supplier.

Important note: Please contact the [insert LA email address and/or phone number] for information on the required supporting documentation.

To be eligible for funding under this programme you must state where you will source any shortfall of funding. Please provide these details below.

Source	Amount

Please state how your group proposes to publicly acknowledge the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

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The LCDC will check to ensure that this application works towards addressing priorities within its Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which you can access on your Local Authority's website. **If your application is for an amount greater than €1,000**, please complete the below table to state which key priority area(s) in the LECP this grant application relates to and the estimated number of people to benefit.

If your application is for a small scale capital grant of €1,000 or less, then you may wish to complete the below table, but you are not required to do so.

Key priority area of LECP	Number of beneficiaries

Successful applications for funding under this programme will only be paid to the applicant organisation's Bank Account.

Have you received funding under any capital/current grants schemes from 2018 to current date e.g. grants from Government Departments, Local Authority or LEADER?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered Yes to the above question then please provide details of the funding below.

Name of scheme	Funding organisation	Works / Purchases Funded	Amount received	Date received

If any of the above funding was paid through the Local Authority, have you submitted your Bank Account Details previously?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you receive funding from any other organisation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered Yes to the above question, then please provide details below:

Funding organisation	Purpose of Funding	Amount received	Date received

Section 3 – Declaration

- I declare that the information given on this form is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I confirm I have read and fully understand the Terms and Conditions of the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 (see Appendix 1 of this form).
- I confirm that I have read the Application Guidelines for the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 prior to completing this form.
- I confirm that this grant application is submitted in acceptance of and compliance with the Terms and Conditions.
- I confirm that the applicant group/organisation does not have the funding to undertake the work/project without this grant aid or alternatively that the grant will facilitate a larger project which the applicant group/organisation would otherwise be unable to afford.
- I confirm that the applicant group/organisation is tax compliant (if tax registered).

Name in block capitals (on behalf of group / organisation)	
Signature	
Position held in group / organisation (block capitals) (Must be either Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer)	
Date	

Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht
Local Enhancement Programme 2026

The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht (“the Department”) funds the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) which provides funding to support community groups across Ireland.

The Local Enhancement Programme 2026 will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, with funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, and to purchase equipment for example tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc. Facilities improvement works may also include, but are not limited to; improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and; improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all. It is administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area.

Applications should relate to one or more key priority areas identified in their LCDC’s Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) in order to be eligible for consideration.

Terms and Conditions

- The Local Enhancement Programme will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities and purchase equipment.
- The activity or project must benefit the local community and relate to the key priority areas identified in the LECP.
- The information supplied by the applicant group /organisation must be accurate and complete.
- Inaccurate or incomplete information may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
- All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. The Department reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
- The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department and Local Authorities, including applications received and any additional correspondence related to the application.

- The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the application.
- It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place, including appropriate insurance, where relevant.
- Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to the LCDC, the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, the relevant local authority or any agent acting on their behalf if requested.
- Grant monies must be expended and drawn down from the LCDC by 31st December 2026. Photographic evidence may be required to facilitate draw down of grants.
- The Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant, including signage.
- Generally, no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
- Late applications will not be considered.
- Applications by post should use the correct value of postage stamps and allow sufficient time to ensure delivery not later than the closing date of 27 February 2026. Claims that any application form has been lost or delayed in the post will not be considered, unless applicants have a Post Office Certificate of Posting in support of such claims.
- Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
- Please ensure the application form is completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- In order to process your application, it may be necessary for Galway City Council to collect personal data from you. Such information will be processed in line with the Local Authority's privacy statement which is available to view on www.galwaycity.ie/privacy-policy