

Community Climate Innovation Fund

Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District

Funding

A fund of €25,000 is available for projects that benefit the Celbridge and Leixlip Municipal District. There is no fixed limit set per application for this fund. However, applicants should consider scoping their project to allow for multiple high impact projects to be supported. All initiatives should be delivered within one year of the funding being allocated or sooner.

The fund aims to bring together the assets and skills of communities towards the common aim of working together to recover a natural and healthy local environment, reduce emissions and strengthen our ability to adapt as a community.

Projects should aim to work for impact that can be scaled up across the County and engage communities. For this reason, projects that wish to avail of this fund should aim to be:

- **Scalable** - the benefits and activities can spread or be easily replicated
- **Expect impact** - the project aims for a positive impact on the environment/climate
- **Aim for mobilising communities and young people around the project's aims**
- **Show collaborations and their role in the project** - aims to connect with other organisations and individuals to bring new knowledge, ideas, geographic reach to the team and community
- **Engage and communicate about the project and its progress to the community** - actively engage people and raise awareness through different channels and methods (arts, social media, libraries, radio, video, tv, community meetings etc)

Projects should also aim, where possible and relevant, towards bringing communities, policy-makers and specialists together to maximise project and policy impact.

Examples of potential initiatives and trials that can be supported may include but are not limited to:

- Creating new data and insights on our local environment
- Initiatives that ease the pressure on the our environment, in terms of pollution reduction, pollinator support and environmental recovery
- Education and research
- Innovative communication and engagement activities including through the arts
- Initiatives that promote trials of concepts around sustainability in the fields of food production, waste management, transport, agriculture and energy among others in a way that can be scaled

Guidelines

New organisations are encouraged to set up. A report should be submitted at the end of the funding period outlining what was achieved, lessons learned etc. Projects can be the basis of new businesses, charitable/not-for-profit bodies or social enterprises.

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Applications

To make application for a grant the following must be submitted in accordance with Council requirements which will be set out in due course. These requirements are likely to be similar to those established for the Community Grant Scheme. We expect that applications for this fund will be open at around the end of April.