

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

All responses in relation to applications for grants/schemes provided by the Business Support Unit will be treated in confidence. No information contained therein will be communicated to any third party without the written permission of the Grantee except insofar as is specifically required for the consideration and evaluation of the response or as may be required under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

Grantees are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in their application should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. Any blanket or all-encompassing request for exemption from disclosure is not acceptable; Grantees must identify explicitly any such information and give relevant reasons for considering it to be economically sensitive or confidential in nature. If this is the case, Grantees should specify the information that is sensitive and the reasons for its sensitivity.

Please note that your application will be a record of Laois County Council and as such may be liable to release to any member of the public under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The Act, however, provides that such a record may be exempt from disclosure/access.

Laois County Council accepts no liability in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released, or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such disclosure.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Laois County Council will obtain and process personal data in accordance with the fulfilment of its functions and its legal obligations. Laois County Council will only use and disclose personal data in ways, that are necessary for the Purpose(s) for which it is collected. Laois County Council is committed to protecting the privacy of personal data. The Council will, at all times comply with, the Data Protection Legislation(s) i.e. The Data Protection Acts of 1988 – 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation”.

The Council's privacy statement is available on the laois.ie homepage.