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**Laois County Council | Creative Ireland  
Equipment Grant Scheme**

**Call for applications 2021**

**1.Introduction**

Laois County Council | Creative Ireland are awarding a total of five **Equipment** grants to creative and cultural individuals & groups. The grant can be used only for the purchase of equipment that contributes to creative and cultural activities within Laois.

**2.Equipment Grants**

A maximum grant of €1000 only will be awarded to an individual or group:

* Four awards will be awarded to creative and cultural professionals resident in Laois and contributing to creative and cultural activities within Laois.
* One award will be awarded to creative and cultural non professionals resident in Laois

and contributing to creative and cultural activities within Laois.

**3.Who can Apply**

Individuals & groups contributing to creative and cultural activities within the county.

**4. Finance**

The amount awarded will be based on the quality of application and the extent to which your proposal fits with the aims of the Cultural & Creative Strategy 2018-2022. https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/laois

* All individuals/groups awarded must have a valid PPS number/Tax Reference Number, a Bank / Credit Union account in the name of the individual / group, and an email contact.
* A digital quotation must be included with your application and the grant awarded will be based on this quotation only.

**5. Timetable**

* The closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm Monday 19th July 2021.

Successful applicants will be notified before the end of July.

* Digital Receipt(s) and image(s) of equipment purchased to be submitted to [alawlor@creativelaois.ie](mailto:alawlor@creativelaois.ie) by Monday 4th October 2021.

**6. Selection Process**

* The selection panel will include representatives of the Laois Culture & Creativity Team. For details see <https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/laois>
* Applications for purchase of second-hand equipment are not allowed under this grant scheme
* We reserve the right not to proceed with any application under this grant scheme and consider other appropriate courses of action.
* The decision of the selection panel is final.

**7. Assessment Criteria**

This is a competitive process and your application will be assessed using the following criteria:

* Demonstration of your current creative and cultural activities and description of your proposed use of ‘new’ equipment. (100 marks)
* Demonstration of the value this grant will have on the contribution to creative and cultural activities within Laois. (100 marks)
* Quality of the application, on a standalone basis, with reference to other competing applicants and in relation to the grant scheme brief. (100 marks)
* Feasibility of the application and track record of the individual or group. (100 marks)

**8. How to Apply**

Applications should be submitted on the below **Application Form** and by email only

to alawlor@creativelaois.ie

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that emails are received. Do not assume it has arrived until you have a confirmation email.

Subject Line: Laois County Council | Creative Ireland Equipment Grant Scheme

(Max size per email 2MB)

For further enquires please email  [alawlor@creativelaois.ie](mailto:creativeculture@offalycoco.ie) .

**9.Background Information**

**Creative Ireland** is the Government’s Legacy Programme for Ireland 2016. The Laois County Council 2018-22 five-year Culture and Creativity Plan can be viewed on https://www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/creative-communities/laois

The Creative Ireland Programme has collaboration at its heart – between central and local government; between heritage, arts, culture and industry; between artists, communities and policy makers– to facilitate a culture of creativity.

The Equipment Grant Scheme drawing together cultural and creative operators/practitioners /organisations fits with *Pillar Two of Creative Ireland, Enabling Creativity in* *Every Community*. See http://creative.ireland.ie.

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**Laois County Council | Creative Ireland  
Equipment Grant Scheme Form**

Closing date for receipt of submissions is **4pm on Monday 19th July, 2021**

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| **Name:** | |
| **Group Name (if applicable):** | |
| **Mob No:** | **Email:** |
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| Provide details of how you or your group contribute to creative and cultural activities within Laois ***(200 words max)*** | |
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| How do you propose to use the funding – details of the equipment you are proposing to purchase and why ***(200 words max)*** | |
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| How will the equipment purchase benefit creative and cultural activities within Laois?  **(*200 words max*)** | |
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| **Total Amount Requested: €**  **Attach a digital quotation as a JPEG when submitting this Application Form.** | |
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**IF YOU APPLY FOR THIS GRANT SCHEME, YOU ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL | CREATIVE IRELAND ‘MADE IN LAOIS’ (CO-CREATE) GRANT SCHEME AT** [**https://laois.ie/creative-ireland-grants-2021/**](https://laois.ie/creative-ireland-grants-2021/)