



Clár Éire Ildánach  
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## **Laois County Council | Creative Ireland Short Film Bursary Award 2023**

### **1. Introduction**

This award is funded by Laois County Council and Creative Ireland and aims to foster talent, creativity and activity in filmmaking in County Laois. A grant of €10,000 will be awarded to a filmmaker towards the cost of production of a short drama or documentary film of 10-12 mins duration to be shot in Laois in 2023.

### **2. Who can Apply**

We are seeking proposals and applications from film makers who have a script that has been developed, seen by a Director and has had input from a Producer.

The award is in the form of a grant and is set at €10,000 towards the cost of the production.

We are looking for original, entertaining stories by talented filmmakers who, if selected, must set and shoot their project in County Laois.

Laois Arts Office in conjunction with Laois County Council, will offer location support and guidance as requested, especially in relation to accessing locations and local resources.

### **3. Time Schedule**

The closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm on Friday, January 13, 2023

### **4. Assessment Criteria**

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

- Quality of the script and application, on a standalone basis, with reference to other competing applicants and in relation to the bursary brief (200 marks)
- Demonstration of filmmaking activities and experience (100 marks)
- Demonstration of the value this bursary will have on filming in Laois and contribution to filmmaking activities in Laois (50 marks)
- Feasibility of the application and track record of the individual or company (50 marks)

## **5. Selection Process**

This is a two stage open competition opportunity.

Stage One: Shortlisting from Applications received

Stage Two: Interviews will take place either in person or online on date TBC

## **6. How to Apply**

Applications should be submitted on the bursary **Application Form** and by email only to [artsoff@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:artsoff@laoiscoco.ie).

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

Subject Line: Laois County Council | Creative Ireland Short Film Bursary Award 2023  
For further enquires please email [alawlor@creativelaois.ie](mailto:alawlor@creativelaois.ie)

## **7. What We Require:**

- A copy of the full script (without the writers name)
- A fully completed Application Form to include the following:
  - A synopsis of the project (500 words max.) including a general plot outline
  - A project plan in terms of general shoot requirements
  - Insights with regard to the script from the Director and the Producer
  - A Financial Projection including all costs including the potential bursary award
  - A Revenue Access Number from the Irish Revenue Commissioners
  - A list of url links to previous work and your role in these projects
  - Confirmation that you have full legal access to the script you are submitting

**DO NOT SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS IT WILL NOT BE REVIEWED AS PART OF THE SHORTLISTING PROCESS**

## **8. Bursary Award Guidelines & Conditions**

1. High quality propositions are encouraged from filmmakers who have developed a capacity in filmmaking.
2. One of the core creative team (Writer/Director/Producer) must be from or living in Laois. (Proof of personal address will be required from shortlisted applicants).

3. Applicants must have a short drama script or documentary treatment, of 10-12 minutes in duration with a keen interest to shoot in Laois. The guide on film length and duration is 10-12 minutes. Film suggestions longer than 15 minutes are not eligible to apply.

4. Applicants must have full legal rights to the material they are submitting.

5. Applications must show seriousness in terms of intent and ambition for the award. Applications need to include a 500 word synopsis of the project, including a general plot outline, a full script, a project plan in terms of general shoot requirements, as well as insights from a director and a producer.

5.1 Applications need to display a familiarity with locations in Laois for filming.

6. A maximum of two applications per person/organisation or legal entity will be accepted. A separate application must be submitted for each application.

7. Opportunities to have the film screened in Laois will be generated.

8. Laois County Council as the local statutory body of the State cannot undertake to support a proposition that would be in conflict with its mandate as a local authority.

9. Short Dramas that need significant additional finance, have been part-shot or have been shot entirely are not eligible to apply.

10. The Bursary Grant is to a maximum of €10,000. If a balance of funds is required, then the source must be identified clearly and detailed in your proposal.

11. The shoot must take place in Laois. Applicants should be in a position to have the production completed including all post production by end of 2023.

12. If a production has not commenced within three months of Laois County Council announcing the successful applicant then Laois County Council retains the right to award the Bursary to number two on the panel.

13. All applicants must have an Irish Revenue Access Number from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland and must include this with their application.

14. Codes of Practice Observance; Child First Guidelines including appropriate Garda Vetting procedures, Health & Safety Regulations, Equal Opportunities policies and procedures must be in place and adhered to where relevant and in all cases.

15. Laois County Council and Creative Ireland must be acknowledged by the promoter/applicant on all websites and social media platforms, publicity, press and marketing material produced in connection with the Film and Film Bursary Award.

16. Laois County Council's and Creative Ireland's logo must be included in the final cut, in all associated printed material, on posters, flyers etc and on all websites. Copies of all

such material produced must be sent to Laois Arts Office / Creative Ireland Laois. Logos can be requested from Creative Ireland Laois.

17. Please note that Laois County Council reserves the right not to award the bursary if none of the applications received are deemed to be suitable.

In this instance Laois County Council reserves the right to pursue a different procurement process.

18. Eligibility and compliance with these guidelines and conditions does not guarantee receipt of an award.

19. Acceptance of these conditions and guidelines is implied by submission of an Application to the Film Bursary Award.

Freedom of Information: Laois County Council proposes that the following information relating to this bursary award application will be made available on request: the name of the successful applicant/s and the reason/s an applicant did not qualify for grant consideration.

Laois County Council undertakes to use its best endeavours to hold confidential, any information provided by applicants subject to its obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 1998 and 2003. Applicants are requested to consider if any of the information supplied should not be disclosed because of its sensitivity. If this is the case, candidates should, when providing the information, identify same and specify the reasons for its sensitivity. If such information is not identified as sensitive and Laois County Council upon consideration does not deem it sensitive, then such information is liable to be released in response to a Freedom of Information request without further consultation with the applicant. Laois County Council will consult with any candidates about sensitive information before making a decision on any Freedom of Information Act request received.

## **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 Short Film Bursary Award fits with *Pillar Two of Creative Ireland, Enabling Creativity in Every Community*. See <http://creative.ireland.ie>.