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**Community Recognition Fund 2024**

**Expression of Interest**

**Closing Date: Thursday 25th April 2024 at 4:00pm**

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| **Name of Group/Organisation** |  |
| **Contact Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Townlands**  (i.e.. Portlaoise, Stradbally, Abbeyleix etc) |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone No.** |  |
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| **Details of the requirement for funding**  Outline gaps in community facilities/infrastructure in your area  Notes:   * Only towns & villages that are hosting high levels of the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection or International Protection Applicants are eligible for this funding. * The minimum level of funding for an individual project is €50,000 with a max of €500,000 applying. * NOTE: for projects over €200,000 additional information must be provided giving further information on needs identified in the location, community engagement and the capacity of the group to progress the proposed project   **For projects over €200,00 please complete Business Case Template in addition to application form (see Appendix 4)** | |
| **Village/Town Name** | **Requirement for funding**  Detail any gaps in community facilities/infrastructure |
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| **Project Details**  All applications should include as much information as possible including details of any organisation or community group which you represent. Remember Only towns & villages that are hosting high levels of the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection or International Protection Applicants are eligible for this funding. The minimum level of funding for an individual project is €50,000 with a max of €500,000 applying. **For projects over €200,00 please complete Business Case Template in addition to application form (see Appendix 4)** | | | | |
| **Village/Town Name** | **Project Elements** | **Total Costs** | **Detail position re. the required consents/ permissions /ownership** | **Estimated Completion Date** |
|  | Please list all elements of the proposed project. |  | Appropriate assessment, planning, land ownership etc. if not in place please specify and specify the est. timeline | Min 50% of the allocation must be incurred 2025 with the project to be fully completed by 2026 |
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| **Outline of how the proposed project will deliver tangible benefits to the community:** |  |
| **Has any element of this proposal previously been approved under a Government Departments’ scheme:**  Is so please outline |  |

**Use of Data**

The information on this form will be used by Laois County Council for the purposes of processing the application. Further information may be sought by Laois County Council to clarify aspects of the project proposal. The form may be shared with other Government Departments for assessment purposes.

The Applicant and the Department are subject to the data protection and privacy laws of Ireland and the EU, in particular the Data Protection Act 2018 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679, known as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”). Any personal information which you provide as part of the application process will be obtained and processed in compliance with Data Protection legislation.

Laois County Council retains the right to disclose for the purposes of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 or otherwise, in connection with the funded project(s) –

1. any information supplied by the Applicant to the Department, and
2. any relevant data gathered by the Department in administering grant aid to the project, except where the information is considered to be personal or commercially sensitive.

**Declaration by Lead Applicant**

This declaration must be signed by an authorised person i.e. chairperson, secretary.

I confirm that I have read and understood this document and declare that the particulars supplied in this funding proposal are true and correct and that –

* The costings are accurate and reasonable.
* All necessary permissions are in place e.g. planning consent etc.
* All relevant ecological survey work (if applicable) has been undertaken or will be undertaken e.g. Appropriate Assessment screen.
* There is evidence of ownership (if applicable) or the consent of the landowner.
* The project will comply with Public Procurement Guidelines.
* The project conforms to the LECP and other local or regional plans.
* No funding has been allocated for the same works from any other sources.
* Only towns & villages that are hosting high levels of the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection or International Protection Applicants are eligible for this funding.
* All applications should include as much information as possible including details of any organisation or community group which you represent.
* **For projects over €200,000 please complete Business Case Template in addition to application form (see Appendix 4)**
* All submissions are subject to the Data Protection Act (as amended) and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (as amended) and the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (as amended).

Proof of the above is not required at the time of application but must be available to the Laois County Council, the Department or its agents on request.

I acknowledge the information regarding the use of data set out above and give consent to the Laois County Council for the sharing of all information, personal or otherwise, contained in this funding proposal and any attachments accompanying it, in accordance with the uses of the data and information provided above.

**Local Community Group \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Name in Block Capitals\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Position\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**