



Sligo County Council Grants Programme 2019 Information Pack



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Some Acronyms

SCC – Sligo County Council

PPN – Public Participation Network

LCDC – Local Community Development
Committee

LECP – Local Economic & Community Plan

Grants Programme Timeline 2019-20

GRANT TITLE	GRANT OPENS	GRANT CLOSSES	Key Contact
1. The Big Hello	14 March	29 March	Jmannon: 071 91 14428 jmannon@sligococo.ie
2. Community Enhancement Programme	27 March	30 May	Jude Mannion: 071 911 4428 jmannon@sligococo.ie
3. ALAG (Anti Litter Anti Graffiti Grant Scheme)	1 April	31 May	Lorraine Fitzgerald: 071 911 1463 enviro@sligococo.ie
4. LA21 (Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund Grant Scheme)	1 April	28 June	Lorraine Fitzgerald 071 911 1463 enviro@sligococo.ie
5. Healthy Ireland Fund	TBC	TBC	Jude Mannion: 071 911 4428 jmannon@sligococo.ie
6. Creative Ireland	Oct/Nov	Jan 2020	creativeireland@sligococo.ie
7. Conservation Grants for Built Environment	Oct/Nov 19	Jan 2020	Siobhan Ryan 071 91 4482 sryan@sligococo.ie
8. SCC Contribution to the Arts Scheme 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Rhona McGrath : 071 911 4466 rmcgrath@sligococo.ie
9. Regional Festival & Participative grants	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Anita Flynn : 071 911 4429 festivalgrants@sligococo.ie
10. Community & Voluntary Grants General Grants, Tidy Towns, Burial Grounds	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Maura Marren 071 911 4420/4424/4414 c&vgengrants@sligococo.ie
11. Estate Enhancement Social Housing Grant	Jan 2020	March 2020	Pamela Andison: 0719-9111809 ddunne@sligococo.ie

Introduction

Sligo County Council (SCC) recognises that in the administration of Community Grants and subsidies they are provided with a strategic opportunity to work in partnership with community groups, organisations and individuals to strengthen community capacity and to create a more liveable and inclusive county.

To avail of any grants administered through SCC, your group must be registered with the Sligo PPN (Public Participation Network). To register go to www.sligoppn.com or Tel: 071 - 9114430 for any queries in relation to registration

Goals

The Sligo Grants Programme aims to:

- Complement and support other initiatives which address Council's priorities in the Local Economic & Community Plan - LECP (<http://www.sligococo.ie/lcdc/LocalEconomicandCommunityPlan/>) and other key strategy documents, particularly at the community level.
- Promote social inclusion and community engagement by encouraging and supporting the valuable contribution and participation of the Sligo community.
- Improve the quality of life of the Sligo community and rural areas by supporting the provision of resources that enhance engagement and healthy living.
- Foster activities and engagement practises that increase participation, capacity building, and strengthen connections within the community.

Council Priorities

Sligo County Council is on the look out for projects that enhance diversity, enable community participation and decision making and contribute to the building of healthy, strong and inclusive communities. Projects should contribute to our LECP strategic themes that lay out a pathway for future development in the county. Projects will be evaluated according to how well they align with and enhance these Programme Priorities:

- Demonstrate alignment to priorities such as Healthy Sligo, Age Friendly Sligo, Migrant Integration, economic & tourism development and Environmental Awareness when submitting your application.

- Celebrating Sligo – promoting the uniqueness of our County
- Supporting programmes that create social connections and strengthen community networks.
- Building community capacity by harnessing the knowledge, expertise and spirit within our community.
- Access to services and programmes that support improvements to health and wellbeing for **all ages** and life stages.
- Exploring partnerships and innovative ways of delivering services.
- Supporting programmes and events that engage, honour and are inclusive of our diverse social and cultural communities.
- Evidence of implementing good practice in relation to social inclusion including age-friendly initiatives, universal design and inclusion of minority groups.
- Proposed events/activities must relate to an identified need¹ and bring direct benefit to priority areas/groups.

Principles

Projects and programmes supported through the Community Grants programme must demonstrate:

Inclusion & Accessibility: Be free from discrimination and enable active participation of all community members where appropriate.

Equality: Address disadvantage and offer equal opportunity to all by recognizing the individual needs of different community members.

Responsiveness: Consult with participants and service users to respond to community needs and liaise with Sligo PPN to identify community priorities

Efficiency & Effectiveness: Maximise use of community and Council resources to achieve project goals and avoid duplication and overlap

Accountability: Maintain transparent governance and reporting processes.

Sustainability: Model environmental, social and economic sustainable practice that can be shared among other groups.

Wellbeing : evidence clear pathways that will help participants and users enhance their quality of life

Basic Eligibility

¹ See sligoppn.com for more information on evidence of community need

While the specific criteria of the SCC grants differ, there are some basic criteria that all applicant groups must comply with before they even consider applying;

- ✓ Have a dedicated bank account in the name of the applicant group, not an individual
- ✓ Be in possession of a PPN Membership Number
- ✓ Be located within or offer projects within the county
- ✓ Be a Voluntary 'Not for Profit' community group, organisation or club serving a local need
- ✓ Have an official committee structure comprising at a minimum Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Key dates with regard to grant schemes can change on an annual basis, and this is likely in 2019. The dates provided in this document, unless confirmed for 2019, are based on 2018 dates and it is important for groups to check individual dates that apply to individual schemes.

Where we are not able to give community groups a definitive timeline, Sligo County Council, supported by Sligo PPN will commit to letting the community know as soon as dates are announced and will use a variety of traditional and social media platforms to try and ensure that the information reaches as many groups as possible.

Don't forget to keep checking the PPN website <http://www.sligoppn.com/funding/> which will regularly update grant information.

Grant Oversight : Local Economic Development Committee (LCDC)

The Sligo LCDC was established for the purposes of developing, coordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development. The committee is made up of representatives from the local government and local development sectors, public bodies and representatives of social, economic, environmental and community interests.

The formal establishment of the LCDC brings with it significant new responsibilities for local government in relation to the promotion of local and community interests. National policy envisages a central role for local government in the planning and oversight of local and community development programmes while maintaining a key role for local development entities in front line delivery.

The LCDC has prepared a six year local community plan (LECP: Local Economic & Community Plan) which includes measures to tackle poverty and disadvantage, support enterprise, employment and training, develop community infrastructure and the promotion of economic development. Specifically the LCDC is responsible for the strategic coordination, governance, planning and oversight of local development expenditure by local authorities on behalf of the state or by other local development agencies and structures.

Local Action Group (LAG)

Sligo Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) is also the LAG for county Sligo with responsibility for the delivery of the LEADER programme. The LEADER Initiative (Liaisons entre actions de developpement de l'économie rurale) was established by the European Commission in 1991. It was designed to aid the development of sustainable rural communities following the reforms of the Common Agricultural Policy. The LEADER programme supports locally identified initiatives that seek to address locally identified needs and challenges.

The Lead Implementation Partner for the programme is Sligo LEADER Partnership Company Ltd. A budget of €7.6m is available for implementation of the programme in Sligo over the period up to Dec 2020. Funding will be awarded based on all approved Local Development Strategy and the awarding body will be the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC).

For information on grants available through Sligo LEADER Partnership Company Ltd go to <http://www.sligoleader.ie/>



Grant Categories

While Local Authority funding can change on a yearly basis, the usual grants administered by Sligo County Council include;

Community

- Community & Voluntary Grants Scheme :
 - General
 - Burial Grounds
 - Tidy Towns
- Healthy Ireland
- Community Enhancement Scheme
- Regional Festivals and Participative Events Grants
- Sligo County Council Contribution to the Arts Scheme

Housing & Corporate

- Estate Enhancement Social Housing Scheme

Environment

- ALAG (Anti Litter Anti Graffiti Grant Scheme)
- LA21 (Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund Grant Scheme)

Keep Checking <http://www.sligococo.ie/Grants/> for open grant calls

Grants are organised in this booklet by closing date.

1. The Big Hello

On September 20th 2018, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr. Michael Ring T.D announced the launch of National Community Weekend – 'The Big Hello'. This is to be held for the first time on the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Ring said: 'National Community Weekend is a celebration of the great spirit of community that exists throughout the country and an effort to facilitate people who share communities to get together, get to know each other and deepen the sense of community in their area'.

Funding of €10,000 is being made available to each of the 31 Local Community Development Committees. This funding is to be allocated by the respective LCDCs in the form of small grants to support local events.

Applications are now invited from community and voluntary groups, organisations and residents committees within County Sligo
<http://www.sligococo.ie/Grants/NationalCommunityWeekend-TheBigHello/>

DATES

Monday 11th March until Friday 29th March

2. Community Enhancement Programme

The **CEP** provides funding to communities across Ireland to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas.

The programme can fund or partially fund larger scale capital projects. Some funding is ring-fenced to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less. This is aimed at assisting small grassroots community projects to get off the ground. Ring-fencing funding at this level will allow a larger volume of those with limited resources to receive some funding.

The average grant awarded in 2018 was just over €2,000.

Eligibility

The following provides a non-exhaustive list of organisations that can apply for funding under the programme:

- ✓ Government Departments and State Agencies (in cases of leveraging funding),
- ✓ Locally based community and voluntary groups in disadvantaged urban and rural areas, and,
- ✓ Not-for-profit organisations.

Organisations NOT eligible for funding

- x Commercial organisations, individuals and for-profit organisations are not eligible for funding under this programme.

Eligibility Considerations

The funding can cover programmes such as: Upgrade / Renovation works to Community owned/managed buildings and facilities (e.g. Parish Halls/ Community Centres/Parks and Playgrounds/ Community Creches) or Streetscaping / Landscaping/Enhancement works to publicly owned spaces (e.g. approach roads to towns & villages, public open spaces,)

Match-funding from other sources is not a requirement under this programme. However, where an applicant has applied for a grant larger than that of the ring fenced €1,000 category, it will be necessary for the applicant to clearly demonstrate where they would source any shortfall in funding and that evidence be submitted of same

In cases where both current and capital works are carried out together, only the capital element can be funded through this Programme. Projects which would improve the quality of life for residents, providing tangible supports which address disadvantage will receive priority.

Funding could fill in gaps in Local Authority funding and make particular projects viable or improve them Funding could be applied to speed up and improve projects already identified i.e. those in planning stage or ready to implement.

DATES:

Department launched the scheme 27th March. Closing date for applications is 30 May 2019

3. ALAG (Anti-Litter and Graffiti)

This Grant Scheme is aimed towards Community Groups/Schools who are planning to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti.

Advertising for this grant will begin in March 2019. The Local Authority is responsible for selecting suitable projects for funding, subject to the criteria set out under the following ALAG Criteria:

The projects should focus on:

- Involving schools and young people in anti-litter actions.
- Voluntary anti-litter initiatives by community and environmental groups.
- Business and commercial sectors in tackling both litter and graffiti at local level.
- Projects aimed at increasing awareness of responsible dog ownership in relation to dog fouling issues.

For more details on the Scheme go to

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Grants/AntiLitterAntiGraffitiGrant2019/>

***DATES:
Opens 1 April and Closes 31 May, 2019***

4. LA21 Environmental Partnership Fund

Summary & Criteria:

Eligible projects should support and complement national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water, Sustainable Development, etc. A list of previously funded projects can be viewed online at:

<https://www.dccae.gov.ie/en-ie/environment/topics/environmental-protection-and-awareness/local-agenda-21-partnership-fund/Pages/default.aspx>

Potential applicants should be encouraged, at initial contact stage, to link into the overall aims of Local Agenda 21 when preparing their projects and should be made aware of the information service provided by the LA21/Environmental Awareness Officers.

Applicants should be advised that approval of a grant application is conditional on tax clearance requirements being met. Applicants are required to list the number and name of all grant applications they have submitted to each Local Authority. **Where the total value of their applications exceeds €10,000 nationwide (i.e. €5,000 Local Authority and €5,000 DCCAE) they are required to submit a copy of their current Tax Clearance Certificate/Tax Clearance Reference Number with each application.**

(Projects should be clear and well-structured with definitive aims and objectives and must outline how the local community will be involved. They should also have clearly set out budgets and project management arrangements).

For more information on these grants go to:

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Grants/LocalAgenda21EnvironmentalPartnershipFund/>

DATES:

Opens 1 April and Closes 28 June, 2019

5. Healthy Ireland Fund

Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025 is the national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of Ireland over the coming generation.

The primary aim of the Healthy Ireland Fund is to support innovative, cross-sectoral, evidence-based projects and initiatives that support the implementation of key national policies in areas such as obesity, smoking, alcohol, physical activity and sexual health.

The objectives of the Fund are:

- ✓ To raise awareness of, and support for, Healthy Ireland through the funding of community- based and national health promotion activities.
- ✓ To facilitate and resource cross-sectoral and partnership networks that promote health and well-being.
- ✓ To resource the development of locally-led, cross-sectoral strategies promoting health and wellbeing.
- ✓ To add value to existing health promotion initiatives through the provision of Healthy Ireland resources.
- ✓ To support the health and wellbeing of the most disadvantaged groups and areas and those experiencing significant health inequalities through long-term planning

DATES:

Scheme predicted to open: May 2019

For information in relation to the Healthy Ireland funding administered through Children and Young Peoples Services Committee (CYPSC) please contact Maeve Whittington: <https://www.cypsc.ie/your-county-cypsc/sligo-leitrim>

Grants to look out for in late 2019/early 2020

6. Creative Ireland Programme

"The Creative Ireland Programme is guided by a vision that every person in Ireland will have the opportunity to realise their full creative potential. It is a five year all-of-Government initiative, from 2017 to 2022, to place creativity at the centre of public policy."

A five-year Sligo Culture and Creativity Strategy 2018-2022 has been published by Sligo County Council. A key element in this strategic plan is to enable creativity in every community. Sligo County Council's Creative Ireland Open Call is an opportunity for community groups and individuals to apply for

funding in order to collaborate with creatives and artists to work with communities / places of interest / latest technologies in realising the vision of Creative Ireland

Culture and Creativity in Sligo will be guided by the Creative Ireland values of ***Collaboration, Communication, Community, Participation, Inclusivity and Empowerment***, which have specifically informed the development of the County's Strategic Priorities for the period 2019-2022.

Applications for funding are invited for projects which will take place in 2020. Funding will be divided into two categories:

- Category A) €500 - €1,000
- Category B) €1,001 - €5,000

A small amount of funding for Research and Development towards a longer-term project to commence in 2021 will be considered.

The following criteria must be clearly met in order to qualify your project for consideration:

- The quality of the project and the collaborative nature of the proposal.
- Collaboration must include creatives and/or artists working in conjunction with communities / places of interest / latest technologies.
- The ability to align with and deliver the vision and priorities of Sligo's Culture and Creativity Strategy.
- The unique nature of the project proposed.
- The benefit to professional artists and creatives community.
- The ability to deliver the project in 2020.
- Clear governance and structure of collaborative arrangement.
- The extent to which the proposal builds awareness of and supports Pillar II of the Creative Ireland Programme - Enabling Creativity in Every Community.

The Open Call will be announced in Late Autumn 2019

For more details, contact:
creativeireland@sligococo.ie



7. Conservation Grants for Built Heritage

Sligo County Council operates two built heritage conservation grant schemes each year. Both schemes can fund conservation works to heritage buildings in community ownership or use.

The categories of structures eligible for assistance are as follows:

- Protected Structures i.e. those structures included in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS) of the Local Authority.
- Proposed Protected Structures i.e. those structures that are proposed for inclusion in the RPS of the Local Authority.
- Structures or works within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs), or within the amenity of a National Monument where exceptional circumstances apply.

Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)

Targeted at owners of protected structures for ongoing maintenance and repairs.

- Grant range of €2,500 – 15,000 at a max of 50% grant support.
- €60k available for allocation Co. Sligo for 2019.

Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2019

Targeted at structures in community/public ownership of benefit to the community

Strand 1

Essential repairs and maintenance. Grant range of €15,000 – 50,000 at a max of 80% grant support.

Private /Community - 3 projects selected / Public/LA - 1 project selected

Strand 2

Larger projects/refurb. Grant range of €50,000 – 200,000 at a max of 50% grant support. Can be 80% in exceptional circumstances.

Private /Community - 1 project selected / Public/LA - 1 project selected

DATES:

Grants usually advertised late Nov/Dec each year with a closing date for applications usually at the end of January.

The grant schemes are run every year, however the closing date for 2019 applications has passed for this year.

For more details see www.sligococo.ie/grants - Conservation Grants 2019.

8. SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS GRANTS SCHEME FUNDING POLICY 2020

There are two schemes within this overall 2020 grant round; Arts, Venues & Organisations and Arts, Festivals & Events.

Arts Venues & Organisations

The objective of the Scheme is to support the professional arts sector in Sligo to play a distinctive role in developing a vibrant and sustainable arts environment at a local, regional, national and international level in partnership with Sligo County Council.

An annual programme of events and activities should present new ideas and ways of working that can have far reaching effects for artists and audiences.

Arts Festivals & Events

The Objective of the Scheme is to support Festivals and Events that promote public engagement with the arts as their core aim.

A festival may represent one art form or may include a wide variety of different art forms. Festivals or events may also be programmed over a number of months (e.g. a concert series).

Sligo County Council recognises the valuable contribution made by active voluntary committees in developing and sustaining festivals and events.

Eligible for funding:

- ✓ Artists' Fees (this includes performance fees)
- ✓ Audience development (activity carried out to help organisations develop ongoing relationships with existing and new audiences)
- ✓ Travel Costs and Expenses for artists/performers

Information and Applications are available to download from www.sligoarts.ie and www.sligococo.ie.

Rhona McGrath, email: arts@sligococo.ie Tel: 071 911 4466

***ESTIMATED CLOSING DATE:
Mid February, 2020,***

9. COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY GRANTS SCHEME 2020

There are expected to be 3 distinct categories that are funded under the 2020 Scheme; General Grants, Burial Ground Grants and Tidy Towns grants. The same opening and close dates apply across all three.

Grants funded under this scheme are 100% funded by Sligo County Council.

General Grants

The purpose of this scheme is to support Community and Voluntary Groups throughout the County who wish to undertake Projects/Events in their area. Applications are open to Community and Voluntary Groups under the following categories:

- Community Events
- Estate/Area Upkeep
- Heritage Projects/Events

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Grants/CommunityAndVoluntaryGrants/>

Burial Ground Grants

The purpose of this scheme is to support Community and Voluntary Groups throughout the County who wish to undertake Projects/Events in their area, in accordance with the categories below, subject to the relevant Grant Criteria/Guidelines. Applications are invited from Burial Ground Committees

www.sligococo.ie/Grants/BurialGroundGrants/

Tidy Towns Grants

The purpose of this scheme is to support Community and Voluntary Groups throughout the County who wish to undertake Projects/Events in their area, in accordance with the categories below, subject to the relevant Grant Criteria/Guidelines. Applications are invited from Tidy Town Committees

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Grants/TidyTownsGrant/>

Application forms & Guidelines are also available from the Community & Economic Development Office, Sligo County Council, City Hall, Quay St. Sligo – Tel 071 9114420/9114424/9114414

**ESTIMATED DATES:
Open January and close Mid February, 2020.**

10. Regional Festivals & Participative Events Scheme

This Scheme is funded by Fáilte Ireland and administered by Sligo County Council. Based on 2019 criteria, it is aimed at supporting events which drive tourism and help to improve the visitor experience by animating destinations. Grants awarded in 2020 will be subject to available funding. The fund is competitive in nature and approval does not guarantee future funding.

Conditions and Eligibility

To be considered for funding, applicants need to demonstrate the following:

- The event must generate a minimum of **500** visitor or tourist bed nights in paid accommodation.
- Provide information on reaching targets as part of your post event form.
- The event must have a minimum expenditure of €10,000.

The scheme is aimed at applications that fit into the following criteria;

- ✓ General festivals (i.e.literary, historic, traditional culture or family focused)
- ✓ Arts, Music & Theatre
- ✓ Food & Drink
- ✓ Sports & Outdoors
- ✓ Business & Education
- ✓ Other

The following categories of festival and participative events are **ineligible** for this programme, due to their limited tourist appeal:

- X Purely commercial events with limited tourism appeal
- X Agricultural shows and countryside fairs with limited tourism appeal
- X Spectator-based sporting events
- X Circuses and carnivals
- X Christmas fairs and markets

<http://www.sligococo.ie/grants/>

ESTIMATED DATES:

Opens January and Closes February, 2020

11. Estate Enhancement (Social Housing) Grant 2019

This Social Housing Scheme was developed to acknowledge the voluntary efforts of residents/Tenants who kept their communal areas neat and tidy.

The budget for 2019 scheme is €5,000 for the Community Groups/Residents Associations.

Advertising is confined to Sligo County Council's Web Site under the Grants Section and details of same will also be emailed to all the Local Representatives and all the applicants from previous years.

Eligibility

This Scheme is limited to Council Estates in Sligo County ONLY and to those who do not qualify for Community & Voluntary Grants for the maintenance of their common areas.

How To Apply

Completed applications are returned to Pamela Andison, Administrative Officer, Housing.

(contact 0719-9111809 or ddunne@sligococo.ie)

DATES

Grant Opens January 2020 and closes March, 2020

Further Information

Access Advice

Applicants are strongly encouraged to make contact with council staff and other key organisations when planning projects. Staff can offer assistance and advice (subject to resources) in a range of planning and project management matters. Please contact the most appropriate person for your project.

Grant conditions

- SCC grant must be accounted for separately within the organisation's financial accounting system and a statement that is signed by the Treasurer is required at the completion of the project. SCC may request to view the financial statements of funded organisations.
- All unspent funds must be returned to SCC. Failure to do so will forfeit any future financial assistance from SCC.
- Any major variations of project plans, milestones, budgets or timelines as outlined in your application form need to be discussed and agreed to with the relevant Council officer
- Payments of funds may be suspended at any time if, in the opinion of SCC, any of the conditions laid down are not met, or satisfactory progress has not been achieved.
- Funded organisations are required to inform Council of changes to contact persons and or contact details including: telephone numbers, email address or postal address.
- Organisation's that are holding a launch or event for the project for which they have been funded and are planning to invite the Cathaoirleach/Chair of LCDC Mayor/Councillors and/or Council Officers, are required to ensure their invitation gives due notice prior to the event. The relevant Council officer must be notified of this invitation.
- Funded organisations are required to acknowledge Sligo County Council and the Funding Department in all promotional or publicity material for the funded project. The logo must be applied in adherence with the style guide. For a copy of our logo and the style guide please request an electronic copy from the named grant administrator
- Council reserves the right to revoke offer of funding if:
 - X The applicant has been deemed non-compliant to the requirements of a previous Council grant

- X Required reports from previous successful applications have not been submitted to a satisfactory level.
 - X Terms and Conditions from previous Community Grants were not satisfactorily adhered to.
 - X Council becomes aware that any event, goods, services proposed by the applicant to be objectionable, dangerous, infringes any copyright or other intellectual property rights, is illegal, or would be detrimental to Council.
- The funded organisation must provide upon request all required information and records related to Community Grants.
 - The funded organisation must take out and maintain throughout the Term (and any Extended Term) standard insurance policies.
 - The funded organisation must comply with all relevant laws and conditions.
 - Failure to meet the conditions of grants may result in the applicant being deemed non-compliant (see specific Terms and Definitions) and ineligible for future funding opportunities through Council.

Limitations on available funding

The SCC Grants Programme is limited by the amount of funds available:

- Applicants are not guaranteed funding nor can any applicant be guaranteed full funding.
- Successful projects funded previously cannot be guaranteed funding in future years.

These limitations require consideration when developing a project application.

Late applications will not be considered. If mailing applications please show consideration to delivery times.

Terms and Definitions

Community: For the purposes of the Community Grants, 'community' refers to people living, working, visiting and studying within County Sligo.

Conflict of Interest: A conflict of interest occurs if a member of the grants assessment panel or LCDC has something to personally gain from the grant application. It also extends to providing family and close friends with preference.

Grant: A grant is a sum of money awarded to an organisation for a specified purpose.

In-kind Contributions: An in-kind contribution is the 'non cash' contribution made by the applicant that can be allocated a financial value, i.e. volunteer services. Applications with in-kind contribution will be viewed favourably.

Incorporated Organisation: An organisation that is a legal entity and has a legal structure.

Non-compliant: An organisation may be deemed non-compliant in the circumstances that the recipient;

- failed to meet terms and conditions of funding deed
- is insolvent
- is under legal investigation
- failed to lodge a satisfactory acquittal (a satisfactory acquittal demonstrates that the selection criteria of the programme were met, and the financial expenditure of the project was spent appropriately and/or unspent funds returned to Council)
- did not complete the project and failed to lodge an acquittal
- completed the project and failed to lodge an acquittal

Not for Profit (NFP) Organisation: A NFP is an organisation that does not distribute any profit to: an individual, its members and or shareholders. Any profit from the organisation will be directed back into the organisation and its activities.

Objectives / Aims: An objective/ aim states the overall goals of the project.

Outcomes: Outcomes describe the specific results of the project.