

COVID-19 Emergency Fund (2nd Round) Call



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Department of Rural and
Community Development



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- Applications for funding invited from interested Community Groups / Organisations within the Galway City administrative area
- Galway City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) has been allocated an amount of **€43,029** under the above Programme.
- The Department has recommended that LCDCs ring-fence some funding to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less. This is aimed at assisting small grassroots community projects to get off the ground.
- If the funding application is for one element of a project, applicants will be required to provide documentary evidence of the availability of the balance of funding for that particular element of that project.
- There is no limit on the number of applications for different projects from any organisation. However, applicants should be aware that an equity/fairness approach will be taken by the LCDC to ensure an even distribution of funding.
- Applications should be made to Galway City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) by **Friday 5th February 2021 at 4.00pm.**
- Commercial organisations and individuals are not eligible for funding.

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What projects are eligible for funding?

- It will provide grants to community groups to assist them:
 - **to adapt their services and operations to fit the new COVID-19 reality.** Examples of measures supported could be adapting premises to allow for social distancing; offering on-line activities; providing social supports and friendly calls by phone etc. This is consistent with an action assigned to the Department under the Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19.
 - **to become more involved in the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign.** The grants are aimed at assisting participation in the campaign, in particular with the three themes: **staying connected, switching off and being creative, and minding your mood.**
 - The grants may also be provided to support groups (including those involved in the community call) with day -to-day running costs if needed.

What is not eligible for funding?

The following expenditure is not eligible for funding:

- Any project not in keeping with the ethos of the Programme
- Legal fees
- Project management fees
- Purchase of lands or buildings
- Feasibility studies
- Private or commercial operations



“Keep Well” Campaign

CAMPAIGN RATIONALE

- The Government Plan for Living with COVID-19: Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021 highlights the important role that individual and community resilience will play in contributing to our ongoing response to COVID-19.
- This campaign is aimed at showing people of all ages how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines. It will provide guidelines, information, and tips on how we can make a plan to do things that are good for us everyday. The campaign website is hosted on gov.ie/healthyireland and will signpost to information about local resources and initiatives that will be available through the Local Authorities. Further information is also available on www.galwaycity.ie
- The campaign also includes an allocation of funding from Sláintecare to support a number of initiatives through the Healthy Ireland Fund that will be rolled out over the coming months.



“Keep Well” Campaign

Initiatives that are currently being developed and implemented include:

- **Keeping active** - Sport Ireland is leading a series of initiatives that will support people to stay active in their own local areas throughout the winter. Sporting organisations and clubs will be developing ways to support local communities.
- **Keeping in contact** – Staying connected with people, addressing isolation, supporting volunteerism and initiatives that support person-to-person connection is important to our wellbeing. Building on the Community Call response earlier in the year, Local Authorities are being supported to provide a local community helpline and befriending service. The Community Response Forum will oversee at City level the coordination of the Gardaí, HSE, Local Authorities, An Post, community groups, charities and others in an immediate campaign to reach out to any persons vulnerable to isolation all across the community, regardless of age, gender, nationality or geography. The core objective is to ensure that everybody is given the opportunity to interface with the Community Call assistance programme to receive befriending services, practical supports and more complex supports where necessary.
- **Switching off and being creative** - The Local Authorities and libraries in partnership with Creative Ireland, and working with partners at national and local level, will provide a range of initiatives to support individual and community creativity in the arts, crafting, culture and heritage.



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Initiatives that are currently being developed and implemented include:

- **Eating well** – By nourishing our bodies and minds, we can develop a better connection between the food we eat and how we feel and positively impact our physical and mental wellbeing. Bord Bia will provide information and resources to support healthy eating this winter. Safefood will implement the next phase of their “START” campaign, focusing on making the most of family time and adding healthy habits. In addition, the network of libraries around the country will facilitate a major initiative with Grow It Yourself in early 2021, to support more people to grow their own food – in whatever small way they can – helping to forge greater connections between growing food and eating well and develop community networks.
- **Minding your mood** – equipping people with information on where to go if they need support. This will also be linked with the local community helpline to ensure that people can access the support they need. The HSE will launch a series of “Minding Your Wellbeing” resources and the Children and Young Peoples’ Services Committees (CYPSC) around the country are being supported to provide enhanced services to children, young people and families over the coming months.

Online Application

- The online application form is detailed and is designed to ensure that it has the necessary information to evaluate each proposal accurately and fairly. **Please ensure that you complete the application form online in full and that any documentation in support of your application is submitted with your application.**
- Only projects that meet the criteria as outlined will be considered eligible.
- Applications should be made to Galway City Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) online by **Friday 5th February 2021 at 4.00pm** at www.galwaycity.ie/cef2
- For any queries please email candc@galwaycity.ie

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Programme Requirements:

- **Quotations / Important note:** Please include supporting documentation. If your total project cost is less than €3,000 then please seek one written estimate/quotation. For project costs between €3,000 and €25,000 please seek a minimum of three written estimates/quotations from independent suppliers. Please note that a degree of flexibility will be allowed in relation to seeking quotations. In any event evidence will be required that quotation/s were sought.
- **Statutory Consents** - Applicants must ensure that all necessary statutory permissions or consents have been obtained before any works commence. This includes but is not confined to planning permission.
- **Insurance** - Written evidence of a valid insurance policy may be requested by the LCDC, where relevant, during the applications review process.
- **Acknowledgment of funding** - Due to the value of some of these grants, it would not be cost-effective to require signage acknowledging the Department, Local Authority or LCDC. Other suitable acknowledgements will suffice e.g. on a group/organisation's website or social media platforms. Where signage is developed it should acknowledge the contribution of the Department.
- **Match-funding** - this is not a requirement under this programme.
- Grant funding must be drawn down by **end of August 2021**.

Galway City Community Call

Galway City Council Community Call

We're here if you need practical support or someone to talk to.

We can help with:

- Delivery of food, medication, fuel or other household items
- Someone to talk to or keep in touch with
- Other practical supports
- Signposting and referral to reliable information and services



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