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OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS
8TH JAN 2024–2ND FEB 2024



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Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2024

- ▶ The LEP 2024 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority.
- ▶ This fund is being provided to support community and voluntary groups, a sum of €138,641.54 was allocated to Roscommon County Council, of this amount **€23,106.92 has been ring-fenced towards women's groups.**
- ▶ This funding is targeted towards supporting communities that are impacted by disadvantage as identified in the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)
- ▶ Applications for funding are invited from interested Community/Voluntary Groups/Committees/Clubs **within Co. Roscommon.**
- ▶ **Commercial organisations and individuals are not eligible for funding.**

What projects are eligible for funding?

► *The Local Enhancement Programme will provide:*

- There will be a particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. *The funding may be used, but is not limited to; improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs. The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all.*
- **Capital** funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, energy efficiency type projects, purchase of equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.
- **Capital** funding ring-fenced for **Women's Groups**. Groups are allowed to be affiliated with another parent association e.g. ICA, LGFA, Irish Girl Guides etc. Women's Groups will also be entitled to apply for the general funding available for community groups.

Costs eligible for funding - capital in nature

The following provides a non-exhaustive list of projects that could receive funding under the programme:

- ▶ Development/renovation of community centres
- ▶ Accessibility improvements
- ▶ Community amenities
- ▶ Development of youth clubs or facilities
- ▶ Development of sports/recreation facilities
- ▶ Improvements to town parks and common areas and spaces
- ▶ CCTV equipment
- ▶ Public realm improvements
- ▶ Streetscaping
- ▶ Development of play/recreation spaces
- ▶ ***Improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs***
- ▶ Purchase of equipment
- ▶ Purchase of laptops, tablets
- ▶ Maintenance of premises, including painting and repairs
- ▶ ***Capital work to increase biodiversity, or to reduce the carbon footprint of a facility***
- ▶ **Running/operating costs are not eligible under the LEP 2024.**

Programme Requirements:

- ▶ **Quotations** - Purchase of goods/services, a project cost up to €5,000 please upload one quotation. For projects costing between €5,001 - €50,000 a minimum of three quotations is required from reputable suppliers.

Construction works, a project cost up to €10,000, one quotation is required.

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- ▶ **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 application review process.
- ▶ **Offers of funding:** Roscommon LCDC will inform all applicants, post adjudication, of funding awarded - may be for a lesser amount that sought by the applicant.
- ▶ **Acknowledgement of funding** - e.g. group/organisation's website/social media platform
- ▶ **Match-funding** - this is not a requirement under this Programme

Steps to Apply



- ▶ Applications must be submitted for the LEP through Roscommon County Council's "My Online Services" at <https://Roscommon-self.achieveservice.com>
- ▶ Please ensure you are a registered user with "My Online Services" before applying for the scheme.
- ▶ There is a very useful guide on how to register. Please click on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msHu61rb81Q>
- ▶ Late submissions will not be considered and previous funding is taken into consideration when assessing all applications.
- ▶ Closing date for receipt of completed online applications is 1pm on Friday 2nd of February, 2024.
- ▶ Any queries relating to the application process or eligibility for the scheme can be emailed to: lep@roscommoncoco.ie

Key Points to Note

- ▶ Applications must be submitted for the LEP through Roscommon County Council's "My Online Services" at <https://Roscommon-self.achieveservice.com>
- ▶ Please ensure you are a registered user with "My Online Services" before applying for the scheme.
- ▶ There are two applications available, LEP and Women's Group. Women's groups can apply for both.
- ▶ Groups are not permitted to spend monies prior to approval. They must receive approval notification from the LCDC.
- ▶ Running/operating costs are not eligible under the LEP e.g utility bills
- ▶ When you complete your application form, please ensure you click the SUBMIT button. You will receive an email stating your application has been submitted with a reference number. Please contact myonlineservices@roscommoncoco.ie if you do not receive same.
- ▶ **Further information** may be required, so please ensure to check your emails regularly. There will be clear instructions on how to submit FI.
- ▶ Closing date is 1pm, 2nd February 2024.
- ▶ Please forward any queries you may have to lep@roscommoncoco.ie.



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