



To: An Cathaoirleach
And each member of Kilkenny County Council

12th September, 2016

RE: Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2016

A Chara,

Please find attached for your consideration, the report and recommendation for the award of funding under the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness Scheme for 2016

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Mary J. Mulholland
Director of Services
Water Services & Environment

Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2016 Report

22nd August 2016

Dear Ms Mulholland,

25 Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant applications were received. The original closing date for applications (30th June) was extended to the 19th of August. The extension was deemed a fair way to ensure all community groups were aware of the grant deadline which was earlier this year than in previous years. It also permitted a reminder notification to be sent to groups who failed to apply and that are active in litter control locally. The grant scheme was advertised in the Kilkenny People and press releases highlighting the environmental grant available were published in both the Kilkenny Reporter and Kilkenny People.

The Department of Environment, Community and Local Government issued a circular LU 01.16 in February 2016 outlining the 2016 Anti Litter Grant Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme for 2016 and in April, Kilkenny Council County returned a list of projects including the provision of the Community Litter Grant Scheme. The grant allocation by the Department was €17,850, 70% of the total cost of the project, the remainder must be met by Kilkenny County Council €7,650 (30%). Other projects financed by this grant scheme includes anti dog fouling awareness campaigns, roadside litter campaign, anti litter murals and the national spring clean.

Evaluation Criteria

- Groups completed & returned Appendix A. For 2015 grant recipients, Appendix A provided a breakdown of expenditure relating to the previous year's grant allocation. Groups listed completed works and costs associated with their litter control activities for the previous 12 months.
- Structure of Project Proposal
- Value for Money
- Project Cost Summary v's eligible activities as per Departments circular LU 01.16.

3 Unsuccessful Applications

Three groups were deemed ineligible for funding for the following reasons;

- Greens Bridge 250 Committee – Insufficient information – No ownership details or agreement with owner of affected property to complete the work presented with the application. The handball alley is listed on the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage ref no. 12000205. Any proposal to complete works on site should be completed in consultation with the Council's Conservation Officer. No evidence submitted to suggest the designation was considered or consultation took place.
- Lisdowney Dev. Ass – Requested litter picking supplies only. No funding amount requested but asked for continued assistance with refuse removal during the NSC annually. Litter picking supplies will be provided to the group next spring.

- The Greens Residents, Thomastown – Amenity based application – no mention of litter disposal costs or litter control activities. This association is already in receipt of the Amenity Grant.

Recommended for Funding

After evaluating the applications, the committee (Bernadette Moloney & Michael Nugent) recommends that 22 community groups receive funding collectively totalling €13,295.

Applicant Name	No.	Amount
Thomastown Tidy Towns	1	€710
Tullahought Dev. Ass	2	€210
Callan Tidy Towns	3	€840
Windgap Tidy Towns	4	€500
Paulstown Dev. Ass.	5	€300
Goresbridge Dev Ass.	6	€1,670
KKB	7	€735
Inistioge Tidy Towns	8	€695
Ballyragget Dev. Ass	9	€880
Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	10	€465
Abbey Park Residents Ass. Ferrybank	11	€565
Gowran Dev. Ass.	12	€840
Dungarvan Tidy Towns	13	€185
Kells Tidy Towns	14	€300
Stoneyford Dev. Ass	15	€875
Glenmore Tidy Towns	16	€220
Graiguenamanagh Tidy Towns	17	€1,235
Lintown Hall, KK City	18	€485
Gathabawn Dev Ass	19	€600
Rower Str. Dev Group	20	€370
Castlecomer Tidy Towns	21	€280
Melville Heights Residents Ass. KK City	22	€335
TOTAL		€13,295

I am seeking CPG approval to recommend the above funding allocations for approval at the September Council meeting.



Bernadette Moloney
Education and Awareness Officer
22/08/2016

Having reviewed the grant criteria and the report on the assessment of applications by Bernadette Moloney and Michael Nugent, I recommend that the list of 22 applicants above be recommended to the Council for funding approval at the September meeting.



Mary J Mulholland
Director of Service
05/09/2016

Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2016

Background

Circular LU 01.16 received on 2nd Feb. 2016 set out the parameters of this year's Anti Litter & Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme 2016 allocations. DECLG is to provide €18,000 which is 70% of the total contribution in where the remaining 30% is to be met by local authority contribution.

Circular set out key deadlines;

- Appendix A of proposed projects must be returned to the DOE by the 8th of April 2016, this was returned to the Department before the deadline and it included the provision of an anti litter grant for community groups.
- LA must return a grant claim by the 7th of October to draw down the funding.

Evaluation Committee

1. Bernadette Moloney
2. Michael Nugent

Applications Received


25 applications were received and total sum of approved funding amounts to €13,295.

Applicants and Assessment Results

Applicant Name	No.	Comment	Fund Y/N
Thomastown TT	1	Excellent break down of costs, award full	€710
Tullahought Dev. Ass	2	Small amount, active, showed breakdown	€210
Callan TT	3	Excellent break down in costs, award full	€840
Windgap Tidy Towns	4	Poor application, no clear break down in costs, provide a small amount as they are a new group, requiring support	€500
Paulstown Dev. Ass.	5	Large amount requested for equipment such as leaf blower, wheel barrows ect. Provide small amount for refuse removal. Poor application	€300
Goresbridge Dev	6	Excellent breakdown in costs, dis-allowed	€1,670

Ass.		money for power washer. Active group	
KKB	7	Informative application,	€735
Inistioge Tidy Towns	8	Clear break down of costs, good application	€695
Ballyragget Dev. Ass	9	Increase costs this year in refuse disposal	€880
Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	10	Clear break down of costs, good application	€465
Abbey Park Residents Ass. (SP)	11	Tackling litter black spots & dog fouling project in the estate	€565
Gowran Dev. Ass.	12	Dis-allowed many items as more amenity based	€840
Stephen Boyle Dungarvan	13	Largely Grave yard focus but it does include some items regarding litter control	185
Kells Tidy Towns	14	Focusing on black spots in the village, one relates to the bottle bank	300
Stoneyford Dev. Ass	15	Good break down in costs	875
Glenmore TT	16	Anti graffiti measures only	220
Graig TT	17	Good break down of costs	1,235
Lintown Hall	18	Rubbish disposal and creeping plants	485
Gathabawn Dev Ass	19	Graffiti removal and litter disposal	600
Rower Str. Dev Group	20	Green star expense for litter removal and some sum for maintenance	370
Castlecomer TT	21	Good break down of costs	280
Melville Heights Residents Ass.	22	Requested over €2,000, mostly amenity related. Funding sections of application under Litter/graffiti	335
Greensbridge 250 committee	23	Handball Alley No detail on ownership, project needs to be completed before heritage week	-
Lisdowney Dev. Ass	24	No funding requested-only supplies	-
The Greens Residents Thomastown	25	Amenity orientated, already received €950 amenity grant	-
TOTAL			€13,295

The undersigned agree on the funding allocation based on the assessment of each application.

Signed: 

Date: 22/8/16

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Mike Nugent

B. Moloney