



**To: Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Kilkenny County Council**

**Re: Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant 2017**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Dear Cllr.

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Director of Services.



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The DCCA provided guidelines on eligible projects (Circular Appendix 1) they include; projects highlighting awareness of issues regarding dog fouling, plays, puppet shows, interactive workshops, art projects mainly aimed at schools, provision of anti-litter awareness materials, local advertising and projects/activities should seek to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti.

The DCCA circular reminded all Councils that grant aid for expenditure on large capital items will not be provided, e.g. Signage, Bins.

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After advertising the community grant, 17 community Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant applications were received. All applications were evaluated and the following grant allocations have been recommended by the evaluation committee (Bernadette Moloney & Deirdre Trait of the Environment Section).

### Applications Received

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Applicant No.	Group Name	Amount Sought €	Awarded Grant €
1.	Ballyragget Dev. Ass.	1,400	1,000
BDA provided a clear outline of activities, but the breakdown in waste disposal costs is unclear, therefore did not receive full grant amount.			
2.	Gathabawn Rural Dev.	770	770
GRD provided a clear outline of activities, all eligible under funding rules			
3.	Melville Heights Residents Ass., KK City	1,675	275
MHR requested amenity type funding, therefore received grant for litter control activities only			

4.	Castlecomer Tidy Towns	300	300
CTT provided a clear outline of activities, all eligible under funding rules			
5.	Goresbridge Rural Dev.	1,935	1,400
GRD provided a outlined numerous projects however some fell within amenity grant activities and are not eligible for funding.			
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6.	Lintown Hall Residents Ass., KK City	700	300
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7.	Inistioge Tidy Towns	560	560
ITT provided a clear outline of activities, all eligible under funding rules			
8.	Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	1,456	777
BTT provided a clear outline of activities, however funding request for fencing disallowed			
9.	Abbey Park Residents Ass. Ferrybank	658	300
Some elements of grant were amenity based, funded anti litter activities outlined			
10.	Freshford Tidy Towns	700	700
Innovative awareness project planned to engage local children, funded as pilot to determine if it can be replicated by other groups			
11.	Gowran Development Ass.	1,435	850
Some elements of grant were amenity based, funded anti litter activities outlined			
12.	Urlingford Tidy Towns	2,100	500
Poor application, items listed (bins) not allowed under this fund, however given their active nature, proposed €500 to enable the group to continue their anti litter activities			
13.	Tullahought Community Dev. Ltd	420	420
TCD provided a clear outline of activities, all eligible under funding rules			
14.	Ferrybank Community Dev. Residents	700	700
Innovative awareness project planned to engage local children, funded as pilot to determine if it can be replicated by other groups if successful (Ard Daire, The Fairways, Greenoaks Estates – Junior Green Teams) plus Ferrybank Art Competition.			
15.	Stoneyford Dev. Ass.	820	820
SDA provided a clear outline of activities, all eligible under funding rules			
16.	Thomastown Comm. Network Tidy Towns	507	507
TCN/TT provided a clear outline of activities, all eligible under funding rules			

17.	Kells Tidy Towns Group	1,366	1,366
Two projects outlined, the Kells Youth Ambassadors (KYA) and art competition for schools in the locality, KYA funded as pilot to determine if it can be replicated by other groups if successful			

**TOTAL €11,545**

As a number of applicants applied for amenity type projects, to avoid confusion next year, it is proposed to advertise the Anti Litter and Anti Graffiti Awareness Grant at the same time as the Amenity Grant in 2018. Applications will be then processed once the Council is notified of their Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme allocation in 2018 as funding stream is dependent on the Environment Fund which fluctuates annually.

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