

**An Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Kilkenny County Council.**

**Re: Community and Cultural Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2019**

15th July, 2019

A Chara,

The Community and Cultural Facilities Capital Scheme (CCFCS) 2018-2020 was adopted by Kilkenny County Council at its meeting held in January 2018. The previous scheme (2015-2017) had been reviewed with elected members from each Municipal District and with the members of SPC 3 prior to the adoption by Council of the current scheme. Members also agreed with the internal evaluation process being undertaken prior to the submission to the full Council of the recommendations of the Director of Services.

The Scheme is funded from development contributions and an annual budget of €250,000 is provided. The budget for 2019, therefore, is €250,000.

Applications for the 2019 CCFCS were advertised with a closing date for receipt of applications of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. The Council received a total of 16 applications and the overall amount being sought is € 526,360.

The applications were evaluated in a two stage evaluation process having regard to the following:

- The feasibility and realistic nature of the project and the matching funds being in place,
- The extent to which the capital project supports the objectives of the County Development Plan,
- The community collaboration and consultation involved and the extent to which the project supports broader community uses,
- The need for the project and the added value that the project will bring,

- The capacity of the community group to deliver the project,
- The demonstration of social inclusion and accessibility and
- The level of disadvantage and social circumstances in the area.

The number of applications received and the variety and nature of the projects illustrate significant local community commitment to community, rural and cultural development.

In the context of the available budget of €250,000 and having regard to the criteria of the Scheme and the evaluation undertaken, I recommend the following applications be grant aided under the Community and Culture Facilities Grant Scheme 2019.

	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount sought</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
1	Freshford Playground Committee	Provision of local playground at area beside GAA facilities and as part of KCC planning application for the development of housing in the area. Application submitted in 2018 and was not successful.	€45,000	€40,000
2	St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall, The Butts, Kilkenny City	To complete the refurbishment programme to the neighbourhood youth centre at The Butts, specifically lighting, stage lighting, screens and storage. Application submitted in 2018 and was not successful.	€45,000	€40,000
3	Thomastown Scouts	Carry out fire safety works to the former boys primary school, now scout den, to bring up to fire safety standards. Works to include fire alarm system, emergency lighting, and fireproofing the fabric of the building.	€45,000	€40,000

4	Pil River Park, Piltown	The development of a new public park including a playground and sensory garden on the site at the rear of the Garda station Main Street, Piltown.	€45,000	€40,000
5	Trasna Productions Ltd, Callan	Refurbishment of the processing room in the Old Bacon Factory in Callan to a dedicated cultural gallery space and foyer.	€45,000	€40,000
6	Mooncoin Celtic, Mooncoin	Security fencing and hedging boundary for new pitch development complex in the village of Mooncoin. Application submitted in 2018 and was not successful.	€36,671	€30,000
7	Paulstown Development Association	Upgrade and improve fire and safety provisions in community hall- smoke ventilation system, gas proving and detection system, fire stopping and prevention system.	€26,849	€20,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>€250,000</b>

A full list of all applications, together with the amount of funds sought, is attached for the information of the Elected Members.

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**Mary J Mulholland**  
**Director of Services.**

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Muckalee GAA Club	Provision of accessible public toilets and baby changing area for public using the walking track and other facilities on site.	€10,000
Freshford Squash Club	Undertake works to improve building make more energy efficient; re-plaster courts, new timber flooring and insulating the roof.	€18,000
Bennettbridge GAA Club	Fit-out of community room within GAA redeveloped clubhouse. Works to include kitchenette, flooring and painting and fixings.	€25,000
Kilmacow Sports Complex	Development works to the Sports complex to include connection of septic tank to mains sewer, upgrade of boundary fencing and enhancement of wooded walking path.	€24,750
St Patricks GAA Club, Ballyragget	Change tar macadam surface to artificial grass surface in enclosed ball play areas	€45,000
Castlecomer Discovery Park	Enhance and development of Elf Village –improved signage, pathways, innovative play and interactive pieces	€18,000

Kilkenny Community Radio	Upgrading of the main studio room in Kilkenny Community Radio. Works to include internal building works that includes the rebuilding of the main studio room and the purchase of an additional mixing desk.	€14,690
Kilkenny Christian Centre	Phase One - to refurbish the "Light House "building as a community /youth centre. Replace the Asbestos roof; reinforce roof frame and the installation of slates and roof lights.	€37,400
Bigwood Children's Playground Committee	Development of a new children's Playground in Bigwood on a site acquired from the church.	€45,000