



September 2021

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: REPORT TO COUNCIL ON ANTI-LITTER/ANTI-GRAFFITI
AWARENESS GRANT 2021**

Dear Councillor,

Details of the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme (ALAGS) were issued on the 23rd July 2021 (Circular Letter LU 04 21) by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC). DECC provided a grant of €20,000 towards Kilkenny County Council. Kilkenny County Council provided a further €10,000 in the budget as required under the funding scheme.

A wide range of activities (linked to the Litter Management Plan) were undertaken by the Council from this funding in 2021 including: the pilot musical bins project, the extensive National Spring Clean, Picker Pals Programme and the "Bag It, Bin It" anti-dog fouling campaign. A balance of €11,075 is available to distribute to local communities for locally based projects. In this regard, the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant was advertised last March and 20 community applications were received.

The DECC provided guidelines on eligible projects (Circular Appendix 1) and 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 DECC circular reminded all Councils that grant aid for expenditure on large capital items are not eligible (e.g. Signage, Litter Bins.)

All applications were evaluated and the following grant allocations have been recommended by the evaluation committee (Bernadette Moloney & Deirdre Trait of the Environment Section). One of the main criteria is linkage/alignment with the Council's recently adopted Litter Management Plan. All applications met the grant criteria and are recommended for approval as listed below.

Successful 2021 Applications

The 20 applications recommended for approval are listed below.

Applicant No.	Group Name/Comment	Awarded Grant €
1.	Gathabawn Rural Development Group	600
2.	Abbey Park Residents Ass. (Ferrybank)	300
3.	Glenmore Tidy Towns	300
4.	Ballyragget Development Association	800
5.	Coon Tidy Towns & Heritage Group	300
6.	New Park Close	600
7.	Castlecomer Tidy Towns	300
8.	Tullahought Tidy Towns	300
9.	Gowran Dev. Ass	600
10.	Inistioge Tidy Towns	600
11.	Lintown Hall Residents Ass.	300
12.	Goresbridge Rural Development	1,150
13.	The Fairways Residents Ass. KK City	300
14.	Paulstown Development Ass.	300
15.	Mooncoin Tidy Towns	300
16.	Callan Tidy Towns	300
17.	Thomastown Tidy Towns	1,150
	<i>**Replenishing dog waste bags from dispensers</i>	
18.	Listerlin Tidy Towns	1,500
	<i>**An anti-litter themed mural for the local school who achieved their 1st green flag last year</i>	
19.	Freshford Tidy Towns	1,000
20.	Aghaviller Parish C/O Fr Liam Cassin	75
	<i>** Fr Cassin sought a contribution towards the parish for litter control expenses incurred near the church.</i>	

Approval is sought to proceed with the above recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



Seán McKeown
Director of Services