



Kilkenny County Council

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# Rural Funding Opportunities

COMMUNITY SECTION,  
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# Sources of Funding for Rural Projects

- ▶ RRDF (Rural Regeneration and Development Fund) (Dept.)
- ▶ Town & Village Renewal (Dept.)
- ▶ CLAR (Dept)
- ▶ CCFCS (KCC)

# Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)

- ▶ Fund established under Project Ireland 2040
- ▶ €1 billion fund for period 2019 – 2027
- ▶ Aim – To support projects in rural areas which would otherwise not have a clear funding stream and which can deliver social and economic progress
- ▶ Applies to rural settlements with a population < 10,000
- ▶ Lead applicant must be a state funded body
- ▶ Two types of applications – Category 1 or Category 2

# Category 1 Applications

- ▶ For projects which are ready to commence on date of application to the Department, i.e. “shovel ready”
- ▶ 2020 – 90% of project costs funded
- ▶ Previous years – 75%
- ▶ Minimum funding request = €500,000
- ▶ Maximum – there is no maximum specified

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Call under Cat 1 – Dec 2020

- ▶ KCC submitted application for development of library etc. at Community Centre in Thomastown – results awaited

Previous projects approved at:

Callan – € 700,000 approx.

- ▶ Fair Green and
- ▶ Moate Field



# RRDF (Contd.)

Thomastown – €2m approx.

- ▶ Quayside carpark,
- ▶ Lowe/Logan St,
- ▶ Sessions House



# Category 2 Applications

- ▶ Relates to project development and enabling initiatives which would enable a project to be ready to submit as a Category 1 application. For example can cover costs of detailed design of project, planning, property/land purchase necessary to deliver major regeneration in a town or village
- ▶ 75% funding
- ▶ Minimum funding request = €500,000
- ▶ Maximum – there is no maximum specified
- ▶ Last call (2<sup>nd</sup> call) December 2019. KCC submitted Callan Friary Complex but was unsuccessful
- ▶ Next call – possibly early second quarter 2021

# Town & Village Renewal Scheme

- ▶ Call every year from Department
- ▶ Applies to town and villages population < 5,000
- ▶ In the past 75% funded (€2.9m 2017-2019)
- ▶ but in 2020, 90% funded
- ▶ Grants up to €100,000 or €200,000

## PROCESS

- ▶ Department notifies the local authority of the Scheme
- ▶ KCC advertise for expressions of interest
- ▶ Interested communities should make contact with Community Section staff prior to completing application form



# Town & Village Renewal Scheme

(Contd.)

- ▶ KCC assess expressions of interest received, maybe further consultation required
- ▶ KCC prepare final applications and submit to the Department

## Most recent Scheme

- ▶ 10 applications submitted to Dept by 30th Sept. 2020
- ▶ 5 applications approved (results announced 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, value €574,826)

Thomastown

Stoneyford

Freshford

Hugginstown

Kilmacow

# Town & Village Renewal Scheme

## (Contd.)

Projects Completed 2020:

- ▶ Ballyhale to Knocktopher footpath
- ▶ The Square, Inistioge

Projects in progress:

- ▶ Slieverue
- ▶ The Rower
- ▶ Health Checks for Urlingford/Johnstown, Goresbridge, Thomastown, Castlecomer and Mullinavat



# Accelerated Measures – Town & Village 2020

- ▶ Additional Scheme introduced in 2020 – COVID related
- ▶ Bonus for rural communities struggling as a result of COVID
- ▶ Funding received for 16 projects throughout the County - €461,200

## COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ▶ Callan – Covid Public realm works
- ▶ Christmas lights – District towns
- ▶ Deep cleaning – District towns
- ▶ “Shop Local” campaign
- ▶ Festival Kit
- ▶ The Square, Castlecomer



# Accelerated Measures – Town & Village 2020 (Contd.)

## IN PROGRESS

- ▶ Kilmacow
- ▶ Mooncoin
- ▶ Piltown
- ▶ Inistioge
- ▶ Mullinavat



# Accelerated Measures – Town & Village 2020 (Contd.)

- ▶ Freshford
- ▶ Ballyhale
- ▶ Graiguenamanagh
- ▶ County – motor home parking

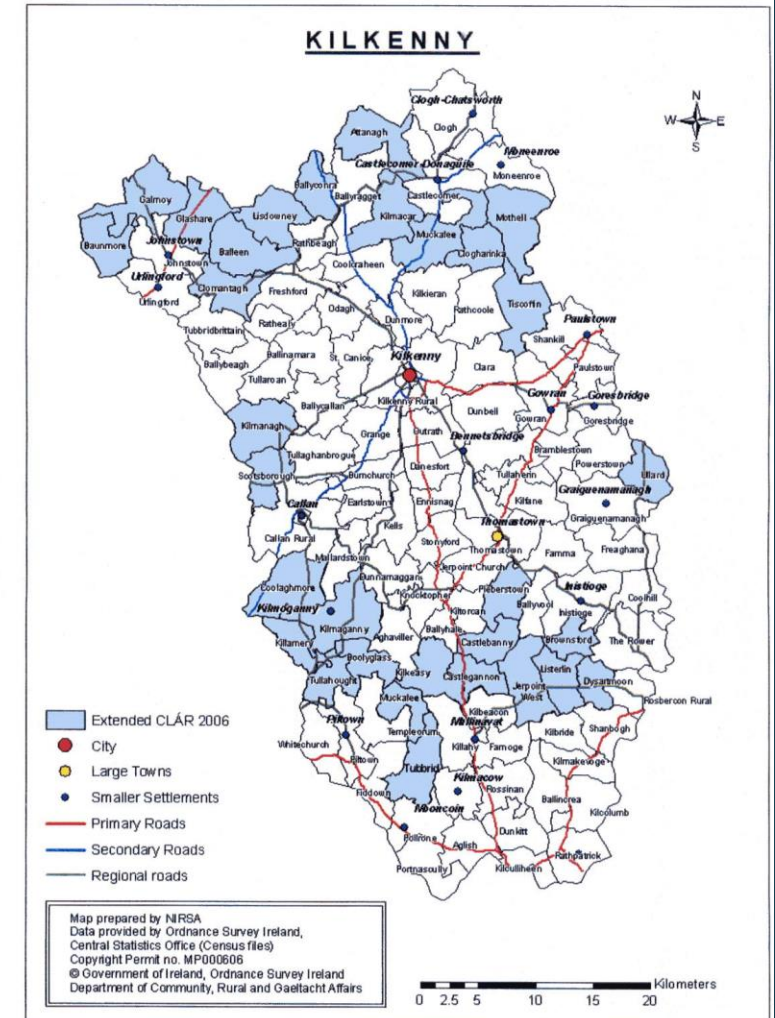
# CLAR

▶ Funding can only be applied for in a CLAR area which is designated on this map (pop decline & social deprivation)

▶ KCC can make applications under 2 measures:

Measure 1 – Support for schools, community safety measures

Measure 2 – Community Recreation areas



# CLAR (Contd.)

## PROCESS

- ▶ Department notifies the local authority of the Scheme
- ▶ KCC advertise for applications
- ▶ Schools/ communities submit application form
- ▶ KCC assess applications and
- ▶ KCC prepare final applications and submit to the Department

# CLAR

- ▶ Minimum grant amount: €5,000
- ▶ Maximum grant amount: €50,000
  
- ▶ CLAR 2020 Funding

Project	Grant Awarded	Project Budget
Muckalee Community Car Park	€50,000	€60,000
Coolagh Crossroads	€27,000	€30,000



# Completed CLAR Projects 2019



# CCFCS

- ▶ €250,000 - Funding provided from the Council's own funds (income generated by Development Levies)
- ▶ Minimum grant: €9,000
- ▶ Maximum grant: €45,000
- ▶ Projects are 75% funded
- ▶ Scheme to be announced shortly for 2021
- ▶ 2019 – 7 grants awarded (€20,000 to €40,000)
- ▶ 2018 – 8 grants awarded (€9,000 to €40,000)

# CCFCS (Contd.)

## PROCESS

- ▶ KCC will advertise the scheme
- ▶ Applicants must make contact with a member of Community Staff to discuss project
- ▶ If project is eligible, application form will be issued
- ▶ Applicant completes form and attaches all necessary documentation
- ▶ Applications assessed by an Evaluation Committee
- ▶ Evaluation Committee make recommendation to members for a final decision

▶ Fencing – Mooncoin Celtic



# Other Funding/Grants

- ▶ ORIS (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme)
- ▶ CEP (Community Enhancement Programme) – administered by LCDC
- ▶ Decade of Centenaries
- ▶ Creative Ireland

## Sources of Information:

- ▶ Council website:  
[https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community\\_Culture/Grants/](https://www.kilkennycoco.ie/eng/Services/Community_Culture/Grants/)

- ▶ Grants Booklet 2021



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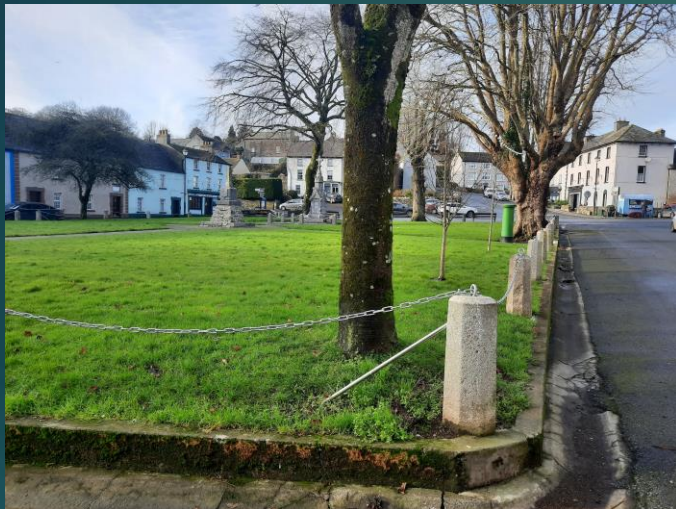
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# SAMPLE PROJECTS FUNDED



# QUESTIONS.



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