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1 Introduction and Context

Mayo County Council (MCC) recognises that in the administration of Community Grants and subsidies they are provided with a strategic opportunity to work in partnership with community groups, organisations and individuals to strengthen community capacity and to create a more liveable and inclusive county.

This leaflet summarises several schemes that are available to community groups through Mayo County Council from a variety of national and local sources.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact council staff and other key organisations when planning projects. Staff can help and advise in a range of planning and project management matters. Contact details in relation to each scheme are available under scheme details (Section 3).

Two important county-wide structures community and voluntary groups should also be aware of are the Public Participation Network and the Local Community Development Committee.

1.1 Public Participation Network (PPN)

Mayo Public Participation Network is a formal network of community groups in County Mayo. It is the key mechanism by which Mayo County Council connects with community groups in the county. Mayo County Council notifies the Mayo Public Participation Network of schemes when they are announced. They also provide useful training in areas where your group might need support such as filling in funding applications, GDPR, social media skills, governance etc. If your group is not registered with Mayo PPN it would be advisable to do so as soon as possible.

Contact detail for Mayo PPN Phone: 094-9064358 email: office@mayoppn.net

1.2 Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

The Local Community Development Committee is a statutory subcommittee of Mayo County Council tasked with overseeing and monitoring local and community development expenditure in County Mayo. The work of the LCDC is underpinned by the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which provides the strategic framework for local economic and community development. Be sure to know about your LECP when applying for LCDC funding as it will assist in making your case for support.

Contact details for Mayo Phone: 094-9064337 email: community@mayococo.ie

2 Basic Eligibility

While the specific criteria of the Mayo County Council grants differ, there are some basic criteria that all applicant groups must comply with before they even consider applying;

- Have a dedicated bank account in the name of the applicant group, not an individual
- Be in possession of a PPN Membership Number
- The beneficiaries of the project must be located within the Mayo County Council administrative area
- Be a Voluntary 'Not for Profit' community group, organisation or club serving a local need
- Have an official committee structure comprising at a minimum Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Key dates regarding grant schemes can change on an annual basis, and this is likely in 2020. The dates provided in this document, unless confirmed for 2020, are based on 2019 dates and it is important for groups to check individual dates that apply to individual schemes.

Where we are not able to give community groups a definitive timeline, Mayo County Council, supported by Mayo PPN will commit to letting the community know as soon as dates are announced and will use a variety of traditional and social media platforms to try and ensure that the information reaches as many groups as possible.

Don't forget to check the Mayo.ie and Mayoppn.net website for updates on funding.



3 Scheme Details

3.1 Municipal Districts (Discretionary Funding)

- **Scheme Name:** Grants for funding from General Municipal Allocation, also known as Discretionary Funding.
- **Scheme Purpose** For activities or projects which promote directly or indirectly the social, economic, environmental, recreational, cultural, community or sporting development of the Mayo area. Preference will be given to projects which are community based and demonstrate that they have or can attract matching funding.
- **Average Allocation** – depends on number of applications- between €300-€2000
- **Who can apply** - Residents Associations, Clubs and Community Organisations, Burial Ground Committees, Festival and Event Organisers. New process of application to be decided
- **Deadline:** February usually

Contact details for the four Municipal District Offices in the county are as follows:

Ballina Municipal District Office (096) 76100 or email ballinagma@mayococo.ie

Castlebar Municipal District Office (094) 9047045 or castlebarga@mayococo.ie

Claremorris Municipal District Office (094) 9372310 or claremorrisgma@mayococo.ie

West Mayo Municipal District Office (098) 50400 or westmayogma@mayococo.ie

3.2 Members allocation

- Each member of Mayo County Council also receives a discretionary allocation for distribution to community groups. This can vary across the four Municipal Districts. To find out more contact your Municipal District offices or County Councillors directly.
- **Scheme Name:** Elected Members Allocation
- **Purpose:** Multiple purposes at the Councillors discretion e.g. support communities, capital works, amenity works, financial support voluntary groups, promotion of area
- **Average Allocation:** variable
- **Who Can apply:** Community Groups
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** February usually

3.3 Town and Village Renewal

- **Scheme Name:** Town and Village Renewal 2020.
- **Scheme Purpose:** The scheme supports the rejuvenation of rural towns and villages with populations of less than 10,000 people through projects that will have a viable, long-term benefit. For 2020, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme will support projects which enhance the town or village centre environment.
- **Allocation:** Grants from DRCD up to 200k.
- Open call – competitive process- Expression of Interest followed by detailed application. 12 projects to be shortlisted by Mayo County Council
- up to €200k grants available for exceptional projects with a very strong economic focus
- **Match funding requirement** 20% - 10% Cash contribution essential
- **Deadline for submissions:** June usually
- **Contact:** community@mayococo.ie or municipal District Offices (details above)

3.4 Clár Funding

- **Scheme Name:** CLÁR (Ceantair Laga Árd-Riachtanais)
- **Scheme Purpose:** Targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. It aims to support the sustainable development of identified CLÁR areas with the aim of attracting people to live and work there.
- **Budget:** None to date
- **Average Allocation:** €1,000 to a max of €50,000
- **Who Can apply :** Schools, Community Groups, Local Development Companies, Local Authorities
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** April usually
- **Contact:** Community & Integrated Development Section, Mayo County Council – Tel:094 9064348 Email Community@mayococo.ie.

3.5 Community Enhancement Programme

- **Scheme Name:** Community Enhancement Programme
- **Purpose:** The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) provides funding to community groups across Ireland to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas. The funding covers capital projects only. See below a non-exhaustive list of capital projects that could receive funding under the Program.
 - Development/renovation of community centres
 - Once off maintenance of premises. This does not include regular routine maintenance
 - Community amenities
 - Development of youth clubs or facilities
 - Development of sports/recreation facilities
 - Improvements to town parks and common areas and spaces
 - CCTV equipment
 - Public realm improvements
 - Streetscaping
 - Development of play/recreation spaces
 - Energy efficiency type projects
 - Purchase of equipment
- **Average Allocation:** 2 Categories of Funding: Small Scale Capital Grants up to €1000, Medium Scale Capital Grants up to €20,000
- **Who can Apply:** Any not-for-profit community or voluntary group
- **Time of Year Deadline:** May usually.
- **Contact:** Community & Integrated Development, Mayo County Council.
Email: community@mayococo.ie or phone 094-9064397

3.6 Tourism Grants

- **Scheme Name:** Regional Festivals & Participative Events Programme 2020
- **Purpose:** The aim is to support festivals and participative events that will drive domestic tourism and help to improve the visitor experience in Mayo
- **Budget:** None to date
- **Average Allocation:** Typical grants awarded €2,500-€3,000
- **Who Can apply:** Event Organisers & or Community Groups
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** March/April usually
- **Contact:** Anna Connor, Tourism Development Officer, Mayo County Council
Email: aconnor@mayococo.ie or phone 094 9064352

3.7 Sports Grants

- **Scheme Name:** Mayo Sports Partnership Annual Special Participation Grant Scheme
- **Purpose:** To provides grant assistance to sport and recreation clubs/ organisations within County Mayo for Special Project Participation Initiatives. This Grant Scheme aims to increase for participation by Youth at Risk, Teenagers, Women, Travellers, Disadvantaged Communities, Unemployed, Middle aged men, Ethnic minorities and People with a Disability
- **Budget: €20,000**
- **Average Allocation: €500**
- **Who Can apply :** Clubs / Organisations who have physical activity as their core business. As there are a limited number of grants available, emphasis will be placed on the quality of the grant application
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** End of March usually
- **Contact:** Mayo Sports Partnership 094-9064360 email: msp@mayococo.ie
- **Scheme Name:** Mayo Sports Partnership Volunteer Training / Education Support Scheme
- **Purpose:** To provides grant assistance to sport and recreation clubs/ organisations within County Mayo for specific coach education courses, leadership training, sports volunteer training etc. Minority sports or sports who do not have a development officer in the county will receive preference under this initiative.
Please note that this scheme does not cover Sports Partnership programmes such as Safeguarding which are already subsidised.
- **Budget:** Varies
- **Average Allocation: €500**
- **Who Can apply:** Clubs / Organisations who have physical activity as their core business.
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** All year round
- **Contact:** Mayo Sports Partnership 094-9064360 email: msp@mayococo.ie
- **Scheme Name:** National Bike Week Events
- **Purpose:** Mayo Sports Partnership in association with Mayo County Council invites applications annually from community groups for funding to assist with the organisation of a cycling themed event during National Bike Week, which will take place mid-June. The objective of Bike Week is to celebrate cycling in all its forms and to get more people participating in cycling both for transport and recreation.
- **Budget: €5,000**
- **Average Allocation: €300**
- **Who can apply:** Schools, sports clubs, active retirement groups, community childcare service providers, work places or any group that wishes to organise a bike related event on a 'not for profit basis' during Bike Week.
- **Time of Year:** Deadline end of April usually
- **Contact:** Mayo Sports Partnership 094 9064360 email: msp@mayococo.ie

- **Scheme Name:** Martin Sheridan Bursary Awards
- **Purpose:** The purpose of the award is to facilitate achievement by aspiring individual performers who have the ability and potential to bring recognition and success at National and International level to Mayo. The award is designed to assist in the cost of education, training, travel and equipment.
- **Budget:** Mayo County Council in their budget have allocated the sum of €5,000 towards the Martin Sheridan Bursary Scheme.
- **Average Allocation:** €1,000
- **Who can apply:** Awards are granted to individual sports people who have shown ability in their sport and possess the potential to achieve excellence. The award will normally only be made to those over 16 years of age in the calendar year in which the award is made. Exceptions to this may be made in the case where a sports person is competing at National, International or an equivalent level as determined by the chosen sport. An application for the Bursary must be made by a third party i.e. a Sporting Club or Organisation on behalf of the nominee. Only one male and one female athlete may be nominated by a third party. Each application will be assessed on an individual basis by the Sheridan Memorial Bursary Committee.
- **Time of Year:** February
- **Contact:** The Sheridan Memorial Bursary Committee, Bohola, Claremorris, County Mayo E mail: martinsheridanbursary@gmail.com or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/martinsheridanbursary/>

3.8 Arts Acts Grants

- **Scheme Name:** Arts Acts Grant
- **Purpose:** For Mayo based groups seeking assistance with activities which stimulate public interest in the arts, promote knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, or assist in improving standards of the Arts in the County.
- **Budget:** €25,000
- **Average Allocation:** €150-€5000
- **Who Can apply :** Mayo based community groups
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** End May/Beginning June
- **Contact:** – Claire Kenny, Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar, Mayo F23 WF90 Phone: 094-9064103
- **Email** ckenny@mayococo.ie

3.8.1 Other Arts Supports

- **Amateur Drama - All Amateur Drama groups based in County Mayo are eligible to apply for the award. The group must have put on one production in the year of application. Two awards of €500 each are available. The awards are granted based on innovation, development of excellence, quality, creativity and improvement of the local Amateur Drama sector. Deadline: TBC Autumn 2020**
- **Stage:** The Arts service has a stage that can be loaned out to community group. A €100 refundable deposit is required.
- **Percussion Instruments:** The Arts Service has percussion instruments that can be loaned out to community groups.
- **Information & Advisory service:** in the arts for communities.
- **Arts squad – help with festivals and community events. Contact Arts Squad – 094 9038014 masq@mayococo.ie**
- **Programmes - Culture night, Bealtaine, Excel Youth Arts programme, UpstART, Disability Arts**
- **Promotion – promote upcoming arts events on Arts Service social media**
- **Contact:** Mayo Arts Service: Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar, Mayo F23 WF90 Phone: 094 90643666
- **Email:** mayoarts@mayococo.ie.
- **Follow us on Facebook @ mayo.artsoffice or Twitter @MayoArtsOffice**
- **Newsletter:** Send us an email to sign up to our newsletter.

3.9 Environment Grants

- **Scheme Name:** Community Environment Action Fund (Local Agenda 21) This grant scheme is administered by the Local Authority, while the Department maintains a co-ordinating role.
- **Purpose:** to support and complement, at a local level, national environmental policies such as those on Waste, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Air, Water and Sustainable Development. Funding can also be supplemented by other sources, e.g. the private sector, in order to maximise the potential for partnership arrangements.
- **Budget** €12,725 (match-funded by Local Authority)
- **Time of year:** Late August
- **Contact: phone:** 094-9024444 email: scameron@mayococo.ie

- **Scheme Name:** Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grants
- **Purpose:** to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and graffiti and should, as far as possible, have a particular focus on voluntary initiatives by community and environmental groups, and on involving schools and young people in anti-litter and anti-graffiti action. Grants should be used, where possible, to leverage local business co-funding of anti-litter and anti-graffiti education/awareness measures.
- **Budget:** €20,000
- **Allocation:** The maximum grant available in any individual case may be up to 70% of the overall cost of the project, with the balance being met by way of local contribution.
- **Time of year:** July/August
- **Contact:** 094-9024444 email: environment@mayococo.ie

3.9.1 Environment Campaigns

- **Scheme Name:** Spring into Litter Action League
- **Purpose:** This Competition is open to Tidy Towns Committees and Community Groups in all towns and villages in Co. Mayo. The competition usually commences in May. It is run on a league basis, i.e. each of the participating towns and villages compete against all other towns and villages in its group on successive months. Entrants are divided into the following categories:- **Group B** Smaller towns (population 500 - 1000) **Group C** Large Villages (populations <500) **Group D** Smaller Villages
- **Time of year:** May each year and runs until September.
- **Contact:** 094-9024444 email: environment@mayococo.ie

- **Scheme Name:** Greener Community Campaign
- **Purpose:** This campaign is open to all Community Groups/Organisations in the County. The campaign focuses on a variety of elements for example promotion of bio diversity, climate action, waste recycling and prevention and any other measures towards a greener Mayo. The campaign runs from May to September, with judging taking place at various times during this period. The following are the categories under which application can be made :
 - “Best Kept Burial Ground”
 - “Go Green, Keep Clean”
 - “The Greenest School – Primary”
 - “Cleaner Catchments – Source to Sea”
- **Budget:** Varies - €5,000 to €7,000 approximately
- **Time of year:** May to September with judging taking place at various times during this period.
- **Contact:** 094-9024444 email: environment@mayococo.ie

3.10 Healthy Ireland Fund

- **Scheme Name:** Community Mental Health Fund
- **Purpose:** Any not-for-profit local Community Groups, Voluntary Groups and Sporting Organisations can apply for funding to this Small Grant Scheme to allow delivery of actions or projects which are in line with the Mental Health Theme of Healthy Ireland Round 3.
- **Budget:** €30,000, Projects needs to have a minimum spend of €2,000 up to a maximum of €5,000
- **Deadline:** 4pm, Friday March 20th, 2020
- **Contact:** community@mayococo.ie or phone 094-9064378

3.11 Creative Ireland

- **Scheme Name:** Creative Ireland
- **Purpose:** Foster creativity in the county
- **Budget:** €90,000
- **Average Allocation:** €2500
- **Who Can apply:** Depends on scheme/initiative. Will be advertised throughout year.
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** Various initiatives advertised throughout the year in local media and on Mayo Co. Council website
- **Contact:** Austin Vaughan – avaughan@mayococo.ie



3.12 LEADER Rural Development Programme

- **Scheme Name:** Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (LEADER)
- **Purpose:** To reduce poverty in rural areas by supporting projects in the areas of Economic Development, Enterprise Development, Job Creation, Social Inclusion and Environment.
- **Budget:** €8m Project funding over 5 years. Current programme concludes Dec 2020.
- **Average Allocation:** To date €41,000 in Mayo
- **Who Can apply:** Community Groups or Enterprises
- **Contact:** If you have a general query about the LEADER programme in County Mayo, please contact Mayo County Council on: Phone: 094 9064235 Email: community@mayococo.ie.

3.12.1 For LEADER Developmental support

- For leader Development Support – Please contact (See below)
- If you are based in south or west Mayo, you can contact South West Mayo Development Company, info@southmayo.com
- If you are based on the Mayo off-shore Islands, you can contact Comhar na nOileán as follows: Phone: 099 75 096 Email: fios@oileain.ie
- If you are based in north or east Mayo, please contact Mayo North East LEADER Partnership as follows: Phone: 094 925 6745 Email: info@mayonortheast.com
- If you are located in the Ballina area, please contact Moy Valley Resources as follows: Phone: 096 70 905 Email: info@moyvalley.ie
- If you are located in the Kiltimagh/Bohola area, please contact SWMDC, or IRD Kiltimagh as follows: Phone: 094 938 1494 Email: reception@ird-kiltimagh.ie

3.13 Marine/ Coastal Communities

- **Scheme Name:** The Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) programme
- **Purpose:** of FLAG is to enable fisheries communities to create new and sustainable sources of income and to improve their quality of life. The FLAG North West comprises the coastal zones of County Mayo, County Sligo and County Leitrim.
- **Average Allocations:** from €1,000 to €100,000
- **Contact:** Declan Nee, Co-Ordinator Direct + 353 (0) 95 44973 & + 353 (0) 97 20915 Mobile + 353 (0) 087 2211503 Email nee@bim.ie

3.14 Digital Innovation Grants

- **Scheme Name:** Digital Innovation Programme
- **Purpose:** The Digital Innovation Programme (DIP) is an initiative of the Department of Rural and Community Development. It is designed to encourage local authority led projects that support digital development.
- **Budget:** 80% of entire cost of programme up to a max of €75,000
- **Average Allocation:** N/A
- **Who Can apply:** Local Authorities
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** To be Decided
- **Contact:** The Broadband officer at Mayo County Council, Phone: 094-9064097 or Email: BroadbandOfficer@mayococo.ie

3.15 Heritage Grants Summary

- **Scheme Name:** Nature Fund
- **Scheme Name:** Thatching Grants are available through the Thatching Grants Section, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, Ballina.
- **Scheme Name:** Various Grants under the Heritage Council Grants programme
- **Scheme Name:** Heritage Week Grant
- **Who Can apply:** Various
- **Time of Year/Deadline:** Various
- **Contact:** Requests for application forms and information should be made in writing only or alternatively information and application forms are available on the Heritage Council web-site. Details for next years grants scheme will be posted on this site as soon as they become available. The closing date for receipt of applications is usually in early December. Further information and application forms are also available from Deirdre Cunningham Phone 094-9047684 The Heritage Office, Mayo County Council. Email:

heritage@mayococo.ie

3.15.1 Heritage Grants - Conservation of Built Heritage

- **Scheme Name:** Built Heritage Investment Scheme
 - **Purpose:** The purpose is the repair and conservation of structures that are protected under the Planning and Development Acts. This Scheme aims to support a significant number of labour-intensive, small-scale conservation projects across the country and to support the employment of skilled and experienced conservation professionals, craftspeople and tradespersons in the repair of the historic built environment.
 - **Budget:** varies
 - **Average Allocation:** €2,500 - €15,000
 - **Who Can apply:** Owner/ occupiers of structures on the Record of Protected Structures or in an Architectural Conservation Area. Historic structures not classified above may be considered. See scheme circulars posted annually.
 - **Time of Year/Deadline:** Advertised Q4 on mayococo.ie Deadline January.
 - **Contact:** Applications should be marked Built Heritage Investment Scheme and addressed to Siobhán Sexton, Architectural Conservation Officer, Architects Department, Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar.
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- **Scheme Name:** Historic Structures Fund 2020
 - **Purpose:** The primary focus of the Historic Structures Fund is on conservation and enhancement of historic structures and buildings for the benefit of communities and the public.
 - **Budget:** varies
 - **Average Allocation:** Stream 1 €15,000-€50,000, Stream 2 €50,000 - €200,000
 - **Who Can apply:** Owner/ occupiers of structures on the Record of Protected Structures or in an Architectural Conservation Area. Historic structures not classified above may be considered. See scheme circulars posted annually.
 - **Time of Year/Deadline:** Advertised Q4 on mayococo.ie Deadline January.
 - **Contact:** Applications should be marked Historic Structures Fund and addressed to Siobhán Sexton, Architectural Conservation Officer, Architects Department, Mayo County Council, Áras an Chontae, Castlebar.



