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Mayo County Council



Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2024 Project Development Measure (PDM) Scheme Outline

Mayo County Council invites Expressions of Interest for Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Project Development Measure 2024.

The purpose of this Measure is to assist in the preparation of a pipeline of significant, well-developed projects which might be subsequently progressed to construction stage, subject to the availability of further funding.

Following evaluation, Mayo County Council will select **3 expressions of interest** to progress to full application to the Department of Rural and Community Development as part of the Local Authority submission.

Under this measure up to a maximum value of **€50,000 per application at a grant rate of 95%** of the total project costs per project application and a minimum match funding rate of **5%** of the total project costs.

Funding may be awarded for costs such as **detailed design, planning, procurement, professional fees, assessments and other development costs.**

The approval of funding under this category does not automatically guarantee future funding under alternative funding streams for delivery of the emerging projects – the resulting projects will need to be submitted as normal under the competitive funding processes.

Project Development Measures have previously been supported through the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2021 & 2022 and are similar in nature to Category 2 projects under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

Funding under this measure must be used for this sole purpose of developing the approved PDM projects.

Important Information:

Under this scheme, applicants must demonstrate that:

1. Proposed projects have been identified as part of a town plan, health check, Community Futures plan or other community planning process.
2. Full involvement by community interests and/or business interests will be an essential feature of successful projects.
3. Proposed projects are strategic and will assist in rejuvenating the town or village in which they are sited.

Other criteria:

4. Projects that include nature-based solutions or contain a strong sustainability focus will be given additional examination and may be considered more favourably.
5. A focus on accessibility for all and inclusivity should be to the fore when developing project proposals for the community.

Projects that cannot demonstrate that a consultative process has been undertaken to ascertain the views of local community and businesses will not be permitted.

- The selection of PDM projects will be by means of a competitive process. Final project selection will be made by the Department on the basis of proposals submitted by the local authorities.
- The assessment and approval of all projects by DRCD will have regard to a number of factors including: alignment with Our Rural Future; TCF plan; the statutory development planning system; additional Department priorities; available funding; the range, mix, quality and impact of proposed projects; past project delivery performance of local authorities; previous funding provided and all other relevant considerations.
- The Department will give particular consideration to project proposals in a TCF plan that are supported by relevant development objectives in any local area plan or development plan of the local authority. Additional marks as part of the competitive assessment process will be available for applications that demonstrates evidence of this.

Instructions for Applicant communities:

Expression of Interest Forms must be completed online on the consult platform <https://consult.mayo.ie> and submitted on or before **5pm on Tuesday 12th March**. No Expressions of Interest will be accepted after that time.

Please ensure that:

- The costings provided are accurate and reasonable.
- Match funding is available for the project.
- Evidence of ownership (if applicable) or the consent of the landowner or lease is available (proof to be provided if project is selected for submission)
- No funding has been allocated for the same works from any other public funding sources.
- Only proposals that are capable of being delivered within a 12-18 month timeframe should be submitted.

Mayo County Council will evaluate all Expressions of Interest and select a maximum of three projects under this measure to progress to detailed application and submission to the Department (up to a maximum value of €50,000 per application and at a grant rate of 95% of the total project costs per project application and a minimum match funding rate of 5% of the total project costs).

Dates to note	
Scheme Launch	19 th February, 2024
Closing date for EOI submission	5pm, 12 th March, 2024
Evaluation of EOI and preparation of selected applications	
Local Authority submission of complete application to Department	8 th April, 2024

Only one application for any individual town or village may be selected for submission to the Department.

If you have any queries, please make contact by email at community@mayococo.ie or by phone 094-90 64660.

Note **Specific Provision to support the North-Western Region*

In recognition of the classification by the EU Commission of the North-West Region as a Transition Region and with a view to proactively address regional disparities, the Department is permitting the 8 counties in the North West Region to submit **one additional PDM application (3 applications in total)** and an **increased grant rate of 95%** with a **minimum match funding rate of 5%** of the total project costs.

Counties located in the North-West Region, also detailed in Appendix 2, include:

1. Cavan
2. Donegal
3. Galway
4. Leitrim
5. Mayo
6. Monaghan
7. Roscommon
8. Sligo

For the counties listed above, **up to three PDM applications with a maximum funding amount of €50,000 per project** application may be submitted.