Local Enhancement Programme 2025 Application Guidance Session







An Roinn Forbartha
Tuaithe agus Pobail
Department of Rural and
Community Development



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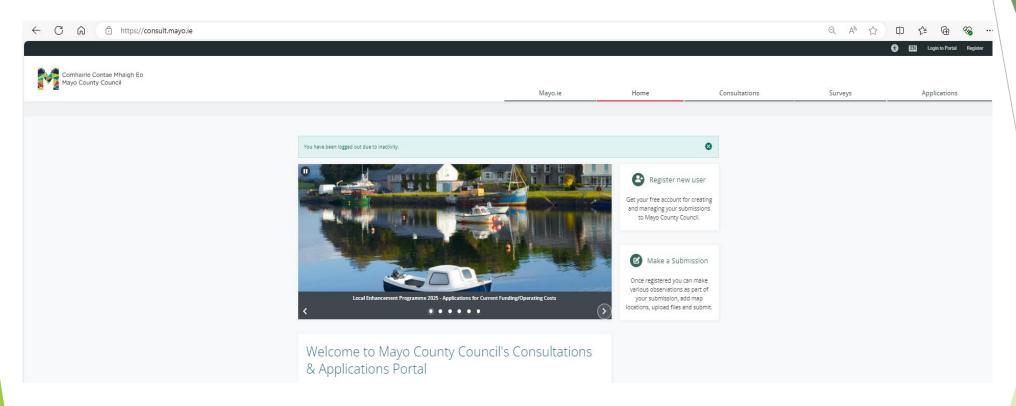
Scheme Outline

- The Department of Rural and Community Development Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025 will provide small scale current and capital funding to support community groups across Mayo. The total allocation for Mayo is €217,742
- Category 1: Grants up to €500 for current/operating costs (Funding Allocated €31,106)
- **Category 2:** Grants for small capital purchases/works up to €1,000 (Funding Allocated €52,725)
- Category 3: Grants for small capital purchases/works from €1,001 €2,000 (Funding Allocated €123,024)
- ▶ The current funding will cover operating costs such as electricity, heating, insurance, rent etc.
- The capital fund will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.
- Note: Different to LEP 2024 which was Capital funding only
- ► Closing Date for Submission of Applications through the online portal is 3pm Thursday, 6th February 2025.

Timeline

- ► Closing date for submission of applications: 3pm Thursday 6th February
- Please monitor your emails carefully after this date in case we have any queries about your application
- ▶ LCDC Meeting to agree allocations/make recommendations: 25th February
- Submission of recommendations to DRCD: By 28th March
- DRCD Announcement provisionally by end May
- Letters Issued to Applicants: within 10 Days of DRCD Announcement. On receipt of letters of offer from Mayo LCDC, and return of signed agreement, projects can commence. For capital funding any works/purchases carried out before return of signed agreement are ineligible for funding.
- Grants to be drawndown by: 31st October 2025

Consult Portal- https://consult.mayo.ie



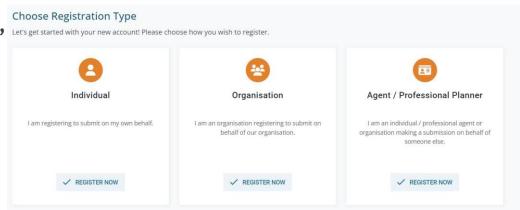
- If you have previously submitted an application for any scheme through the portal, you do not need to create a new account for this scheme.
- If you already have an account, we recommend that you log into it asap to ensure you have the correct passwords etc.

Creating an Account on the Portal

- ► There is a document on the LEP 2025 page on www.mayo.ie with instructions if you need to create an account for the first time.
- Register New User



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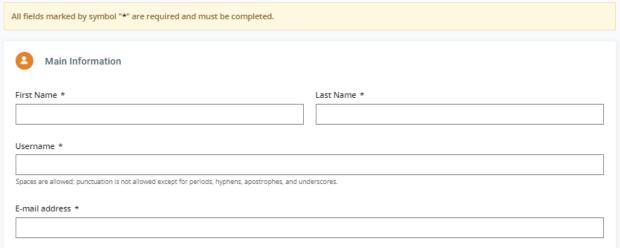


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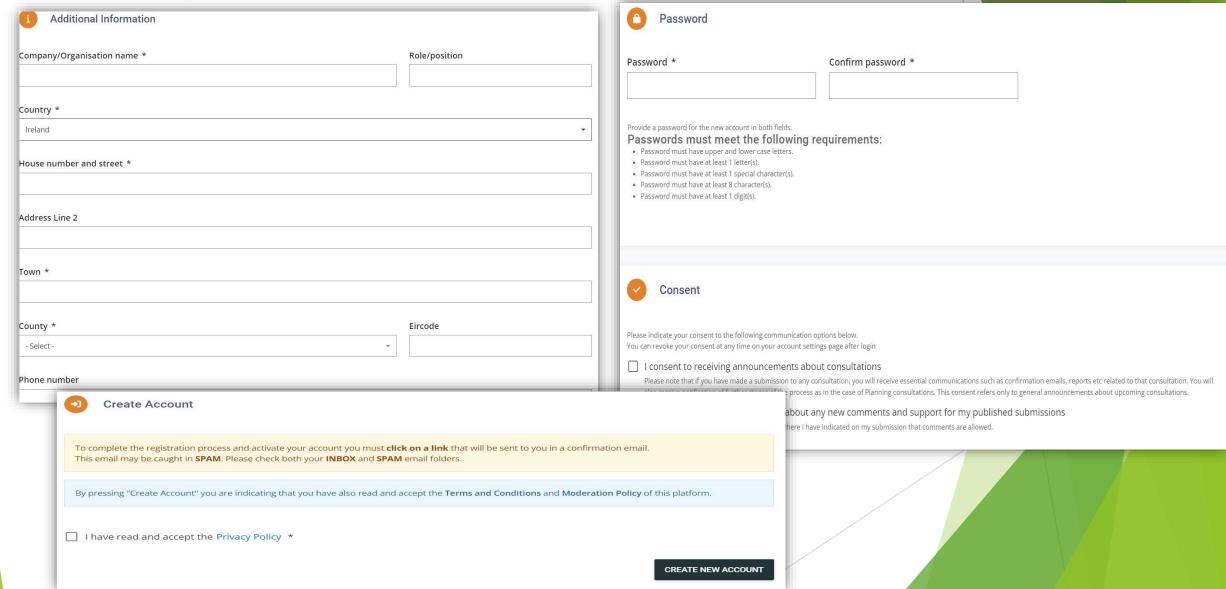
(You can also create a personal account and submit on behalf of an organisation however we do not recommend this. In an organisation other committee members would need access to the portal in case a specific individual is not available. It should be linked to the group's email address, which more than one person can access as opposed to an individual's private email. Access to the registered email is required each time the group/org wish to log in.)

- Password Requirements
- Once account created a link will be emailed to the address associated with the account. Click on this link to activate the account.

2 factor Authentication - NB. This is a set requirement, and one of two options must be activated:

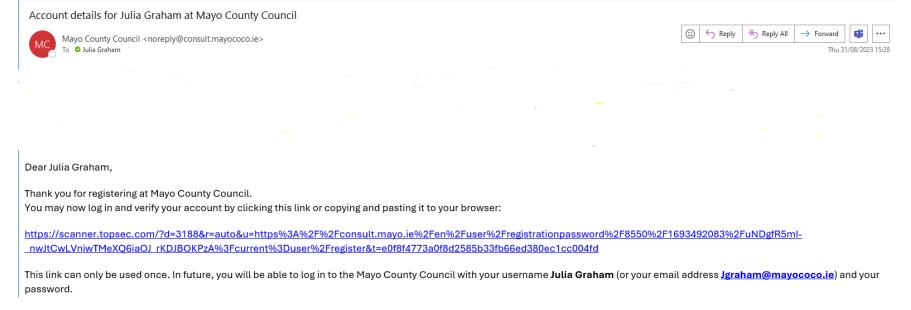


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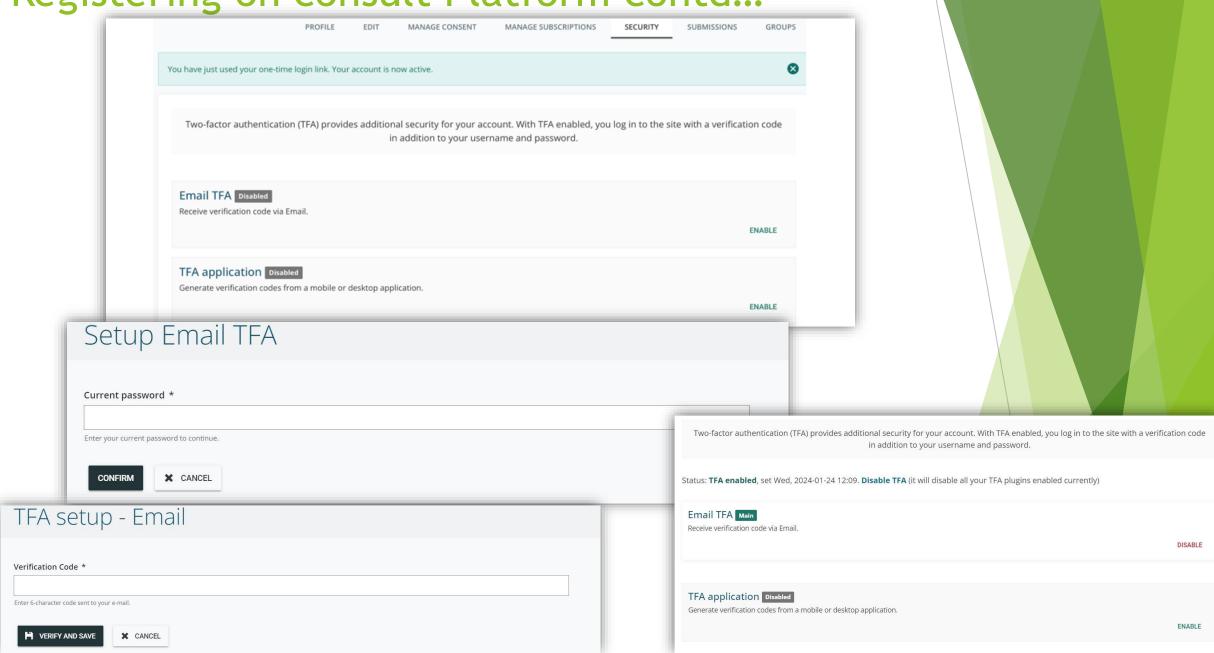
Registering on consult Platform contd...

Email you get to set up Two Factor Authentication (TFA)



- Recommended: Enable Email TFA, you will be asked to re-enter password to finish setting this up. - everytime you log in, you will receive a 6 digit verification code via email.
- ► TFA Application: A specific App must be downloaded to your phone and verification through the app this is not a text to your phone with verification number.

Registering on consult Platform contd...



Terms & Conditions - Current Funding

- 1. The €1 million current funding under the Local Enhancement Programme will support Community groups/organisations particularly in disadvantaged areas, to support their non-pay running costs for example energy costs/bills (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges), rental/lease costs, insurance bills.
- 2. This is a **current** funding scheme. The scheme does not provide funding for capital works, equipment etc. this can be applied for under the capital allocation of the funding.
- 3. The information supplied by the applicant Community Group/Organisation must be accurate and complete.
- 4. Inaccurate or incomplete information may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
- 5. All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. The Department reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
- 6. The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department and Local Authorities, including applications received and any additional correspondence related to the application.
- 7. The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the application.
- 8. It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place including appropriate insurance where relevant.
- 9. Evidence of expenditure, including invoices, receipts and bank statements, must be retained and provided to the LCDC, the Department of Rural and Community Development, the relevant local authority or any agent acting on their behalf if requested.
- 10. Grant monies must be expended and drawn down from the LCDC by 31st October 2025.

Terms & Conditions - Current Funding contd.

- 11. The Department of Rural and Community Development's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant.
- 12. Generally, no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
- 13. Late applications will not be considered.
- 14. To ensure appropriate monitoring and governance, the Department is stating that only operating/running costs related to this period are eligible **1st June 2024 to 30th May 2025**
- 15. Applications must be accompanied by a bill/bills, in the applicant group's name only, that fell due and were paid between 1st June 2024 and 31st January 2025. Evidence of payment must also be attached to the application, e.g. bank statement, supplier statement, Section 30 receipt for insurance etc. Please contact lep2025@mayococo.ie for further information on evidence of payment.
- 16. Grantees will be required to comply with the highest standard of transparency and accountability as documented in Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 13/2014 Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds http://circulars.gov.ie/pdf/circular/per/2014/13.pdf. The overall principle is that there should be transparency and accountability in the management of public funds, in line with economy, efficiency and effectiveness. The circular outlines, for example, that grant recipients should not dispose of publicly funded assets without prior approval.
- 17. Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
- 18. Please ensure the application form is completed in full. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- 19. In order to process your application, it may be necessary for Mayo LCDC to collect personal data from you. Such information will be processed in line with the Local Authority's privacy statement which is available to view on Privacy and Data Protection policy at Mayo County Council.

Terms and Conditions - Capital Funding

- 1. The Local Enhancement Programme will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas, to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities and purchase equipment.
- 2. This is a capital funding scheme. The scheme does not provide funding for the pay or employment of staff, or towards current 'operating' costs such as utility bills, etc.
- 3. The activity or project must benefit the local community and relate to the key priority areas identified in the LECP.
- 4. The information supplied by the applicant group /organisation must be accurate and complete.
- 5. Inaccurate or incomplete information may lead to disqualification and/or the repayment of any grant made.
- 6. Any expenditure incurred before a letter of offer is issued from Mayo LCDC will be deemed ineligible
- 7. All information provided in respect of the application for a grant will be held electronically. The Department reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.
- 8. The Freedom of Information Act applies to all records held by the Department and Local Authorities, including applications received and any additional correspondence related to the application.
- 9. The application must be signed by the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the organisation making the submission. Applications will only be accepted through the online portal.
- 10. Applicants should be aware that an equity/fairness approach will be taken by the LCDC to ensure an even distribution of funding and a maximum of one project per group will be considered for funding by the LCDC.
- 11. It is the responsibility of each organisation to ensure that it has proper procedures and policies in place, including appropriate insurance, and landowner/property owner consent where relevant.

Terms and Conditions - Capital contd.

- 12. Evidence of expenditure, receipts /invoices must be retained and provided to the LCDC, the Department of Rural and Community Development, the relevant local authority or any agent acting on their behalf.
- 13. Grant monies must be expended and drawn down from the LCDC by 31st October 2025. Photographic evidence will be required to facilitate draw down of grants.
- 14. The Department of Rural and Community Development's contribution must be publicly acknowledged in all materials associated with the purpose of the grant, including signage.
- 15. Generally, no third party or intermediary applications will be considered.
- 16. Late applications will not be considered.
- 17. Breaches of the terms and conditions of the grants scheme may result in sanctions including disbarment from future grant applications.
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- 19. Please ensure the application form is completed in full. This includes providing all supporting documentation requested. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.
- 20. In order to process your application it may be necessary for Mayo County Council to collect personal data from you. Such information will be processed in line with the Local Authority's privacy statement which is available to view on www.mayo.ie.
- 21. In order to drawdown any grant awarded all invoices and receipts/other proof of payment provided must be in the full name of the applicant organisation. Invoices and receipts made out to third parties will not be accepted.
- 22. Items purchased using LEP funding must remain in the State on a permanent basis.

Documentation you need before you apply

- Charity number (if applicable)
- Tax Number, Tax Reference Number (if applicable)
- PPN Number (if applicable)
- Details of Previous funding/Grants received e,g, LEADER, CLÁR, CEP, CAF etc
- XY ITM Coordinates View <u>Simple Guide to finding XY coordinates</u>
- Bank Statement Header dated within 3 months. Must be in same name as applicant name.
- Capital 3 quotations per element to meet National procurement requirements
- Current at least one bill and receipt dated between 1st June 2024 and 31st
 January 2025

Costs that are eligible for funding - Capital

- The following provides a non-exhaustive list of projects that could receive capital funding under the programme:
- Development/renovation of community centres
- Accessibility improvements
- 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
- Improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs
- Purchase of equipment
- Purchase of laptops, tablets
- Maintenance of premises, including painting and repairs. N.B. Maintenance must relate to enhancing an asset - current/operating expenses are not eligible
- ▶ Capital work to increase biodiversity, or to reduce the carbon footprint of a facility
- Cleaning e.g. power-washing prior to painting

Costs that are eligible for funding - Current/Operating costs

- Electricity bills
- Heating bills
- Refuse costs
- Insurance costs
- Rental costs etc.

Your application must be accompanied by at least one bill *and* receipt for the period 1st June 2024 to 31st January 2025. If you are applying for the maximum funding of €500 and your operating costs bills for this period are less than €500 you can email subsequent bills and receipts for the period 1st February 2025 to 31st May 2025 to lep2025@mayococo.ie after you have received your letter of offer of funding. It is important to note that if you only attach an electricity bill to your application you cannot send in a different bill, e.g. insurance, after you receive your grant of funding.

The Application Forms - Landing Page





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Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Department of Rural and Community Development

The Local Enhancement Programme 2025 (LEP) is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Please see the following link for a press release on the launch of the LEP at national level by the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, and the Minister of State with responsibility for Community Development and Charities, Joe O'Brien TD: Press Release

The Department of Rural and Community Development's Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025 will provide capital supports essential for the many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged communities, in rural and urban areas.

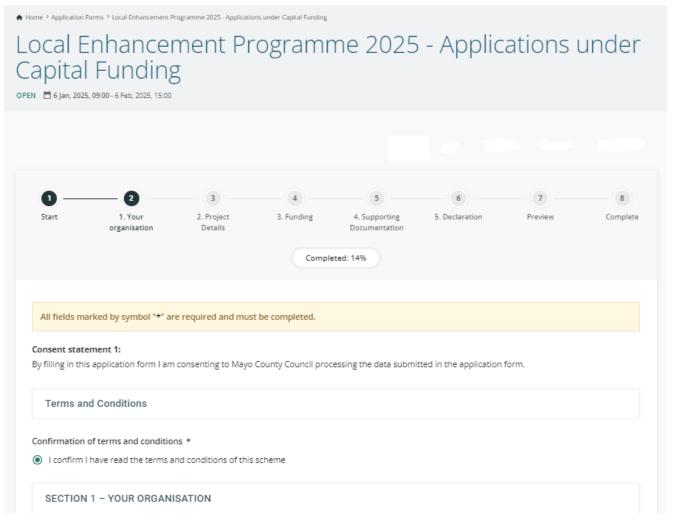
There will be a particular focus on small capital works/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use. The funding may be used, but is not limited to; improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups, and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

Groups will be able to use the capital element of funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, or to purchase equipment for example tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies and training equipment etc.

The scheme is designed to ensure local priorities are identified and met, so as to improve and enhance community facilities for all. It is administered by Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area

Applications should relate to one or more key priority areas identified in the LCDC's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) in order to be eligible for consideration.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS



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| aperson@gmail.com |
| Organisations are advised not to use a personal email address as this can lead to important communications being missed. We also advise that junk email folders are checked regularly. |
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| aperson@gmail.com |
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| Alternative Contact name * |
| Additional contact name required as second point of contact |
| AN Other |
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| Alternative Telephone number * |
| 094910000 |
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| Alternative E-mail * |
| bperson@gmail.com |
| It is important that you provide a second email address that is checked regularly as the Community section is likely to be in contact via email. |
| Re-enter alternative email address * |
| bperson@gmail.com |

| - | received funding under any capital grants schemes from 2018 to current date - i.e. grants from Government Departments, Local or LEADER? * |
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| O Yes | |
| No | |
| Do you r | ceive funding from any other organisation? * |
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| ls your o | ganisation affiliated or connected to any relevant local regional or national body? * |
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| How doe | your organisation link in with other organisations in your area? * |
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| Does voi | r organisation have a charitable status number? * |
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| Does you | r organisation have a tax reference number? * |
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| Does you | r organisation have a tax clearance access number? * |
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Does your organisation have a Company Registered number?

O Yes

No





The Application Form - Section 2 Project Details

| SECTION 2 - Project Details |
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| How much funding are you applying for? Tick one of the below options. (required field) * |
| Category 2 Small scale grant, €1,000 or less |
| Category 3 Grant from €1,001 up to a max of €2,000 |
| PURPOSE OF GRANT: What will the funding be used for? * |
| Note: This list is not exhaustive, but gives examples of types of expenditure. Please refer to section 3b in the guidelines detailing what is not eligible for funding |
| ☐ IT Equipment |
| Safety Equipment |
| ☐ Machinery |

The Application Form - Section 2 Project Details

| PURPOSE OF GRANT: What will the funding be used for? * |
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| Note: This list is not exhaustive, but gives examples of types of expenditure. Please refer to section 3b in the guidelines detailing what is not eligible for funding |
| ☐ IT Equipment |
| ☐ Safety Equipment |
| ☐ Machinery |
| Renovation of building/premises |
| □ ССТУ |
| General Equipment |
| Construction Works |
| ☐ Training Equipment |
| Sports Equipment |
| ☐ Energy efficient upgrade |
| Development of community facilities |
| ☐ Improved access for persons with a disability |
| ☐ Other |
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| What is the purpose of the grant? (State specifically the items to be purchased or works to be undertaken. This must match the quotations |
| attached below). * |
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The Application Form - Section 2 Project **Details**

Please identify the X-Y coordinates for the location of your proposed project using the following Grid Reference Finder

Unsure on how to use the Grid Reference Finder? Here is a simple guide on How to find location XY ITM

Please input exact location (X-Y co-ordinates) of where the proposed project will be based.

| X ITM * | Y ITM* |
|---------|--------|
| 516195 | 790102 |

This information is required in ITM format. The simple guide we have provided with this form will show you how to find these on https://irish.gridreferencefinder.com/

If this is for a specific project, when will your project begin?



If this is for a specific project, when will your project be completed?

Projects must be complete and funding drawn down by 31st October 2025



Are all relevant permissions in place (e.g. planning permission, written consent from landowner/property owner if your project involves the development of a property)? *

- Yes
- O No
- Not applicable

Is this part of a phased development and/or linked with (or funded by) other schemes operated by Government Departments or the Local Authority? *

- Yes

Project details - current funding

| Electricity | bills |
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Important note: Please include supporting documentation, please see terms and conditions or contact LEP2025@mayococo.ie for information on the required supporting documentation.

The Application Form - Section 3 Funding

| Section 3. Funding | | | | |
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| . Amount in € being applied for under the Local Enhancement nly numerical value to be included in this field € 2000 | t Programme for equipment or the upgrade of facilities * | | | |
| B. Is this amount a partial or total project cost? * | | | | |
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The LCDC will check to ensure that this application relates to Our shared Vision and High-Level Goals within its Mayo LECP 2023-2029 Socio Economic Statement which you can access on Mayo.ie.

The Application Form - Section 4 **Uploading Supporting Documents**

SECTION 4 - Supporting Documentation

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:

Estimates/quotes from a minimum of three different independent suppliers must be submitted with this form. Quotes/estimates to be no older than 3 months. If providing an online quote the supplier name must be visible on the uploaded document. If multiple items are included on a quote the same items must be included on all 3 quotes. E.g. if applying for training equipment for a sports club each item applied for must appear on every quote - items that only appear on one or two of the quotes will not be considered for funding.

A bank statement header dated within the last 3 months for an account in exactly the same name as the organisation applying for funding.

If you are unclear about what to provide please refer to the scheme guidelines or alternatively contact us at lep2025@mayococo.ie

Lack of supporting documentation will render this application invalid

Important Note

Successful applications for funding under this programme will only be paid to the applicant organisation's Bank Account, If your organisation is registered with the Companies Registration Office (CRO) and/or Charities Regulatory Authority, the name on your bank account must be identical to the name registered with the above, for payment to be processed. If your organisation is tax registered your tax registered name must also match the name on your bank account.

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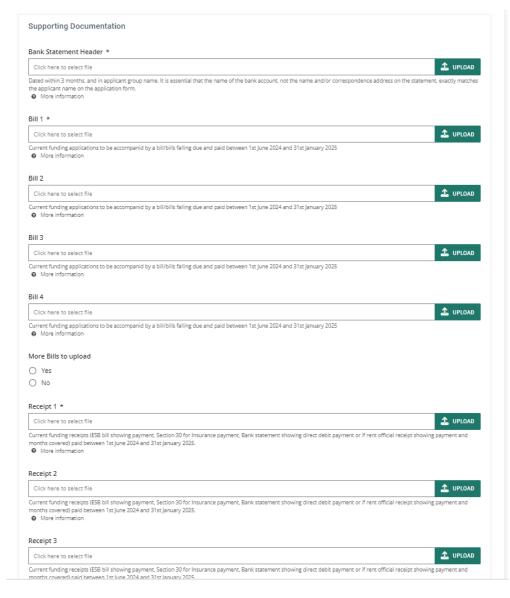
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The Application Form - Section 4 Uploading Supporting Documents

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Supporting documentation- current funding

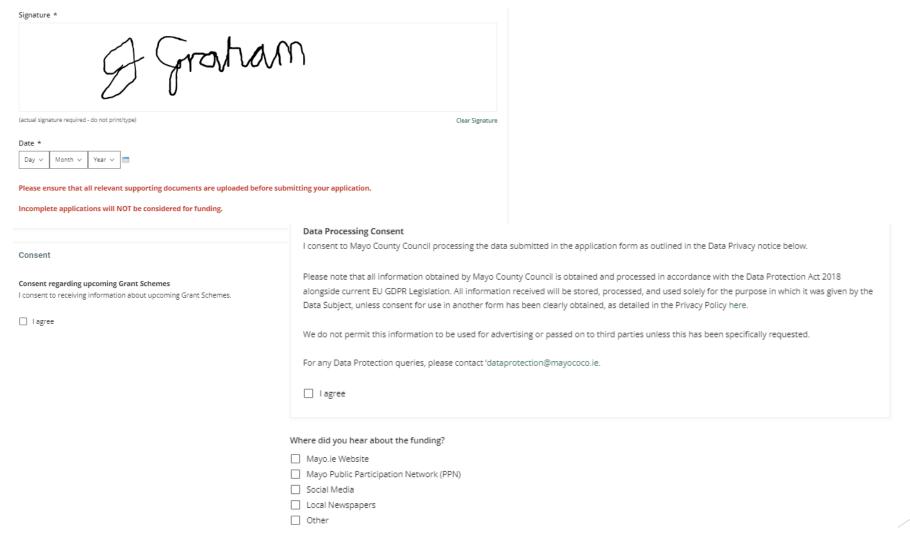


The Application Form - Section 5 Declaration

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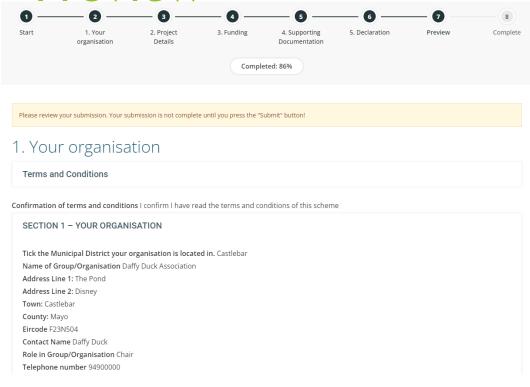
| Please select each statement below to confirm agreement * | | | |
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| I declare that the information given on this form is accurate and correct. | | | |
| ☐ I confirm I have read and fully understand the Terms and Conditions of the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 | | | |
| ☐ I confirm that I have read the Application Guidelines for the Local Enhancement Programme prior to completing this form. | | | |
| ☐ I confirm that this grant application is submitted in acceptance of and compliance with the Terms and Conditions. | | | |
| I confirm that the applicant group/organisation does not have the funding to undertake the work/project without this grant aid or alternatively that the grant will facilitate a larger project which they would otherwise be unable to afford. | | | |
| I confirm that the applicant group/organisation is tax compliant (if tax registered). | | | |
| I confirm that the name on the bank account held by the applicant organisation is identical to the applicant name entered on this form | | | |
| I confirm that if grant funding is awarded to this organisation all invoices and receipts supplied in support of drawdown will be in the same name as entered on this application | | | |
| Name of Signatory * | | | |
| Julia Graham | | | |
| (on behalf of group/organisation) | | | |
| Position held in group / organisation: * | | | |
| Treasurer | | | |
| Must be chairperson, secretary or treasurer) | | | |

The Application Form - Section 5 Declaration

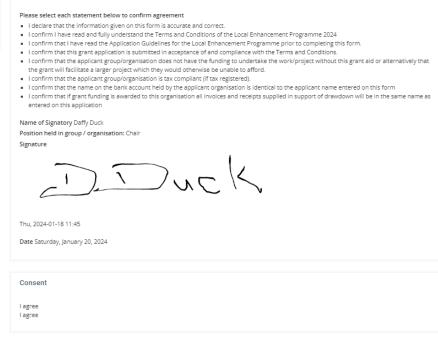


The Application Form - Section 6

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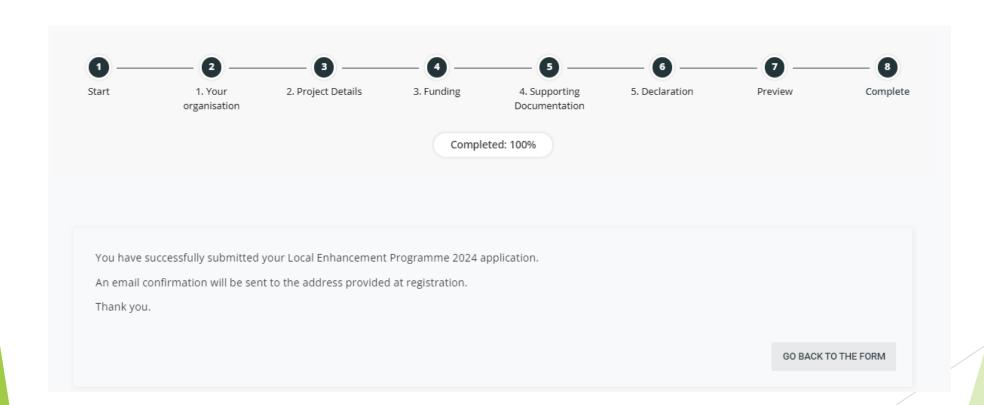


5. Declaration



■ SAVE DRAFT

The Application Form - Section 7 Complete



Drawdown of Grants

- ► All invoices and receipts/other proof of payment provided must be after the date of the letter of offer of funding.
- ▶ All invoices and receipts/other proof of payment provided must be in the full name of the applicant organisation.
- Invoices and receipts made out to third parties will not be accepted.
- Photographs of items purchased are also required.
- Any queries will be sent to the email address provided on the Acceptance of Offer.
- ▶ If you need to change the purpose of funding you must notify us in advance so we can get approval from the Department.

Important Information

- Apply online at https://www.mayo.ie by going to "Apply" on the landing page.
- Check that you have all the supporting documentation at the ready before applying.
- Try to have one main and consistent email for your organisation.
- Please contact <u>lep2025@mayococo.ie</u> with any queries on this fund.
- Closing Date for Applications <u>3pm 6th February 2025</u> and will be strictly adhered to.





Questions??



