**LCDC Report: Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) 2021**

**2nd July, 2021**

Kilkenny received €136,319 under the CEP Grant Scheme for 2021 as with previous rounds 30% of the overall funding was to be made available for small grants of €3,000 or less.

Kilkenny ringfenced **€41,000** for grants of €3,000 or less and **€95,319** was made available for grants up to €10,000.

The aim of the fund is to provide grants to community/voluntary groups to assist them:

* Towards projects or equipment enhancing facilities (similar to previous years and, one-off grants towards costs associated with reopening of a facility or the sustainability of a facility. These include costs such as utility bills etc.

Kilkenny LCDC received 74 applications; 43 applications for small grants up to €3,000 and 29 medium grants up to €10,000.

Under the small grants 28 are recommended for approval with 15 deemed ineligible or duplication of other funding streams and did not meet the above criteria.

Under the medium grants 14 are recommended for approval with 15 deemed ineligible.

The CEP subgroup membership includes Declan Gibbons, Fiona Deegan, Sheila Donnelly and Annette Fitzpatrick. Any conflicts of interest with regards any of the applications being assessed were declared and that member excused themselves for that element of the assessment.

Below is a list of the applications and the recommendation of the CEP subgroup to approve those deemed eligible and ineligible.

**Small Grants Recommended for Approval: -**

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| **CEP 2021 FUND - Small Grants** | | | |
| **GROUP/ ORGANISATION** | **Name of TOWN/ VILLAGE** | **RECOMMENDATION** | **PURPOSE OF GRANT/ FUNDING** |
| **Ballyragget Playground Committee** | Ballyragget | € 2,000.00 | To provide a kickabout area for older children, work needs to be done on playing area at Fairgreen, slitting of the surface, apply sand and reseed |
| **Bishop Birch Place** | Kilkenny City | € 2,000.00 | Refurbishment of community centre and provision of equipment for Covid 19 |
| **Callan Community Energy Company** | Callan | € 1,000.00 | Fit out office space with desk, chair and printer in new office in Callan, to develop Callan Energy Plan |
| **Conahy Sports Complex** | Conahy | € 1,500.00 | To improve toilet facilities and lighting at walking track for the community to use. |
| **Conahy Community Redevelopment Assoc** | Conahy | € 1,000.00 | Help with utility bills, insurance and general upkeep of hall facilities for the community |
| **Clomantagh Squash Club** | Freshford | € 1,500.00 | Replace lights with LED, sand and varnish floor and paint the interior of hall. |
| **Danesfort Community Centre** | Danesfort | € 1,500.00 | Supply, installation and replacement of existing heating and boiler system and electrical works. |
| **DGK Men’s Shed** | Cuffesgrange | € 830.00 | Materials to cover outside seating area and purchase of defibrillator |
| **Droichead Family Resources Centre** | Callan | € 2,500.00 | Purchase and install a wooden gazebo in garden area for outdoor meetings and activities. |
| **Erin’s Own GAA** | Castlecomer | € 2,000.00 | Work to ballycomey and prince grounds clubhouses, convert urinal to wheelchair accessible toilet, supply and fit no 5 internal thumbs turn door locks, Fire Safety upgrade to include lighting, alarm, locks. |
| **Ferrybank Allotment Project** | Ferrybank | € 500.00 | Purchase gravel to resurface allotment project entrance and car park. |
| **Freshford Town FC** | Freshford | € 1,500.00 | Paint the clubhouse inside and out, replace a broken fridge and freezer |
| **Gairdin Na Ghorta** | Newmarket | € 1,500.00 | New sink units and fittings, new water heater unit and fittings and new fire extinguishers and signs |
| **Graignamanagh Men’s Shed** | Graignamanagh | |  | | --- | | € 830.00 | | To connect the town water scheme to the men’s shed and connect to disposal of waste water to facilitate small kitchen unit and for general maintenance. |
| **Grow Mental Health** | Kilkenny City | € 2,000.00 | Funding for design and printing a book of recovery stories to be launched during mental health week in October |
| **Hillsfield Community Centre** | Ferrybank | € 2,000.00 | Create a permanent digital hub in the community centre, purchase 2 refurbished laptops |
| **Ionad Lactain Museum** | Freshford | € 1,500.00 | Display units for museums to host art exhibitions and purchase cushion and seat coverings. |
| **Kilkenny Volunteer Centre** | Kilkenny City | € 2,000.00 | Desk screen protectors, hand sanitisers etc. |
| **Kilmacow Community Sports Complex Ltd** | Kilmacow | € 1,500.00 | Upgrade lighting surrounding the car park and dressing rooms areas, installation of new lamp poles and lamps. |
| **Mill Family Resource Centre** | Urlingford | € 1,500.00 | Upgrade lighting system to LED lights |
| **Mooncoin Men’s Shed** | Mooncoin | € 830.00 | purchase equipment, compound saw, table saw, bench drill to make items for the community e.g. mud kitchens for local schools |
| **Muckalee Football Club** | Muckalee | € 1,000.00 | To paint hurling ball wall with targets and goal posts. |
| **Newpark Close Community Development** | Kilkenny City | € 2,000.00 | To purchase CCTV for men’s shed, and equipment wood turning set, drill, electric belt sander etc. |
| **Skeoughvosteen Sports Complex & Community Centre** | Skeoghvosteen | € 1,000.00 | Funding to help with Electricity Costs, |
| **Thomastown Men’s Shed** | Thomastown | € 830.00 | Purchase equipment, pallet stripper, sander etc. |
| **Twilight Community Group** | Kilkenny City | € 500.00 | Purchase desk and chairs for community use, compliant with current covid 19 public health guidelines. |
| **Urlinford Town CCTV** | Urlingford | € 2,000.00 | Installing CCTV cameras in Urlingford, have a grant of €15000 from Dept of Justice. |
| **Urlingford Pastoral Council - Parish Hall** | Urlingford | € 2,000.00 | Install new boiler in the community hall, |
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|  |  | **€ 40,820.00** |  |

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|  | **Depicts Target Group under the LECP** |
|  | **Depicts area of disadvantage in the county** |

**Medium Grants Recommended for approval**

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| **CEP 2021 FUND - Medium Grants** | | | |
| **GROUP/ ORGANISATION** | **Name of TOWN/ VILLAGE** | **RECOMMENDATION** | **PURPOSE OF GRANT/ FUNDING** |
| **Amber Women’s Refuge** | Kilkenny City | € 10,000.00 | Renovation of building to facilitate 2 new fully self-contained units, upgrade of boiler and heating system |
| **Ballyragget community hall squash club** | Ballyragget | € 7,000.00 | Upgrade electrical work at squash court to the rear of the hall. |
| **Barrow Valley Community Development** | Graignamanagh | € 6,500.00 | Supply & Installation of CCTV system |
| **Castlecomer Discovery Park** | Castlecomer | € 7,000.00 | Purchase of safety equipment, 20 smart belays and 20 harnesses to support covid best practice by being able to rotate equipment. |
| **Clogh Handball Club** | Clogh | € 5,000.00 | Renovate balcony area, fitting a new fire escape and new heating system for the building. |
| **Clogh Community Council** | Clogh | € 5,000.00 | Complete toilet facilities at walking track, fix roof. |
| **Freshford Heritage & Development Group** | Freshford | € 7,000.00 | Resurfacing entire pathway in the Millennium Park, |
| **Irish Wheelchair Association** | Kilkenny City | € 4,000.00 | To create a covered outdoor area, by installing pergolas to allow programmes to be run outdoors. |
| **Mooncoin Parish Hall** | Mooncoin | € 6,000.00 | Replacement of substandard windows in hall. |
| **Playground Group, Johnstown** | Johnstown | € 7,000.00 | To create a sensory garden beside their playground. Quote and design proposal submitted. |
| **Ring a link** | Kilkenny City | € 5,000.00 | To provide a wheelchair lift to a bus. |
| **Saint Christopher Community Ambulance** | Kilkenny City | € 7,000.00 | Upgrade equipment in community ambulance, new stretcher and suction machine, and provide training for new volunteers |
| **South Sudanese Community, (SSCAI) 15 A Hebron House** | Kilkenny City | € 6,000.00 | Initiated a sewing/tailoring project funded through SICAP, funding required to purchase new sewing machines, furniture and renting a venue for running the sewing course. |
| **The Thomas Hayes Trust** | Kilkenny City | € 3,000.00 | Utility Bills, Insurance, Development of recreation space |
| **Urlngford on the Move** | Urlingford | € 10,000.00 | Development of walking track - Community walking space. |
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|  |  | **€ 95,500.00** |  |

**Ineligible applications Small Grant**

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| **CEP 2021 FUND - Small Grants** | | | |
| **GROUP/ ORGANISATION** | **Name of TOWN/ VILLAGE** | **Comments** | **PURPOSE OF GRANT/ FUNDING** |
| **Ashgrove Pitch and Putt** | Mooncoin | Not within ethos of the scheme | Purchase a new mower €2700 and help with insurance costs (approx. €900) |
| **Castlecomer Men’s Shed** | Castlecomer | Premature - costs too high for overall project | Joining with Castlecomer Tidy Towns to secure a premise, present shed not fit for purpose. |
| **Chapelgate Residents Association** | Kilmacow | Excluded residents groups | Paint boundary railings and power wash walls and plinths. Received €800 in Estate Management Grant 2021 |
| **Comeragh View Residents Association** | Moonoin | Excluded residents groups | Provide a buddy bench for old residents to meet, sit and have a chat. Received €1,100 in Estate Management Grant 2021 |
| **Eastern Environs Defibrillator Group** | Kilkenny City | Not within ethos of the scheme | Replacement of defibrillator pads on machines. |
| **Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group** | Ferrybank | Not within ethos of the scheme | Replace faulty Christmas lights and install some new Christmas lights on trees. |
| **Freshford Community Group** | Freshford | Duplication of T&V Outdoor activity hub | Provide sensory area for people, linking the main hall to the garden. |
| **Freshford Tidy Towns** | Freshford | Amenity Grant | Replace deck on lawnmower and set up a polytunnel. |
| **Glenmore Community Centre** | Glenmore | Received funding in Nov and March this year. | Upgrade lawnmower and gardening equipment to upkeep area around the community centre. €3000 Nov 2020 and €2000 March 2021 |
| **Kilfane Handball Club** | Thomastown | |  | | --- | | Not prioritised as an area of affluence | | To surround new outdoor wall facility with mesh railings for security and also for ease of playing and viewing |
| **Kilmacow Community Centre** | Kilmacow | Not within ethos of the scheme | Replace sky lights in sports hall. |
| **Mooncoin Tidy Towns** | Mooncoin | Amenity Grant | Create a new green/wild garden in the centre of the village and provide appropriate signage and a seating area. |
| **Station Avenue Residents** | Ballyragget | Excluded residents groups | Painting of a mural in a very unattractive area. Estate Management Grant 2021 |
| **Urlingford Tidy Towns** | Urlingford | Amenity Grant | Streetscaping of main street urlingford, replace flower pots and planters. |
| **Urlingford Town Development** | Urlingford | Not within ethos of the scheme | Install connection points for Christmas lights around the town. |
| **Windgap Tidy Towns** | Windgap | Amenity Grant | Replacement of water pump and associated piping in well, the well supplies fresh water to wild life lake |
| **Woodview Residents Association** | Freshford | Excluded residents groups | Outdoor seating - Construct wooden public benches. €800 Estate Management Grant 2021 |

**Medium Grants Ineligible**

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| **CEP 2021 FUND - Medium Grants** | | | |
| **GROUP/ ORGANISATION** | **TOWN/Village** |  | **PURPOSE OF GRANT/ FUNDING** |
| **Castlecomer Tidy Towns** | Castlecomer | Amenity Grant | Purchase of a ride on mower to cut the across around the town of Castlecomer and will be used by community employment workers |
| **Deen Celtic Soccer Club** | Castlecomer |  | Purchase a new robotic mower to cut the two soccer pitches for use by everyone. |
| **Freshford Squash Club** | Freshford | 3 years funding already | put in new staircase, accessible toilet, wash hand basin, upgrade current lighting system, online booking system. Received €5850 in 2020 and €2000 in 2021 |
| **Kilkenny Cricket Club** | Kilkenny City | not within the ethos of the scheme | Defibrillator, first aid kits, lawnmower, roller, scoreboards, scoring booth, dressing rooms 3 x adapted storage containers |
| **Kilkenny Volunteer Centre** | Kilkenny City | premature - no lease in place | Make premises fit to purpose, toilet area wheelchair accessible, |
| **Mullinavat Community Group** | Mullinavat | not within the ethos of the scheme | Electric blinds as windows located high up on the walls, also CCTV. |
| **Piltown Community Centre** | Piltown | no report from 2020 received, no quotes | Re tarmac/repair existing basketball court. Received €1500 October 2020 and €7,000 January 2021 |
| **St. Brigids College, Callan Committee** | Callan | open the floodgates to schools (Creative Ireland) | Committee established to commemorate Sisters of Mercy over last 70 years, commission a piece of art work that will be a permanent feature in the school. |
| **Synergy Group, Castlecomer** | Castlecomer | not within the ethos of the scheme | To purchase more lighting and equipment Festival of light in Castlecomer. |
| **The Greens Residents Association** | Thomastown | excluded residents groups | Purchase a new ride on lawnmower and a metal shed to store lawnmower. |
| **Thomastown Scout Group** | Thomastown | previous funding 2 years | Fit safety flooring to kitchen area and kitchen fit out, |