



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8th May, 2023

Dear Councillor,

I enclose details of the applications evaluated and recommended for funding under the 2023 Amenity Grant Scheme.

Budget - The 2023 budget approved for Amenity Grants is €140,000.

Promotion - The Amenity Grant Scheme was advertised in the Kilkenny People Newspaper and on the Council's website on the 25th of January 2023. An application form was also posted out to each of the previous year's applicants. The closing date for applications was the 31st March, 2023.

Applications:

- A total of 180 applications have been received;
- 1 application was ineligible as it did not meet with the objectives of the Amenity Grant Scheme;
- A total of 179 applications are therefore being recommended for approval as per the attached schedule.

Evaluation Committee - the applications were evaluated by the following:

- Eoin Dullea
- Lisa Bourke

An evaluation of the applications was undertaken with reference to a range of evaluation criteria and category classifications (i.e. 15 categories A - O based on size of town or village, number of houses in the estate, etc). There was a slight decrease in the award under some of the categories due to the slightly higher number of applications this year as compared to 2022 (172).

I recommend the allocations as outlined on the attached schedule in the total amount of €139,880. The small balance remaining will cover some of the cost of advertising the scheme.

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Denis Malone,
Director of Services,
Planning, Economic & Environmental Services.

Criteria Used for Amenity Grant Awards 2023

The following criteria was used to allocate the awards to the wide variety of application types received: -

Category	Description	Amount
A	District Town Tidy Towns Group	€2000
B	Large Village Tidy Towns Group	€1400
C	Small Village Tidy Towns Group	€900
D	Individual street in a village	€276
E	Park / Playground	€690
F	Community Garden/Allotment/FRC/Grotto	€650
G	Sports Clubs (full public access without membership fee)/Other clubs	€460
H	Housing estate under 20 houses	€460
I	Housing estates 21 - 50 houses	€580
J	Housing estates 51-100 houses	€750
K	Housing estates 101 -150 houses	€900
L	Housing estates 151-200 houses	€1220
M	Housing estates 201 – 250 houses	€1400
N	Housing estates over 251 houses	€1550
O	Community Centre/Parish Hall	€900

Schedule of Recommendations under Amenity Grant Scheme 2023

	Group Name	Brief Description of Project	Recommended Award	Category
North	The Weirview RA	Planting - shrubs & flowers	€ 1,220.00	L
	The Weir Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Glendine Court RA	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	St Canice's Parish Homes	Upkeep of Communal Gardens	€ 460.00	H
	Kilkenny Allotments & Community Gardens	Maintenance of Allotment	€ 650.00	F
	Talbots Grove Estate Management	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Talbots Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Talbots Gate Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Hillcrest Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Cashel Downs Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Parkview/Parkview Residents Association	Maintenance of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Parcnagowan Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,220.00	L
	The Grange Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Ashfield & Ashfield East Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,400.00	M
	Springmount Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Rath Ullord Residents Association	Powerwashing of estate	€ 550.00	J
	Steeple Court, New Row Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	J
	Sion Meadows	Maintenance of green area	€ 460.00	H
	Beechpark Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Springfields Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Ayrfield Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Rose Hill Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Outrath Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 400.00	I
	The Orchard Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Mayfield Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Whitegate Lawn Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Dukesmeadows Residents Association	Sanding of paths	€ 750.00	J
	Rose Hill Residents Association	Powerwashing of estate	€ 900.00	K
	Sycamores/Aylesbury Residents Associations	Replacement of flower boxes	€ 1,500.00	N
	Richview Residents Association	Bench and grass cutting	€ 750.00	J
	Melville Heights Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Beechlawns Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	J
	Smithlands Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Maiden Hill Residents Association	Tree Planting	€ 300.00	I
	Clongowen Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,000.00	M
	Maragertsfield Mgmt Co	Planting of wildflower meadow	€ 750.00	J
	The Paddocks & Breaghagh Place RA	Seating and wildflower garden	€ 900.00	K
	Newpark Lawn Resident Assoc	Maintenance of green area	€ 460.00	H
	Rosewood Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J
	Kilkenny Great War Memorial Committee	Planting	€ 600.00	J
	Loreto Park Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 460.00	H
	Lintown Hall Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 1,550.00	N
The Fairways Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 750.00	J	
Glendine Heights Residents Assoc	Upkeep of estate/new lawnmower	€ 750.00	J	
South	Cois Bearbha Co-op	Upkeep of green areas	€ 650.00	F
	Barrack St Residents Group	Purchase of lawnmower	€ 580.00	I
	Lower Grange Residents Group	Plants and paint	€ 580.00	I
	Goresbridge Rural Development	Insurance	€ 1,400.00	B
	Riverside Park Res Association	Grass cutting	€ 580.00	I
	Mill Family Resource Centre	Upkeep of Community Garden	€ 650.00	F
	Togher Lawns	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Togher Crescent	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Urlingford Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€ 1,400.00	B
	Urlingford Town Development	Purchase of powerwasher & insurance	€ 1,400.00	B
	Clomantagh Heritage Committee	Maintenance of graveyard	€ 900.00	C
	Mullinabro Woods Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Castlecomer Tidy Towns	Landscaping at Barrack Hill	€ 2,000.00	A
	Oakhill Residents Association	Grass cutting	€ 750.00	J
	The Acorns Lower Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€ 580.00	I
	Deenview Inclusive Garden	Upgrade surface at polytunnel	€ 650.00	F

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Deerpark Shrine Assoc	Grass cutting and painting at Shrine	€	650.00	F
Ard Crann Residents Association	Grass Cutting	€	460.00	H
Spa Development Association	Planting at village entrances	€	1,400.00	B
Paulstown Community Playground Group	Playground Footpaths	€	690.00	E
Oaklawns Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Marble Court Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Paulstown Development Association	Upkeep of Community Areas	€	1,400.00	B
An Choill Rua Residents	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Gathabawn Rural Development	Upkeep of Village & Park	€	900.00	C
Freshford Heritage Group	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
Freshford Tidy Towns	Insurance, maintain flower beds	€	1,400.00	B
Freshford.ie	Erection of stretch tent	€	650.00	F
St. Lachtain's GAA Club	Seats around walkway & planting	€	460.00	G
Freshford Development Association	Planting around village	€	1,400.00	B
Coon Tidy Towns	Village projects	€	900.00	C
Doheny Memorial Grotto	Upkeep of grotto	€	650.00	F
Ballyragget Playground Committee	Development of biodiversity area	€	900.00	C
Ballyragget Development Association	Upkeep of town	€	1,400.00	B
Glenvale Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Brookfield Residents Association	Maintenance of equipment	€	580.00	I
Muckalee Grotto Restoration Committee	Planting, petrol for strimmer	€	650.00	F
Galmoy Community Group	Upkeep of village	€	900.00	C
Galmoy Community Hall	Improvements to exterior of hall	€	900.00	O
Moneenroe Community Council	Signage, Wildflower meadow	€	900.00	C
Old School Crescent Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
Clogh /Moneenroe Playground	Purchase of equipment	€	690.00	E
Clogh Community Council	Painting and planting	€	900.00	C
Clogh Tidy Towns	Build a flower bed	€	800.00	C
Conahy Ladies Club	Upkeep of Village	€	460.00	G
Tullaroan Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Tullaroan Development Association	Planting around village	€	900.00	C
Cloneen Hurling Club	Purchase of lawnmower	€	460.00	G
Clontubrid Village Group	Stone plaque / upkeep of village	€	900.00	C
Castlewarren Hall Committee	Electric point in car park/ seats/ plants	€	900.00	O
Lisdowney Development Association	Planting/repair signs in village	€	900.00	C
Ballyfoyle Community Council	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	O
Ballyfoyle Active Retirement	Painting and planting	€	520.00	F
Crosspatrick Tidy Towns	Purchase equipment	€	850.00	C
Gowran Development Association	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
The Steeples Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Abbeygrove Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	500.00	I
Bradog Way Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Mill Road & Mill Lane Resident Association	Maintenance of road verges/planting	€	400.00	H
Gowran Paddocks Residents Association	Grass Cutting	€	580.00	I

East	Banagher Court RA	Grass cutting /weed control	€	750.00	J
	Pil River Park	Purchase - lawnmower/strimmer	€	690.00	E
	Clonmore Hall Residents	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
	The Meadows	Maintenance of green areas	€	580.00	I
	Kildalton Close Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	Piltown AFC CLG	Purchase of equipment	€	460.00	G
	Turkstown Tidy Towns	Purchase - plants and equipment	€	900.00	C
	Mooncoin Tidy Towns	Purchase of equipment, petrol	€	900.00	C
	Mooncoin Drug Awareness Programme	Wildflower garden and notice board	€	250.00	F
	Sinnotts Cross Committee	Insurance costs	€	450.00	F
	Bellfield Estate	Grass cutting /planting	€	1,220.00	L
	Clover Meadows Estate	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Abbey Park Residents Association	Grass Management	€	1,220.00	L
	Ard Glas Residents Association	Tree pruning, general upkeep	€	900.00	K
	The Beeches Estate Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Hollybrook Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Christendom Estate Residents Group	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
	Estuary Woods	Upkeep of Estate	€	450.00	H
	Arbourmount Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I

Residents Club Cooleigh	Grass cutting	€	460.00	H
Tullahought Community Development Ltd	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Mullinabro Woods Residents Assoc	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Listerlin Tidy Towns Group	Purchase of equipment and insurance	€	900.00	C
Kilmoganny Tidy Towns	Shrub and wildflower beds	€	900.00	C
Windgap Tidy Towns	Planting at grotto & insurance	€	900.00	C
Bigwood Residents Association	Provision of new flower bed	€	900.00	C
Mullinavat Matters	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
Kylemore Housing Estate	Upkeep of Estate	€	580.00	I
Glenmore Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
Kilmacow Sports Complex	Improvements to River Bank	€	450.00	G
Chapelgate Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
Rosbercon Parish Hall & Sports Centre	Repairs to fascia and painting	€	900.00	O
St Moling's Holy Well	Upkeep of well	€	650.00	F

West	Friar's Hill Mews RA	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	Berkeley Lawns Residents Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	The Greens Residents Committee	Upkeep of Estate	€	750.00	J
	Maudlin Court Resident Assoc	Develop/maintain flower beds	€	750.00	J
	Upper Paddock Biodiversity Garden	Maintenance of space	€	650.00	F
	Thomastown Community Centre	Upkeep of area around comm centre	€	900.00	O
	Thomastown Tidy Towns	Upkeep of village	€	2,000.00	A
	Graignamanagh Mens Shed & Comm Garden	Security camera - plants, pots	€	500.00	F
	Graignamanagh Tidy Towns	Insurance & flowers, planters	€	2,000.00	A
	Graignamanagh Canoe Club	Bicycle Rack/Shelter	€	460.00	G
	Graignamanagh Regatta Club	Outdoor lockers	€	460.00	G
	Graignamanagh Hall	Maintain	€	900.00	O
	Calvary Cemetary	Upkeep of graveyard	€	650.00	F
	Kyleva Development Committee	Upkeep of area	€	650.00	F
	Knocktopher Development Committee	Flowers etc	€	900.00	C
	Ballyhale Development Association	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
	Hazelbrook Residents Association	Upkeep of Estate	€	460.00	H
	The Rower Street Committee	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
	Inistioge Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
	Bennettsbridge Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	1,400.00	B
	Bennettsbridge Community Development	Maintenance of playground	€	690.00	E

	Lawcus Fields Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	750.00	J
	Chapelview Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	580.00	I
	Stoneyford Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
	Stoneyford History & Heritage	Signs/Seating at heritage garden	€	650.00	F
	Stoneyford Development Association	Upkeep of Community Facility	€	900.00	C
	Ennisnag Church & Community	Maintenance of roadside approaches 800	€	800.00	C
	Ennisnag Anglers & Conservation Club	Conservation work at river bank	€	460.00	G
	Bolton Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	460.00	H
	Kingscourt Community Group	Upkeep of estate	€	580.00	I
	Clonkiil Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	750.00	J
	Bolton Woods Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	750.00	J
	Callan Tidy Towns	Purchase of tools, insurance etc	€	2,000.00	A
	Bridgetown Management - Oldtown	Upkeep of estate	€	460.00	H
	Burgess Court Residents Association	Upkeep of estate	€	580.00	I
	Priory Grove Residents	Tree management in estate	€	460.00	H
	Kells Tidy Towns	Upkeep of Village	€	900.00	C
	Gairdin an Ghorta	Upkeep of gardens	€	650.00	F
	Dunnamaggin Development Group	Planters and flowers	€	800.00	C
	Danesfort Cross Community Group	Upkeep of area at cross	€	900.00	C
	Hunter's Wood Management Company	Powerwashing and decorative stone	€	460.00	H

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