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Department of Rural and
Community Development

Community Centres Investment Fund 2022

Our Community Centres - where we socialise, learn and access key services



Refreshing our Community Centres

- ▶ We have many excellent Community Centres in our cities, towns and rural areas. Some have been in place for a long time and would benefit from being modernised.
- ▶ During 2020 and 2021 due to COVID 19 Community Centres were closed for long periods and it is clear that some need to be upgraded and refurbished.
- ▶ Moving into post COVID times, we can re-focus on how our Community Centres can provide a range of vital benefits and supports to everyone.

New Community Centres Investment Fund

- ▶ Minister Humphreys has secured €15m in capital funding in 2022 to refresh our Community Centres.
- ▶ We are launching this fund to cover the **upgrade** and **refurbishment** of community buildings.
- ▶ This is an investment in both rural and urban communities across the Country.

Community Centres Investment Fund

What will the fund cover?

- ▶ Projects which improve access for all to community centres.
- ▶ Energy retrofitting - projects that reduce an organisation's carbon footprint.
- ▶ Works to address safety concerns, including as a result of fire safety audits.
- ▶ Works to improve communal facilities such as kitchen and toilet facilities.
- ▶ Essential maintenance works.

Aim of the fund and Grants available

To deliver high quality capital projects for Community Centres that benefit the local communities

Grants Available

- ▶ **Category 1** Small scale projects/improvements to centres. The grant amount is €10,000 to €25,000.
- ▶ **Category 2** Larger scale projects, the need for which must be strongly justified in the application. Grants from €25,001 to €100,000.
- ▶ **Category 3** Major projects. Grants from €100,001 to €300,000.

Who can apply?

- ▶ Applicants must be not for profit community, charity and voluntary sector organisations
- ▶ A Community Centre is **“a building primarily used for community activity/events/ sports/recreation. It can be a facility where the community rent the hall out to various local groups and may have facilities such as shared kitchen, small or large meeting room, stage, large hall etc.”**
- ▶ They are open to the public, a place where people gather for group activities, social support, public information, and other purposes.

Next Steps

- ▶ Full scheme documentation will be available on the DRCD website in the coming days
- ▶ We will publicise this via the usual channels, everyone here today will be contacted and our website and social media will carry the information.
- ▶ In the meantime, any queries about the fund should be sent to ccif@drccd.gov.ie