

€50M FUNDING TO DEVELOP LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The new €50 million Community Recognition Fund will specifically support communities in Ireland that are hosting people from Ukraine and other countries. Applications are now being sought from local authorities based on engagement with local communities and clear targeting of proposed projects to areas with the highest level of need.

The €50 million package has been allocated across the 31 local authorities, based on the number of new arrivals located there, with the funding to be drawn down over 2023 and 2024; €30m will be available in 2023 with €20m in 2024. A minimum spend of 60% must be incurred by the local authorities in 2023 with the remaining 40% for the subsequent year.

The fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by community members. Projects to be delivered by the local authorities in conjunction with community organisations include the refurbishment of local sports clubs and facilities, and upgrading community facilities such as play areas, walkways, parks and community gardens.

Other projects will include the purchase of equipment to benefit local clubs, festivals, music and arts organisations, the enhancement of school or parish facilities open to the wider community after hours or on weekends, in addition to transport infrastructure such as community vehicles and bus shelters.

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

On recently announcing the details of the €50m fund, Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys said: “The funding now being made available will support communities



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in developing projects ranging from sports clubs, playgrounds and walkways to community groups in areas such as arts, drama and music.

“Communities the length and breadth of the country have stepped up to the plate, opening their homes and facilities to people very much in need. This fund is recognising the vital role our communities are playing as we continue to deal with many challenges, not least the war in Ukraine,” she added.

The Minister is now encouraging communities to engage directly with their local authorities to ensure that high-quality projects can be delivered. “The projects that will be supported are those that will benefit all members of our communities, young and old,” Minister Humphreys continued.

The Department of Rural and Community Development has published full details of the scheme on www.drccd.gov.ie For any queries regarding the fund email crf@drccd.gov.ie.

LOCAL AUTHORITY	ALLOCATION
Carlow County Council	€937,967
Cavan County Council	€1,191,206
Clare County Council	€2,925,549
Cork City Council	€1,163,515
Cork County Council	€2,307,035
Donegal County Council	€3,114,395
Dublin City Council	€2,392,127
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	€707,864
Fingal County Council	€1,813,912
Galway City Council	€1,911,918
Galway County Council	€1,333,290
Kerry County Council	€4,403,073
Kildare County Council	€807,328
Kilkenny County Council	€948,063
Laois County Council	€1,014,607
Leitrim County Council	€2,204,319
Limerick City and County Council	€1,389,505
Longford County Council	€653,453
Louth County Council	€1,515,727
Mayo County Council	€2,354,126
Meath County Council	€1,231,685
Monaghan County Council	€881,203
Offaly County Council	€669,691
Roscommon County Council	€689,057
Sligo County Council	€1,424,596
South Dublin County Council	€2,754,305
Tipperary County Council	€997,861
Waterford City and County Council	€1,421,869
Westmeath County Council	€1,649,996
Wexford County Council	€1,509,870
Wicklow County Council	€1,680,887
Total:	€50,000,000

Source: Department of Rural and Community Development