



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann  
Tipperary County Council

## Local Drama Scheme 2026

**Closing date: 12 noon Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Local Drama has traditionally been very strong in Tipperary. The aim of the Local Drama Scheme 2026 is to acknowledge and support the key role played by local drama groups in the cultural life of the county.

There are up to 2 development awards available under this scheme in 2026, with a maximum value of €500 each, to help groups with:

- developing skills within the group (for example, actor experience, teambuilding, voice training)
- improve production values (for example, improve knowledge and skills about set design, lighting and sound, costumes and props, special considerations for outdoor productions, etc.)
- use of further training (for example, workshops in arts practice related areas e.g. promotion and social media, playwriting, etc.)
- benefit from professional input (for example, guidance from a director, background research from a relevant professional on a specialised topic, guidance on how to make your productions more inclusive, etc.)
- for other development needs as identified by individual groups.
- special projects (for example, performance for special audience or special occasion, etc.)

### **Guidelines:**

Groups must work within County Tipperary (Tipperary Administrative area) to be eligible for this scheme.

Groups may work together to submit a joint application/project proposal if that is useful. Only one application per group or joint group is allowed.

Developmental work (e.g. workshops, training, advisory sessions etc.) must take place in 2026.

Groups must send in a CV/Resume for any external advisors/professionals input requested under this scheme.

Group's normal annual productions **are ineligible** for funding under this scheme.

Purchase of equipment **is ineligible** for funding under this scheme.

Applications for group members to attend courses that are already subsidised by national agencies **are ineligible**.

When you send in your application, make sure it also has an overview of the expected costs of your project. Please read the Paying the Artist policy mentioned below.

Only one application per group is allowed. An independent expert appointed by Tipperary County Council will review proposals. Their decision is final.

Successful groups must submit receipts and a short report (including photos) on their project in order to get payment of their funding. The Arts Office will send you a report form to fill in.

Successful applicants must point out the support of Tipperary County Council publicly (on posters, invites, social media, etc.)

Completed applications marked “**Local Drama Scheme 2026**” can be submitted as follows:

**E-mail:** [artsgrants@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:artsgrants@tipperarycoco.ie)

**By mail:** Arts Office, Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Limerick Road, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, E45 A099.

Hand delivered **Local Drama Scheme 2026** to: Civic Offices, Clonmel and Nenagh or to the Municipal District Offices in Carrick-on-Suir, Tipperary Town & Thurles.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: [artsgrants@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:artsgrants@tipperarycoco.ie)

**Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted.**

#### **A note on Public Health Guidance**

Proposals should be based on the best public health advice and guidance available at the time you are making your application. Further updated information on Public Health Guidance is available on the HSE and Government websites and is updated frequently. [HSE web link](#) [Government web link](#)

#### **Equality, Human Rights and Diversity**

In this funding scheme Tipperary County Council particularly welcomes applications that are representative of the diversity of Irish society.

#### **Paying the artist**

Tipperary County Council is committed to ensuring that the national policy regarding Paying the Artist is adhered to by the Council and by those funded and supported by the Council to engage artists to work. The national policy is available from the Arts Council website: [www.artscouncil.ie/](http://www.artscouncil.ie/)

#### **A note on Climate Action**

Tipperary County Council encourages proposals that demonstrate a commitment to taking steps in protecting the environment and to achieve a sustainable, low-carbon, resource-efficient economy. These may include, for example, efforts to reduce car use or a choice for sustainable art materials and/or processes, reduce paper use and single use plastics.