

County Tipperary

Creative Ireland Project Award 2026 Guidelines

Who can apply:

This call is open to all cultural & creative practitioners in the county; Crafts people, Historians, Archaeologists, Archivists, Folklorists, Curators, Artists, Writers, Performers, along with not for profit and community organisations.

Festivals and applications for festival funding should apply to the Tipperary Festival & Events Grant scheme 2026.

To be eligible for funding projects must:

Your project **must**

- take place in County Tipperary
- be relevant to the Tipperary Creative Ireland strategy objectives (see page 1)
- engage with the community
- encourage or benefit participation in the Creative Ireland programme and enhance awareness in the local area.
- be accessible to diverse audiences and participants and is inclusive in theme and approach
- **projects in this category should create a lasting positive legacy**
- be designed on a realistic financial basis and provide good value for money
- be completed and payment claimed by 17th October 2026. This deadline is to facilitate a grant claim from Creative Ireland.

• **What is eligible:**

- Artist/creatives fees and expenses (expenses to be included in overall artist fees)
- Materials
- Venue hire
- Equipment hire relevant to the project
- Promotion and Marketing

• **Please note film projects should seek funding assistance from Screen Ireland in the first instance.**

In addition, the following details must also be supplied

- A full breakdown of costs for undertaking the project including **copies of quotations**
- A timeline for completion of project.
- The anticipated target audience
- CV of practitioner/artist
- Letter of support from community organisation/group.
- Any additional supports and funding that may be required and have been secured
- Please ensure to include all relevant information to enable the panel to make a decision.
- **Where possible, the application should be submitted as one .pdf document.**
A Sharefile link can be obtained upon request from
creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie
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Items that are excluded from the fund include:

- Capital projects and infrastructural projects
- Equipment purchase
- Spends on alcoholic beverages, food, fines, legal costs, penalty payments, prizes and competitions
- Fuel costs
- Wages and salaries, administration costs.
- Generally, the cost of items for resale are ineligible.
- Charity / fundraising events
- **Festivals are not eligible to apply under this scheme and are directed to the Tipperary Festivals and Events Scheme 2026.**

Particulars of Funding:

- Grant amounts of between **€3,500 to €15,000** will be allocated for the purpose of this scheme.
- **Assessment process:**

Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel based on the following criteria:

- All events and projects will be assessed on their own merit
- Funding will be allocated based on the recommendations of this panel.
- Successful applicants will receive a letter of offer and agreement form which will detail all conditions and requirements, this must be signed and returned by the date specified, failure to do so may result in funding being withdrawn and reallocated to another project.

- Due to resource constraints it may not be possible to allocate funding to all projects and eligibility and compliance with these criteria does not guarantee a grant offer.

Assessment Criteria:

Quality, innovation and creativity of the planned project including link(s) to Creative Tipperary strategic objectives	30%	
Viability of project within timeframe and budget	25%	
Potential audience and local community engagement and impact	25%	
Marketing and Promotion of the project	10%	
Track record: Ability and expertise of the group to undertake and manage projects	10%	

Terms and Conditions

In advance of a project taking place, successful applicants are required to provide the following information to creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie

- 1. An event/project Title and Description of the project (max 250 words)**
- 2. One high quality image (high resolution with no text and where a face is identifiable consent should be provided)**
- 3. A link to a website/social media page or booking link should be provided)**

This information is required in order to promote the project on the national Creative Ireland website and Tipperary County Council's website. The Creative Ireland website and social media is a national platform for promotional and marketing opportunities.

Payment is generally only made after the project is completed. If you receive a grant you will be required to provide the following in order to draw down your grant:

- **Proof of payment/receipts** for all items including payment to creatives/practitioners.
- A fully completed event report form.
- A number of high- quality images which have consent for use by Tipperary County Council & Creative Ireland.

- Tipperary County Council and the Creative Ireland Programme **must** be acknowledged as funders in **all publications and media activity**. Proof of this is required.

****Failure to comply with any of the above may result in the grant being withdrawn.**

The closing date for drawing down funds is Friday 16th October 2026, any funding not claimed by this deadline may be cancelled.

Please note:

Where a grant is allocated to support a particular project, Tipperary County Council will not be responsible for the insurance of that project. Tipperary County Council recommends that project organisers ensure that adequate insurance is in place prior to the commencement of the project.

Tipperary County Council will not be responsible for any approvals, planning permissions, licences or consents needed for the project; it is the responsibility of the applicant/organiser to ensure these are in place.

Please note that public art projects such as murals, sculptures etc generally require planning permission, please include planning reference numbers or details of contact with the Planning Department in such instances.

Permission/consent of landowner should be provided where relevant.

Applicants intending to work with or provide programmes for children or young people must provide an up to date child protection policy as a supporting document.

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/ [Weblink to paying the artist policy](#)

Public Health Guidance

You should base your proposal on the best public health advice and guidance available at the time you are making your application.

Further information on Public Health Guidance is available on HSE & Government websites and is updated frequently. <https://www.gov.ie/en/> <https://www.hse.ie/eng/>

Please note we are open to receiving applications for projects which may extend over a year or two which may be of longer-term benefit to the community, however these applications should clearly outline the progress achievable in each year and the funding required for each stage of the project. Tipperary County Council report on an annual basis to

Creative Ireland therefore this is necessary for us to adhere to our reporting targets.

Please note we will issue an open call for projects/events for Cruinniú na nÓg 2026 - Cruinniú na nÓg is our National Day of Creativity for children and young people which will take place on Saturday 6th June 2026.

Please note as this fund seeks to encourage new creative collaborations, your proposal should not refer to projects/events already receiving funding from Tipperary County Council or an existing programme or project.

How to apply:

Please complete and sign the attached application form and submit with your proposal and supporting documentation. Applications should be marked '**Tipperary Creative Ireland Project Award 2026**' and can be submitted preferably by email to creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie or alternatively by post to Tara Power, Community & Enterprise Offices, Ballingarrane House, Cahir Road, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, E91E183

Any queries can be directed to Tara Power or Róisín O Grady via email to creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie

Deadline for submissions is **4pm on Friday 30th January 2026**, applications will be assessed by an assessment panel with a view to offers being made as soon as possible thereafter.

****Any applications received after this time will not be assessed and will be returned to applicant.**

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