

## **Tipperary Creative Ireland Programme**

### **Community Grant Scheme 2026**

#### **Guidelines and Criteria**

##### **Who can apply:**

This grant scheme is open to community groups and not for profit organisations, arts, heritage and cultural groups, venues and societies. Applications by individuals must be in partnership with a community, cultural or heritage group. All groups in receipt of funding from Tipperary County Council must be members of Tipperary PPN. Projects may link in with Cruinniú na nÓg 2026– our national day of creativity for children and young people which will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026. A separate grant scheme will be launched for Cruinniú na nÓg.

##### **What Funding is available:**

The level of grant assistance for any one project will range from **€500** to **€3,500**.

##### **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

##### **To be eligible for funding projects/events must:**

- take place in County Tipperary
- be organised by an individual/community/voluntary group based in Tipperary
- encourage new projects and collaborations
- encourage or benefit participation in the Creative Ireland programme and enhance the awareness of culture & creativity
- be in keeping with at least one of the four Tipperary Creative Ireland strategic priorities outlined above

- be accessible to diverse audiences and participants and is inclusive in theme and approach
- be designed on a realistic financial basis and provide good value for money
- be completed and payment claimed before Friday 16 October 2026. This deadline is to facilitate our drawdown from the Creative Ireland programme.

**In addition, the following details must also be supplied**

- An income and expenditure report for the project which **must include quotations** from those you intend to work with.
- A timeline for completion of project
- The anticipated target audience
- CV/examples of practice of artist/practitioner/specialist where relevant
- Any additional supports and funding that may be required and have been secured
- Please ensure to include all relevant information to enable the assessment panel to consider the application.
- One application per group permitted
- **Where possible, the application should be submitted as one .pdf document.**

A Sharefile link can be obtained upon request from  
creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie

**Items that are excluded from the fund include:**

- Capital projects and infrastructural projects
- Equipment
- Fuel costs
- Spends on alcoholic beverages, food, fines, legal costs, penalty payments, prizes
- Wages and salaries of organisation staff and ongoing administration costs.
- Charity / fundraising events
- Generally, the cost of items for resale are ineligible

**Assessment process:**

- All events and projects will be assessed on their own merit by an assessment panel
- Funding will be allocated based on the recommendations of this panel.
- Successful applicants will receive a letter of offer 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](mailto: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 submit the project to the national Creative Ireland website which is a national platform for promoting your events/activities.

Payment is only made after the event/project is completed. If your group are successful you will be required to provide the following once the event/project has taken place in order to claim your grant:

- At least 3 high quality **fully consented** images of the event in .jpg format
- **Proof of payment** for all items including payment to creatives/artists/practitioners
- A fully completed event report form.

- Tipperary County Council and the Creative Ireland Programme logo **must** be acknowledged as a funder in **all publications and media activity**. Proof of this will be required to claim payment.
- All events must be submitted to Tipperary County Councils Festival Calendar to publicise the event <https://www.whatsonintipp.ie/>

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

**Please note:**

Where a grant is allocated to support a particular event or project, Tipperary County Council will not be responsible for the insurance of that event or project. Tipperary County Council recommends that event and 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 see Tipperary County Council's Civic Memorial Policy here <https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/community/memorial-placement-permission/civic-memorial-policy>

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.

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.

**A note on 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/>

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

## **How to apply:**

Please complete and sign the attached application form. Applications should be marked '**Creative Ireland Community Grant Scheme 2026**' and can be submitted preferably by email to [creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto: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](mailto:creativeireland@tipperarycoco.ie)

**The closing date is 4pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

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

Please continue to the application form attached