



## Community Climate Action Programme Strains 1, Building Low Carbon Communities

Fingal County Council allocation is €1,127,000

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Email me for the link to register for the Application Form

DEADLINE for finished applications Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 5pm

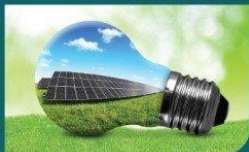


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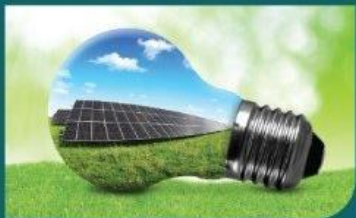


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## Who is Eligible?

- Not-for Profit organisations operating in Fingal
- Tidy Towns, Community Groups, Residents Organisations
- Youth Clubs, Active Age, Mens/ Women's Sheds
- Sports Clubs, GAA, Soccer, Sailing, Scouts, Tennis, Cricket, Cycling
- Can have Charitable Status, Articles of Association, Regular minuted meetings/ AGM
- Applicants should be members of the Fingal Public Participation Network (PPN) or The Wheel
- Applicants must demonstrate open access to the community
- This grant covers projects that will reduce emissions

Please note:

\*Schools and Educational facilities are not eligible, \*This grant is not for 'learning' and does not cover workshops and festivals/ awareness events

\*businesses/ commercial entities are not eligible, but projects can include working with businesses to reduce waste/ water/ energy



*Small Scale Projects - Up to €20K*

*Medium Scale Projects - €21K to €50K*

*Large Scale Projects - €51K to €100K*

Projects are 100% funded,  
3 scales of grants available in this competitive application process

# Climate Action Themes - Project Ideas to Reduce Emissions



1. **Community Energy:** Solar Panels, Building Insulation, Heat Pump on a Community Building, LED Lighting in car park/ community area/ sports pitch
2. **Community Travel:** Cycle Parking infrastructure in Community area, Group cycling, bike lockers, bikeshare schemes, bike repair stations, electric bike charging
3. **Community Food & Waste:** Community Composting, Leaf Mould Collections, Community Food Bank/ sharing, Working with local businesses to reduce Food Waste, Packaging, Community Gardens
4. **Community Local Climate & Environmental Action:** Sand Dune/ river/watercourse/ Habitat Restoration, Planting Trees, Planting Biodiversity Area, Community Gardens
5. **Community Shopping & Recycling:** Working with local businesses to reduce waste, introduce local return/ Repair/ swap schemes, reduce packaging



# Projects Round 1

- **Building Fabric Upgrades**
  - Roof/attic & wall insulation
  - Replacement of windows and doors
- **Renewable Energy Solutions**
  - Solar PV panels
  - Heat Pumps
- **Energy Efficient Lighting**
  - Changing to LED lighting floodlighting
  - Sports pitches
  - Car parks



## Next Steps

- Assess Your Buildings
  - You may be entitled to a FREE Energy Audit, if your annual energy spend is over €10k, from SEAI (€2k Voucher Support System)
  - Baseline Energy Consumption
  - Schedule of Improvements
  - Cost vs Impact Assessment
- Obtain minimum 3 Quotes for recommended works as per your energy audit



# Applications

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- Contact the Community Climate Action Officer (CCAO) to discuss application proposals
- Complete an Energy Audit if you are applying for a technology upgrade such as solar panels/ heat pump
- Obtain 3 quotes for each of the projects - not required to go with the cheapest quote but you must get 3 quotes if possible
- Gather whatever paperwork is required (6yr lease/ renting agreements from property owner)
- Applications scored as according to Department Guidelines
- All items must be submitted into the portal in advance of the deadline
- Deadline for Applications is Monday 22nd December 5pm
- These are long-term projects

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## Developing Applications

- Each application might have multiple groups involved
- There will be one lead group in the application
- Meetings should be minuted and all agreements recorded
- Following approval, the lead group can receive 25% upfront funding, if necessary.
- More payments can be drawn down as the project is verified/ vouched
- All parties must have a Bank/ Credit Union Account & treasurer

# Application Form Guidance



- This is a competitive application process and each application will be scored on it's own merit.
- Save the link to the form as you may return to it several times.
- In general you will need to upload a minimum of 3 quotes for each item.
- There are about 40 questions to be answered.
- Do not apply for more than €100,000.
- You may choose to partner with another organisation for the application, which will score extra marks, but this is not mandatory. Lots of applicants in the 1<sup>st</sup> round partner with other groups. Sometimes it worked well, and with others it didn't work very well.
- As you progress through the form **just save or save and quit**, there is no need to submit it until the very end. If you press 'complete' then the form is not editable – let me know if you're having any issues with the form.
- If you need guidance on any of the questions please email me
- If your group does not reclaim VAT then please ensure to enter the figures including VAT.
- If your group/ club reclaims VAT (you need to let me know): In that case you should enter the quote values in the table Ex. VAT. If awarded you will receive an allocation ex-VAT.



Completed  
Projects Round 1

# Scoring

Remember this is all about reducing emissions, reducing waste and increasing biodiversity

| Selection criterion               |                                                                                                                   | Weighting |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Relevance and impact</b>       | Clearly demonstrate that the project will reduce emissions – contributing to Ireland’s Climate and Energy Targets | 30%       |
| <b>Innovation and scalability</b> | Demonstrate if the project has the potential to be scaled up and have a long-lasting impact                       | 20%       |
| <b>Value for money</b>            | Costs should be reasonable, applicants to demonstrate that they have sounded the market                           | 20%       |

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| <b>Achievability</b>           | The applicant should demonstrate the capacity for delivering the project(s) in a timely manner. The proposal should be clear and achievable                                            | 10%       |
| <b>Partnership Approach</b>    | Applicants can partner with Fingal-based organisations to deliver projects. All stakeholders should be actively involved in developing the application and set to deliver the projects | 10%       |
| <b>Governance Arrangements</b> | Governance and financial management systems/roles should be clearly outlined in the application and be compliant with tax rules.                                                       | 10%       |
| <b>Total</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                        | 100%      |





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