



Shopfront Enhancement Scheme 2026

1. Who Can Apply?

Business owners or operators of independently owned shops fronting onto public streets in town centre locations are eligible to apply – See Terms and Conditions

2. What is it for?

Shopfront improvement works including Shopfront Repair/Brickwork Repair, External Painting, Signage Replacement.

3. How Do I Apply?

Complete the online application form [HERE](#).

4. What Do I Get?

90% of the cost of the improvement works to a maximum value of €2,000.

Example Grant: Approved Costs €1,200. FCC reimburse you €1,080.

5. When Do I Get Paid?

Grant is payable upon completion of works, submission of paid receipts, submission of images of completed works and final inspection by FCC.

6. Additional Funding.

Fingal's Conservation Office's "[Stitch in Time Grant](#)" may also be available to owners of buildings that are Protected Structures and in Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs). This source funding could potentially be used for other repairs to elevations such as repair of rainwater goods, timber sash windows or slipped slates. Applications to this fund can be made to Fingal County Council from [this](#) web page.

Terms and Conditions

Eligible Premises:

Independently owned shops fronting onto public streets in Town Centre locations (designated as "Major Town Centre" or "Town and District Centre", "Local Centre" or "Rural Village" in the [Fingal County Development Plan 2023 – 2029](#))

Eligible Works:

Shopfront improvement works including Shopfront Repair/Brickwork Repair, External Painting, Signage Replacement.

The use of garish or visually strident colours across the entire shopfront is not supported and careful use of colour, that works in harmony with the materials of the building, is encouraged. Matt paint finishes are generally more durable and work best with other materials such as brick or masonry. In support of this external painting works should take note of the Reference Guide which is included with this scheme

Statutory Consents: Applicants must ensure that all necessary statutory permissions or consents which may be required have been obtained before any work commences. This includes, but is not confined to, Planning Permission.

Eligible Costs:

The grant will only be paid for works approved in the "Letter of Approval" from the Council. This letter will be issued to successful applicants.

There is no obligation upon the Council to increase the grant if additional work is undertaken outside the terms of the original grant approved

Assistance cannot be given in respect of costs incurred prior to the scheme.

The grant in shall not exceed 90% of the overall approved cost and is subject to the maximum grants stated on the scheme.

Only materials and works carried out after successful applicants receive a Letter of Offer are eligible to receive funding. I.E. only receipts dated after the date on any Letter of Offer will be accepted as eligible costs for the scheme.

Applications to the Scheme require:

Fully completed Application Form.

Required number of Quotations, as detailed within the form.

Letter of Consent from property owner - if applicant does not own the property.

A minimum of two clear photographs of the building prior to proposed works.

Company/group VAT number.

Tax Clearance certificate.

Applications received without all the documents listed above will be considered Invalid and not eligible for entry into the scheme.

Quotations:

Applications for Materials Only shall submit 1 no. quotation which clearly details the costs of the proposed materials and the date.

Applications for Materials and Labour shall submit 2 no. quotations from two individual contractors. Each quote shall detail the cost of:

- An itemised list of the materials required
- The contractors labour cost.
- The overall total and a breakdown of VAT.

Please note: Only professional contractor's costs will be considered.

Grant Rates:

Grant funding can be provided up to a maximum of 90% of the approved costs of the improvement works.

A maximum ceiling of support of €2,000 applies per property.

Payment of Grant:

Retrospective payments will be made once all works have been completed and satisfactory evidence of completion of payments has been provided.

All documentation listed below are required to be submitted to claim any approved Grant funding.

All claims and supporting documentation for approved Grant funding shall be received to townregenerationoffice@fingal.ie before **close of business on April 30th 2027**. Claims for funding after this date will not be accepted.

- Photograph x 2 of completed project.
- Evidence of payment – i.e. bank statement showing payments or online banking notification, receipts & Invoices. The name of the payee must be clearly visible.
- Please note that **'pro-forma'** invoices **cannot** be accepted.

- Payments made to contractors in Cash are **not** acceptable and will not be reimbursed.

Funding Conditions:

Non-Compliance with the conditions as outlined or non-compliance with any other scheme conditions may, subject to inspection, result in Grantees:

- Having their grant withdrawn,
- Be required to repay all or part of the grant.

Site Visits:

Fingal County Council may carry out unannounced site visits to verify compliance with scheme terms and conditions and for inclusion in social media campaigns.

Further Information:

Fingal County Council reserves the right to request further information from you to assess your application if so required.

GDPR:

To process your application, it may be necessary for Fingal County Council to collect personal data from you. Such information will be processed in line with the Local Authority's privacy statement, which is available to view on the Fingal County Council website.

When you give us personal information, you have rights regarding how this information is used. Fingal County Council has a duty to keep your details private and safe. The EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Data Protection Act 2018 mean that Fingal County Council must be fair in how it handles and stores any personal information we collect. The Acts protect personal privacy and the rights of individuals by restricting how the Council uses and shares your personal information.

All information provided about the grant application will be held electronically.

Fingal County Council reserves the right to publish a list of all grants awarded on its website.