Important: Please read carefully to check requirements and eligibility. Incomplete & late applications will be ineligible

All Applicants will require a Tax Clearance number and Access number.

Offaly County Council assistance under the Arts Act Grant Scheme

Under the Arts Acts Grant Scheme assistance is provided to support a range of arts activity and practice within the community context such as workshops, a project, presentation or event which, in the opinion of the Council, would stimulate public interest in the arts, promote the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts, assist in improving the standards of the arts. The Arts Act 2003, defines the “arts” as music, literature, film, video, community arts, drama, dance, visual arts, architecture, and applied arts (the study of arts).

Who Can Apply & How

Applications are sought from voluntary, amateur community organisations participating in arts activity (not festivals) or arts groups who are proposing arts projects within the community.

Applications should be based in County Offaly and undertake an arts project/event within Offaly. Approved projects should take place before Friday 22nd November 2019. Only one project per group/organisation.

If engaging a professional artist, the application form must be also signed by the artist. Applications must show that the organisation and the artist have planned a project together to be completed before the end of November 2019.

Applicants are required be registered with Offaly Public Participation Network (PPN). To do so please contact Bridie on 087 119 589 or email ppn@offalycoco.ie

To apply submit your completed application form by post to: The Arts Office, Offaly County Council, Aras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, by the closing date stated on the application form. Late and Incomplete application forms will not be eligible.

Funding Criteria

1. Priority will be given to art projects that:
   a. Present a high quality complete application and fully prepared budget
   b. Are innovative and ambitious
   c. Produce maximum community impact
   d. Provide quality and professional art experiences to the intended participants
   e. Prove to be make best use of public money

2. Applications for funding for arts events and activities should not be undertaken without great thought to the above goals.

3. Individual artists may apply for projects that demonstrate innovation in their approach to engaging particular community groups.

4. Schools may apply, however projects are not to be supplementing the curriculum rather projects should be additional and provide alternative art experiences for the students.

5. A panel nominated by Offaly County Council will make the recommendations to the Elected Members of the Council. Funding recommendations will be made to members of Offaly County Council for final approval.
## Funding will Not Cover:-

- Projects that include: Website development & maintenance, franchise projects or commercially viable and home craft projects.
- Capital equipment/costs (including instruments, Laptops, projectors etc)
- Heritage projects that do not involve an artistic outcome (i.e. historical factual book)
- On-going revenue costs or cover of loans/deficits, annual budgeted on-going programmes, capital costs and charity fundraising events
- Events competitive in nature
- Individual Artists - Training, development of own work - Please contact Arts Office for details on the Professional Artist Support Scheme – 05793 57400
- Festivals: - Please contact Arts Office for details of Festival Arts Grant Funding 05793 57400

## Funding Conditions:

Full conditions of grant will issue if your application is successful.

**Please Note:-**

- **No more than 70% of total costs will be awarded** and a limited number of grants will be awarded. You should show on the budget how the extra 30% will be funded. We receive a large number of applications, **please consider budget and project carefully**. Average grant is between €400 - €800, exceptional projects can be funded up to a maximum of €2,000. (one or two per year).

- Offaly County Council’s own Child Safeguarding Policy requires that any project involving young people has the appropriate Child Safeguarding Policies and/or certificates in place, we are unable to fund projects that do not have this assurance, therefore, it is the organisations responsibility to ensure that any person hired by them has the appropriate Child Safeguarding Training.

- Our finance section has strict criteria - All groups/individuals awarded must have a valid Tax Clearance Number/access number, a bank account (not credit union) in the name of the group and an e-mail contact. If these are not obtained, then any grant monies awarded cannot be paid. **Please do call us with regard to your project and completing the application form. The more comprehensive your project and budget is the more likely funding will be given. 05793 57400**