

Offaly County Council - Arts Act Grants 2021

Guidelines

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 or arts groups who are proposing arts projects within the community. Applicants should be based in County Offaly and undertake an arts project/event within Offaly. Approved projects should take place before Friday 19th November 2021. **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 2021.

Organisation 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

2021 may bring more Covid 19 lockdowns, therefore we are asking groups to submit innovative contingency planning for their projects. Please do contact us by email arts@offalycoco.ie with any queries, the more comprehensive your project is the more likely funding will be given. Our number is 05793 57400 but we are currently working remotely therefore email is the easiest way to contact us.

Submitting Application (Closing Date Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 3pm)

By Post: Two Signed Copies postmarked prior to date of closing date:

The Arts Office, Offaly County Council, Aras an Chontae, Charleville Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly

By Email: One Pdf document under 5mb. arts@offalycoco.ie Emails larger than 5mb will be rejected by our firewall. If your email is going to be larger than 5mb please email us two days prior to closing and we will be able to send you a link to securely upload your application. Note: As we have very strict security we cannot download from external portals i.e google docs.

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 and show contingency planning if required to change to online presentation due to Covid 19 restrictions
 - c. Produce maximum community impact
 - d. Provide quality and professional art experiences to the intended participants
 - e. Prove to make best use of public money
2. Applications can be made for on-line or physical programming or a combination of both
3. Applications for funding for arts events and activities should not be undertaken without great thought to the above goals.
4. Individual artists may apply for projects that demonstrate innovation in their approach to engaging particular community groups.
5. Schools may apply, however projects are not for the purpose of supplementing the curriculum, rather projects should be additional and provide alternative art experiences for the students.
6. 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:-

- Festivals and Parades
- 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

Funding Conditions:

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

Important Please Note:-

- **The Arts Act Grants funds 70% of the total project cost up to a maximum of the award given. Groups must demonstrate a financial and/or in kind contribution to the project.** A limited number of grants will be awarded. You should show on the budget how your contribution will be funded. 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 in the name of the group and an e-mail contact. If these are not obtained, then any grant monies awarded cannot be paid.