



August 2019

**TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH
& EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: REPORT TO COUNCIL ON ANTI-LITTER/ANTI-GRAFFITI
AWARENESS GRANT 2019**

Dear Councillor,

Details of the Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme (ALAGS) were issued on the 9th July 2019 (Circular Letter LU 02 .19) by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA). DCCA provided a grant of €20,000 towards Kilkenny County Council. Kilkenny County Council provided a further €10,000 in the budget as required.

A wide range of activities (linked to the Litter Management Plan) were undertaken by the Council from this funding in 2019 including: anti-litter murals, the tidy towns forum, the national spring clean, anti-dog fouling & litter initiatives and primary school educational activities. A balance of €6,825 is available to distribute to local communities for locally based projects. In this regard, the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant was advertised in March of this year and 14 community applications were received.

The DCCA provided guidelines on eligible projects (Circular Appendix 1) and they include: projects highlighting awareness of issues regarding dog fouling, plays, puppet shows, interactive workshops, art projects mainly aimed at schools, provision of anti-litter awareness materials, local advertising and projects/activities should seek to promote greater public awareness and education in relation to litter and/or graffiti.

The DCCA circular reminded all Councils that grant aid for expenditure on large capital items are not eligible (e.g. Signage, Bins.)

All applications were evaluated and the following grant allocations have been recommended by the evaluation committee (Mary Cashin & Deirdre Trait of the Environment Section). One of the main criteria is linkage/alignment with the Council's Litter Management Plan. 12 applications met the grant criteria and are recommended for approval as listed below.

Unsuccessful Applications

Applicant No.	Group Name	Amount Sought €	Awarded Grant €
1.	Gowran Development Association	350	0
GDA made two applications under this fund, the second application was successful. Other resources will be provided for this project (e.g. leaflets and temporary dog fouling signage)			
2.	Synergy Network Castlecomer	6,090	0
The proposed project did not meet the grant criteria as there was no linkage to Kilkenny County Council's Litter Management Plan. The project description was more oriented around the towns heritage therefore other grants such as Arts or Heritage Grants, may be more appropriate.			

Successful Applications

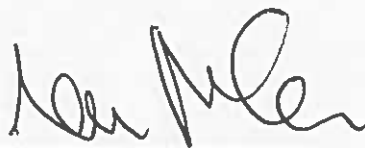
The 12 applications recommended for approval are listed below.

Applicant No.	Group Name	Amount Sought €	Awarded Grant €
3.	Paulstown Development Association	532	532
Provided a clear outline of costs and associated activities.			
4.	Abbey Park Residents Ass. (Ferrybank)	539	328
Provided a good description of the proposed activities however insufficient detail on costings.			
5.	Slieverue Community Resource Centre	400	400
SCRC provided a clear outline of activities.			
6.	Keep Kilkenny Beautiful	371	371
Provided a clear outline of costs and associated activities.			
7.	Glenmore Tidy Towns	560	400
Provided a good description of the proposed activities however poor detail on costings.			
8.	Ballyragget Development Association	1,070	500

Application lacked sufficient detail to award the full amount sought and some listed items did not meet the criteria for funding.			
9.	Kells Tidy Towns	280	280
Provided a clear outline of activities and ties in with the local school.			
10.	Goresbridge Rural Development	1,774	1,493
Large detailed application submitted, some listed items did not meet the criteria for funding.			
11.	Aiseiri Aislinn	521	521
Provided a clear outline of activities to combat graffiti and matched funded activities.			
12.	Gowran Development Association	1,435	600
Provided a contribution towards their activities, some listed items did not meet the criteria for funding.			
13.	Callan Tidy Towns	700	700
Provided a mural proposal with excellent breakdown in costs.			
14.	Millennium Community Group	700	700
Children awareness activity proposed with a clear breakdown in costs.			

Approval is sought to proceed with the above recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Services