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Department of Rural and  
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Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council



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## Community Recognition Fund 2024 Guidelines

**The closing date for receipt of completed Expression of Interest forms to [crf@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:crf@galwaycoco.ie) is 5pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Galway County Council has received an allocation of €1,303,230 under the Community Recognition Fund 2024 which will be targeted at areas with the highest numbers of New Arrivals across 3 application windows. This Expression of Interest process applies to the first and second application windows.

### Eligible Locations:

The Community Recognition Fund 2024 is specifically targeted at projects that are in towns and villages that are hosting New Arrivals, i.e., Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection, International Protection Applicants, Rapid Build Housing Projects. Projects situated in areas that **do not currently have high levels of New Arrivals** cannot be deemed eligible, therefore, Galway County Council has collated the list of towns/villages which are eligible at this time, by virtue of hosting significant numbers of New Arrivals. Applicants must be located in one of the following areas in order to be eligible to apply, however, if the numbers/locations of New Arrivals change in the intervening period before Galway County Council submits its funding proposal to the Department of Rural and Community Development, this will be taken into account.

### Current Eligible Locations

1. Clifden	8. Carna	15. Glenamaddy
2. Oranmore	9. Bearna	16. Atherry
3. Maam Cross	10. Tuam	17. Na Forbacha
4. Letterfrack	11. Claregalway	18. Ardahan
5. An Cheathrú Rua	12. Kinvara	19. Craughwell
6. An Spidéal	13. Gort	20. Clonbur
7. Oughterard	14. Kiltormer	21. Woodford
		22. Dunmore

### NB:

DRCD have advised that Projects/Facilities will only be considered if they are located within the town/village boundaries of the host community, i.e., the town/village where the New Arrivals are accommodated overnight. The only exception will be where there is a lack of community facilities/amenities/services in the area where the New Arrivals are located (e.g., Maam Cross) and facilities in the nearest town/village (e.g., Maam) can outline that the New Arrivals are using the facilities/amenities in their location on an ongoing basis.

## Eligible Projects:

The Community Recognition Fund 2024 aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. Due to the limited availability of funding, the identification of projects will be by means of a competitive process and a shortlisting process will be implemented. Applications will be weighted in favour of projects which will be of benefit to all members of the community following completion, and which demonstrate a **clear need for investment** based on a needs analysis and all consultative processes undertaken.

This Expression of Interest process will seek project proposals relating to the development, enhancement or refurbishment of community facilities and amenities which are freely available to the public, i.e., open and available to the public without membership fees. Any other project types such as transport infrastructure, purchase of land or buildings and works in the public realm, will be developed directly by the local authority in consultation with stakeholders such as Elected Members, LCDC, Community Response Forum, and this Expression of Interest Form enables you to identify these other areas of need where you would like to see the local authority undertake specific works.

Applicants should note the following key elements of eligible projects under the 2024 Fund:

- The Community Recognition Fund 2024 places an increased emphasis on capital projects which have a medium-to-large scale impact, therefore, the minimum grant in relation to a single facility is €50,000. The maximum award is €200,000, beyond which any facility should contact [crf@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:crf@galwaycoco.ie) to make a special business case for higher funding.
- Expressions of Interest must relate to a single facility only but may incorporate several elements within the total project. Applicants should note that while the 2023 Fund enabled projects or purchase of equipment for various clubs/groups in an area to be artificially combined to create a single project, all 2024 Expressions of Interest must relate to one facility only.

## Other eligibility considerations:

Other factors in addition to number of New Arrivals, and a clear need for investment, which will be taken into consideration in the final identification of project proposals will be:

- Projects must be capital in nature and not include any operational or running costs. However, professional fees in relation to engaging third-party expertise to deliver projects can be included up to a maximum of 5% of total costs. In this regard, professional fees include for example, Quantity Surveyor, Engineer, Architect.
- Project proposals should be clearly based on locally identified needs and the applicant should outline any consultations with their community regarding identified gaps in community infrastructure and their facility.
- The applicant must own the community facility/amenity – in cases where the land/building is not in the ownership of the applicant, they must submit proof of a lease for a minimum 5-year period.
- The Community Recognition Fund is separate in scope from any other public funding source – there must be no co-funding of the project through any other public funding scheme or the Community Recognition Fund 2023. Where any other public funding is in place, the applicant must confirm that the project proposal is a separate phase of the project.
- The applicant must be capable of delivering the project within the required timescales, i.e., 50% completion by October 2025 and finalisation in 2026.
- The applicant must demonstrate they will be capable of managing delivery of the project, including managing phased drawdowns, cash flow considerations, and public procurement.
- Works cannot commence on the project in advance of any formal funding approval from the Department and the Council.



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## An Ciste Aitheantais Pobail 2024 Treorlínite

**Is é an data deiridh chun Foirmeacha Léirithe Suime comhlánaithe a fháil chuig [crf@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:crf@galwaycoco.ie) ná 5pm Dé hAoine 24ú Bealtaine 2024**

Tá leithdháileadh de €1,303,230 faighte ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe faoin gCiste Aitheantais Pobail 2024 a dhíreofar ar cheantair ina bhfuil an líon is airde Teacht Nua thar 3 fhuinneog iarratais. Baineann an próiseas Léirithe Suime seo leis an gcéad agus an dara tréimhse iarratais.

### Suímh Incháilithe:

Tá an Ciste Aitheantais Pobail 2024 dírithe go sonrath ar thionscadail atá i mbailte agus i sráidbhailte atá ina óstach do Theachtaí Nua, i.e., Tairbhíthe de Chosaint Shealadach, Iarratasóirí ar Chosaint Idirnáisiúnta, Tionscadail Tithíochta Mearthógála. Ní féidir tionscadail atá lonnaithe i gceantair nach bhfuil leibhéal arda Teacht Nua iontu faoi láthair a mheas a bheith incháilithe, mar sin tá liosta de na bailte/sráidbhailte atá incháilithe faoi láthair tiomsaithe ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, mar gheall ar líon suntasach Teacht Nua a óstáil. Ní mór d'iarratasóirí a bheith lonnaithe i gceann de na ceantair seo a leanas le bheith incháilithe le hiarratas a dhéanamh, áfach, má thagann athrú ar líon/suíomhanna na dTeachta Nua san idirthréimhse sula gcuireann Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a togra maoinithe faoi bhráid na Roinne Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, cuirfear é seo san áireamh.

### Láithreacha Incháilithe Reatha

8. Clifden	8. Carna	15. Glenamaddy
9. Oranmore	9. Bearna	16. Athenry
10. Maam Cross	10. Tuam	17. Na Forbacha
11. Letterfrack	11. Baile Chláir	18. Ardrahan
12. An Cheathrú Rua	12. Kinvara	19. Craughwell
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NB:

Tá sé tugtha le fios ag DRCD nach dtabharfar aird ar Thionscadail/Áiseanna ach amháin má tá siad suite laistigh de theorainneacha baile/sráidbhaile an óstaigh phobail, i.e., an baile/sráidbhaile ina ndéantar cóiríocht do Theachtaí Nua thar oíche. Is é an t-aon eisceacht a bheidh ann nuair a bhíonn easpa áiseanna/taitneamhachtaí/seirbhísí pobail sa cheantar ina bhfuil na Teachta Nua lonnaithe (m.sh., Maam Cross) agus saoráidí sa bhaile/sráidbhaile is gaire (m.sh. Maam) in ann a chur in iúl gur féidir leis an gCrois Nua a leagan amach. Tá daoine atá ag teacht isteach ag baint úsáide as na háiseanna/taitneamhachtaí ina láthair ar bhonn leanúnach.

## Tionscadail Incháilithe:

Tá sé mar aidhm ag an gCiste Aitheantais Pobail 2024 tacú le forbairt bonneagair agus áiseanna pobail a úsáidfidh gach ball den phobal amach anseo. Mar gheall ar infhaighteacht theoranta an mhaoinithe, déanfar tionscadail a shainnithint trí phróiseas iomaíoch agus cuirfear próiseas gearrliostaithe i bhfeidhm. Déanfar iarratais a ualú i bhfabhar tionscadal a bheidh chun leasa gach ball den phobal tar éis iad a bheith críochnaithe, agus **a léiríonn go soiléir go bhfuil gá le hinfheistíocht** bunaithe ar anailís riachtanas agus ar na próisis chomhairliúcháin ar fad ar tugadh fúthu.

Lorgóidh an próiseas Léirithe Suime seo tograí tionscadail a bhaineann le forbairt, feabhsú nó athchóiriú áiseanna agus taitneamhachtaí pobail atá ar fáil go héasca don phobal, i.e., atá oscailte agus ar fáil don phobal gan táillí ballraíochta. Forbróidh an t-údarás áitiúil go díreach aon chineál tionscadail eile ar nós bonneagar iompair, ceannach talún nó foirgnimh agus oibreacha san fhearann poiblí i gcomhairle le páirtithe leasmhara ar nós Comhaltaí Tofa, LCDC, Fóram Freagartha Pobail, agus an Fhoirm Léirithe Suime seo. cuireann sé ar do chumas na réimsí riachtanas eile seo a aithint inar mhaith leat go ndéanfadh an t-údarás áitiúil oibreacha sonracha.

Ba cheart d'iarratasóirí na príomhghnéithe seo a leanas de thionscadail incháilithe faoi Chiste 2024 a thabhairt faoi deara:

- Leagann Ciste Aitheantais Pobail 2024 béim níos mó ar thionscadail chaipitil a bhfuil tionchar meánscála go mór acu, mar sin is é an deontas íosta i ndáil le saoráid aonair ná €50,000. Is é an dámhachtain uasta ná €200,000, agus thar an méid sin ba chóir d'áis ar bith dul i dteagmháil le [crf@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:crf@galwaycoco.ie) chun cás gnó speisialta a dhéanamh le haghaidh maoinithe níos airde.
- Ní mór do Léirithe Suime a bheith bainteach le saoráid aonair amháin ach is féidir go n-ionchorprófar roinnt gnéithe laistigh den tionscadal iomlán. Ba chóir d'iarratasóirí a thabhairt faoi deara, cé gur chumasaigh Ciste 2023 tionscadail nó ceannach trealaimh do chlubanna/grúpaí éagsúla i gceantar a chomhcheangal go saorga chun tionscadal amháin a chruthú, nach mór go mbaineann Léiriú Suime 2024 le haon áis amháin amháin.

## Breithnithe incháilitheachta eile:

I measc na bhfachtóirí eile chomh maith le líon na dTeachta Nua, agus an gá soiléir le hinfheistíocht, a chuirfear san áireamh agus tograí tionscadail á sainaithint deiridh beidh:

- Ní mór do thionscadail a bheith de chineál caipitil agus gan aon chostais oibriúcháin ná reatha a áireamh. Mar sin féin, féadfar táillí gairmiúla a bhaineann le saineolas tríú páirtí a fhósta chun tionscadail a sheachadadh a áireamh suas le huasmhéid 5% de na costais iomlána. Maidir leis seo, áirítear ar tháillí gairmiúla, mar shampla, Suirbhéir Cainníochta, Innealtóir, Ailtire.
- Ba chóir go mbeadh tograí tionscadail bunaithe go soiléir ar riachtanais a aithnítear go háitiúil agus ba chóir don iarratasóir aon chomhairliúcháin lena bpobal a leagan amach maidir le bearnaí aitheanta i mbonneagar pobail agus ina n-áis.
- Ní mór go mbeadh úinéireacht ag an iarratasóir ar an áis/taitneamhacht phobail – i gcásanna nach bhfuil an talamh/foirgneamh in úinéireacht an iarratasóra, ní mór dóibh cruthúnas ar léas a chur isteach ar feadh íostréimhse 5 bliana.
- Tá an Ciste Aitheantais Pobail scartha ó aon fhoinse maoinithe poiblí eile – ní mór an tionscadal a chómhaoiniú trí aon scéim maoinithe poiblí eile nó trí Chiste Aitheantais Pobail 2023. I gcás go bhfuil aon mhaoiniú poiblí eile i bhfeidhm, is é an t-iarratasóir ní mór a dhearbhu gur céim ar leith den tionscadal é an togra tionscadail.
- Caithfidh an t-iarratasóir a bheith in ann an tionscadal a sheachadadh laistigh de na scálaí ama riachtanacha, i.e., 50% críochnaithe faoi Dheireadh Fómhair 2025 agus críochnú in 2026.
- Ní mór don iarratasóir a déiriú go mbeidh siad in ann seachadadh an tionscadail a bhainistiú, lena n-áirítear bainistiú a dhéanamh ar tharraingtí anuas céimnithe, breithnithe ar shreabhadh airgid, agus soláthar poiblí.
- Ni féidir tús a chur le hoibreacha ar an tionscadal roimh aon fhaomhadh foirmiúil maoinithe ón Roinn agus ón gComhairle.