

Environment and Climate Action Grant Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the Environment and Climate Action Grant?

The purpose of the Environment and Climate Action Grant is to support residents' associations, tidy district and tidy town groups to enhance and improve their local public areas.

What projects are eligible for an Environment and Climate Action Grant?

Under the 2023 grant scheme, applications are invited for any of the following projects;

- a) purchase of plants or trees for public areas,
- b) purchase of estate name stones,
- c) hosting of local environmental talks, workshops or local environmental / climate action campaigns (e.g. anti-litter or waste prevention campaigns),
- d) purchase of minor non-mechanised equipment to assist with a planting project (e.g. spade, trowel, gloves),
- e) A combination of the above.

Who can apply for an Environment and Climate Action Grant?

Residents' associations, tidy towns and tidy district groups within dlr are welcome to apply. The group must operate on a not-for-profit basis and the application must demonstrate an environmental benefit to the local community.

What is the maximum Environment and Climate Action Grant available?

The maximum Environment and Climate Action Grant available under the 2023 scheme is €800.

Can a group apply for the full cost of a project or initiative?

No, the Environment and Climate Action Grant can only fund up to 70% of eligible project costs. The group must be able to fund the remaining 30% of project costs

Do I need permission from the Council if the project will be located on a public green or path edge?

Yes, for any project on a public green space, applicants will be asked to show that they have already spoken with our Parks' Section and have already received written approval. Please email info@dlrcoco.ie to contact Parks. If your project is near a roadway (e.g. planter boxes on a path, names stones, hanging baskets near a junction) we ask that you speak with the Traffic Section and gain their written approval for the project before applying for funding. Please email info@dlrcoco.ie to contact the Traffic Section.

Can a group apply for more than one type of grant?

Yes, a group can apply for several dlr grants under different categories. For example, a group may wish to apply for a Community Grant and a Heritage Grant. Each application must relate to a different project or initiative.

When will I know if my application for an Environment and Climate Action Grant was successful?

Applicants will receive an email with the result of their application for an Environment and Climate Action Grant following the December Council meeting.

How is the Environment and Climate Action Grant paid?

Funding is provided in full and up-front. It will be paid by bank transfer, directly to the group's bank account. We may ask successful applicants to return a bank set-up form, to enable us to process the bank transfer.

Do I have to submit receipts?

Yes, applicants must submit a copy of all receipts that show exactly how the funding was spent. Failure to supply evidence of expenditure will affect future funding decisions. The receipts must be accompanied with completion form. Photos showing the results of the project may also be submitted. A completion report and receipt will be required by 31st October 2023.

Do I have to acknowledge Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council?

Yes, all successful applicants are required to acknowledge the financial assistance of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and include dlr grant funding logo on all printed material and graphics. Please contact the Council for this logo.

Where can I get more information?

A copy of the dlr grant guidelines is available on the Council's website www.dlrcoco.ie or by clicking [here](#). Please email any grant queries to grants@dlrcoco.ie. For more information on the Environment and Climate Action Grant please contact the Environmental Awareness Section on 01-2054700 or email envaware@dlrcoco.ie .