

Community Environment Action Fund 2019

The Community Environment Action Fund, previously known as the Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund, is now seeking applications. The partnership is between the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and Carlow County Council which provides match funding to the community projects.

The Community Environment Action Fund assists sustainable development from the ground-up and facilitates, at local level, the achievement of the objectives of the Agenda 21 action plan on sustainable development which was agreed at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, in 1992 (the "Earth Summit").

Eligible projects should support and complement national environmental policies however the Minister has requested that **priority be given to Climate Change and Biodiversity projects** this year and thus the 2019 marking scheme is different to previous years. Applicants should also be aware of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and be aware of which Goal is supported by their application.

A wide variety of projects have been supported under the fund in previous years including community gardens, compost schemes, rainwater conservation schemes, educational initiatives and environmental exhibitions.

The total fund for 2019/2020 is €19,550. Carlow County Council welcomes small to medium size community project proposals from schools, tidy town groups, community development associations, youth groups or any group with an interest in completing an environment themed project or activity.

How to Apply

Application forms are available on our website www.carlow.ie . Completed applications can be posted to The Community Section, Carlow County Council, County Buildings, Athy Road, Carlow, to arrive no later than 5pm on 27 September 2019, or be e-mailed to community@carlowcoco.ie